

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Civil Society Solidarity Movement II - CISOMO II
Participant:	European Network For Holistic Integration
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number :	6		
Event name:	2nd Round Table Moderated Discussion on Building on the Foundations of Civil Engagement and Advocacy		
Type:	Round Table		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Malmö, Sweden		
Date(s):	24.06.2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.euwenet.com/events/2nd-round-table-moderated-discussion-on-building-on-the-foundations-of-civil-engagement-and-advocacy		
Participants			
Female:	18		
Male:	11		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Greece]:	4		
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	3		
From country 3 [Poland]:	3		
From country 4 [Slovenia]:	3		
From country 5 [Sweden]:	8		
From country 6 [Denmark]:	3		
From country 7 [Germany]:	2		
From country 8 [Romania]:	3		
Total number of participants:	29	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On **24 June 2025**, the European Network for Holistic Integration, in partnership with civil society actors and advocacy groups, held the **CISOMO 2nd Round Table in Malmö** as a gathering dedicated to migrant justice, inclusion, and empowerment.

The day opened with **welcoming remarks** from **Iulia Halangescu** (European Network for Holistic Integration), who set the tone with a warm acknowledgment of participants and an overview of the day's objectives.

This was followed by **Stiner Eilers** (Civil Connections), who presented **"Building on Study Visit Insights,"** highlighting key takeaways and best practices from the recent study visit, with a focus on implications for civilian engagement and advocacy work.

The morning continued with **"Insights from the Field: Progress and Challenges,"** featuring panelists **Paraskevi Devreli** (IKF Malmö), **Dimitra Fantidou** (Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute) and **Emil Stojkovikj** (DEST), alongside representatives of advocacy groups and community leaders. The session offered a dynamic round-table exchange on progress achieved, challenges faced, and strategies for overcoming barriers, concluding with an interactive Q&A.

Before the lunch break, participants explored **Policy Influences and Advocacy Efforts**, examining case studies of how migrant-related policies have been shaped through advocacy and reflecting on the role of civil society in public discourse and institutional change.

In the afternoon, the focus shifted toward **Community Empowerment through Advocacy**. Guided by a workshop led by **Iulia Halangescu** on building effective advocacy campaigns, participants worked in breakout groups to co-develop strategies tailored to national contexts. This process produced **10 advocacy campaign proposals** addressing urgent priorities such as:

- **Mental health as a right, not a privilege** – ensuring accessible, culturally appropriate mental health services for migrant communities.
- **Information is power** – building platforms, hotlines, and resources to guarantee access to essential legal and social information.
- **Ending hate and building inclusive schools** – tackling discrimination in education and fostering safe, empowering spaces for migrant children.
- **Our labor, our rights** – advancing workplace dignity, fair wages, and recognition of migrants' contributions to local economies.

The **Closing Session** summarized the day's main insights, included participant reflections, and outlined next steps for transnational solidarity, policy advocacy, and continued collaboration.

The Malmö round table affirmed a shared vision: a Europe where migrants are not merely "integrated" into exclusionary systems, but actively reshape those systems to reflect justice, equity, and human dignity.

Round Table's Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 | Opening Remarks & Welcome

Speaker: *Iulia Halangescu* – European Network for Holistic Integration

- Warm welcome and acknowledgment of everyone present
- Overview of today's objectives and agenda

10:15 – 10:45 | Building on Study Visit Insights

Speaker: *Stiner Eilers* – Civil Connections

- Recap of key takeaways and best practices from the study visit
- Implications for civilian engagement and advocacy efforts

10:45 – 11:45 | Insights from the Field: Progress and Challenges

Panelists:

- *Paraskevi Devreli* – IKF Malmö

- *Dimitra Fantidou* – Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute
- *Emil Stojkovikj* – DEST
- Round-table exchange with representatives from advocacy groups and community leaders
- Q&A session

11:45 – 12:30 | Policy Influences and Advocacy Efforts

- Case studies on how advocacy shaped migrant-related policies
- Exploration of civil society's role in public discourse and policy

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break

- Buffet lunch
- Opportunity for informal networking

13:30 – 14:45 | Community Empowerment through Advocacy

- Interactive workshops and breakout group activities
- Strategy development for migrant community empowerment
- Sharing best practices and co-creation of ideas

14:45 – 15:00 | Closing Session & Next Steps

- Recap of key discussions and workshop outcomes
- Participant reflections
- Outline of follow-up actions, responsibilities, and future collaboration

Event Dissemination Actions – CISOMO 2nd Round Table (Malmö)

To ensure wide visibility and participation, several dissemination actions were carried out before and during the CISOMO 2nd Round Table in Malmö:

- **Website Announcement:** The event was promoted on the hosting organization's official website, ensuring that both members and the wider community were informed of its purpose and scope.
- **Direct Invitations:** Invitations were circulated and sent via email to all participating organizations, securing targeted outreach to stakeholders most relevant to the discussions.
- **Public Event Page:** A dedicated page with event information was published and made publicly available online:
[2nd Round Table – Civil Engagement and Advocacy](https://www.euwenet.com/events/2nd-round-table-moderated-discussion-on-building-on-the-foundations-of-civil-engagement-and-advocacy)
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Through these dissemination actions, the event reached both **direct stakeholders** (partner organizations, and community leaders) and **wider audiences** via digital platforms. This approach enhanced transparency, increased participation, and ensured that the outcomes and conclusions could be accessed by both local and international communities.

The conclusions of the meeting were summarised in Advocacy campaign action plan, based as well on the findings of the 1 roundtable in Copenhagen, and you can find more details in the annex attached. The CISOMO 2nd round table held in Malmö focused on developing advocacy strategies and campaigns to improve the inclusion and wellbeing of refugees and asylum seekers. The meeting identified four key areas of action:

I. Access to Mental Health Services

Hiring multilingual therapists and translators, creating safe spaces in schools/workplaces, and offering peer/group therapy (Expected impact: healthier lifestyles, psychological stability, reduction in crime, and stronger social integration)

II. Access to Information for Asylum Seekers

Creating digital platforms, informative booklets, and a hotline with practical guidance (Expected impact: better awareness of rights and smoother integration into host societies).

III. Combating Hate Speech and Xenophobia in Schools

Cultural programs, events, school collaborations, and anti-discrimination regulations (Expected impact: more confident students, improved academic performance, and safer school communities).

IV. Labour Market Inclusion

Job fairs, speed networking, DEI company policies, language education, and awareness campaigns (Expected impact: validation, stronger inclusion, and economic stability benefiting both individuals and the national economy).

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	08.08.2025	Initial version (new MFF).