



MIGRANTS TRAINING PROGRAM

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Civic and Political Participation of Migrants in EU Countries

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- ✓ Legal frameworks governing participation of third country national (TCN) migrants and refugees in the civic and political life of the countries of residence:
 - Strasburg convention (1992), EU regulation and national laws and regulations (Italy only).
- ✓ Civic engagement: different types of associations of migrants and refugees – aims & objectives, composition / membership, structure etc.
- ✓ Participation in the political life: mobile EU citizens (EU migrants) – right to vote and the right to stand as a candidate (*eletturato attivo e passivo*). TCNs or non-EU citizens – consultative bodies or councils with varying mandates and rights, structure, composition etc.
- ✓ COSPE's work on civic engagement e participation in the political life at different levels:
 - Capacity building through training and support on community organizing – on professional grounds, e.g., prospective journalists and media operators, faith-based, nationality of origin-based associations, consultative bodies or councils of foreigners created and operated by local administrations;
 - Fundraising;
 - Communications and media relations;
 - Lobbying and advocacy (putting issues of concern on the local or national public agenda
 - Participation in national and EU networks of native and migrant organisations;
- ✓ Right to vote and stand as candidate in local elections (municipal level of government).