

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Civil Society Solidarity Movement II - CISOMO II
Participant:	CIVIL CONNECTIONS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
PIC number:	895664439

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number :	5		
Event name:	Workshop in Denmark: “Interactive Discussion on Integrating and Empowering Migrant communities”		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Copenhagen, Denmark		
Date(s):	13.05. 2025 - 15.05.2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.cisomo.eu/thematic-events		
Participants			
Female:			
Male:			
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Greece]:	3		
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	3		
From country 3 [Poland]:			
From country 4 [Slovenia]:	2		
From country 5 [Sweden]:	3		
From country 6 [Denmark]:	10		
From country 7 [Germany]:			
From country 8 [Romania]:	3		
Total number of participants:	26	From total number of countries:	8
Description			

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On May 14, 2025, the CISOMO II consortium held its fifth study visit in Copenhagen, Denmark, under the theme “Interactive Discussion on Integrating and Empowering Migrant Communities.” The day began with a warm welcome breakfast and informal networking among participants. The morning session, hosted by Civil Connections, offered an introduction to Danish migration policy and the country's integration efforts, setting the scene for the day's deeper discussions.

Following this, participants joined a guided walking tour through Copenhagen, visiting key locations that reflect the city's vibrant grassroots landscape—spaces known for promoting civil solidarity and migrant inclusion. The group then enjoyed lunch at Send Flere Krydderier, a renowned social enterprise restaurant that employs and empowers women with migrant backgrounds, offering a lived example of integration through employment and food culture.

After returning to the venue, the afternoon featured a panel discussion moderated by Civil Connections and enriched by voices from community leaders and grassroots initiatives, who shared success stories, challenges, and innovative approaches in migrant support work. This was followed by interactive group work and a roundtable, where participants critically assessed what works—and what doesn't—in Danish and European migration policies. The goal was to co-create practical recommendations to inform local advocacy and EU-level dialogue.

The day concluded with a social dinner at Folkehuset Absalon, a vibrant community house, where participants continued their conversations in a relaxed and inclusive setting, reinforcing the importance of informal civic spaces in building lasting solidarity.

The Copenhagen study visit demonstrated the power of grassroots action and inclusive civic spaces in fostering migrant integration and community cohesion. Participants gained a deeper understanding of Denmark's integration landscape through lived experiences, social entrepreneurship, and open dialogue with community leaders. The walking tour, panel discussions, and collaborative workshops provided valuable insights into both local successes and ongoing gaps in migration policy. Importantly, the event strengthened cross-border exchange within the CISOMO II network, reaffirming the need for policy influence that centers migrant voices, supports bottom-up initiatives, and builds inclusive communities across Europe.

Workshop's Agenda

Date: 14 May 2025

Venue: Copenhagen, Denmark

08:30 – 09:00

Arrival Coffee, Breakfast & Socializing

Informal networking among participants

09:00 – 10:00

Welcome & Introduction

Presentation by Civil Connections

Overview of Danish migration policy and local integration efforts

Setting the context for the day

10:00 – 11:30

Migrants' Walk around Copenhagen

Guided visit to key locations in the city

Focus on grassroots initiatives, migrant-inclusive spaces, and civil solidarity landmarks

11:30 – 13:00

Lunch at Send Flere Krydderier

Community meal at a social enterprise restaurant led by migrant women

Informal discussion and cultural exchange

13:00 – 14:00

Panel Discussion: Grassroots Initiatives & Community Leaders

Reflections on successes, challenges, and innovations in migrant support

Guest speakers from local organizations and migrant-led groups

Moderator: Civil Connections

14:00 – 17:00

Group Work & Roundtable Discussion

What works and what doesn't in Denmark and EU migration policy?

Shared experiences and critical reflections

Development of recommendations for local and EU-level advocacy

17:00 – onwards

Walk to Folkehuset Absalon for Social Dinner

Informal closing and networking in a community-driven venue

Dissemination Activities

To ensure wide visibility and engagement, a series of dissemination activities were implemented around the CISOMO II study visit in Copenhagen on May 14, 2025. In the lead-up to the event, promotional posts were shared across social media platforms by project partners, introducing the event's theme, "Integrating and Empowering Migrant Communities." Invitations were circulated via email to local stakeholders, grassroots organizations, and migrant-led initiatives, while the agenda was also published on CISOMO II webpage to attract broader interest and inform the public. During the event, live updates, photos, and video snippets were shared through Facebook and Instagram, capturing key moments from the walking tour, panel discussion, and roundtable activities. Partner organizations, guest speakers, and participating collectives were tagged to amplify the reach and foster interaction. Participants also received printed material on the CISOMO II project, including an event flyer and EU co-funded visibility items. Following the event, a full photo album and event recap were posted on the Facebook page, alongside a detailed event summary uploaded to the CISOMO II section of the official website. These were also shared in an internal newsletter sent to all project partners. A short video compilation with highlights from the day is currently being produced to further support future dissemination and advocacy actions.

Conclusion & Reflections

The CISOMO II project has so far demonstrated the vital role of grassroots networks, civil society actors, and migrant-led initiatives in shaping inclusive, resilient, and participatory communities across Europe. Through a series of study visits, roundtables, and interactive workshops in different partner countries, the project has highlighted both the common challenges and the diverse, context-specific solutions emerging from the ground up. A consistent theme across all events has been the importance of horizontal structures, trust-building, cultural expression, and policy engagement in advancing migrant empowerment and civic participation. The exchange of knowledge among partners has strengthened cross-border solidarity and has laid the groundwork for practical policy recommendations that reflect the lived realities of migrant communities. CISOMO II continues to affirm that lasting change begins with community-led action and inclusive civic spaces that center the voices of those most affected.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).

