



MIDSIZE CITIES AND MIGRATION: CHALLENGE OR CHANCE?

Migrants tend to move to cities. They migrate to big cities like Paris or London, but also to midsize cities like Mechelen in Belgium, Landskrona in Sweden, or Zoetermeer in the Netherlands. Migration has been changing these cities' landscapes. It has contributed to their economies but has brought challenges. Increasingly diverse city populations require different public policies. Some midsize cities have been able to adapt and steer towards urban growth. Yet many struggle. Midsize cities have fewer resources than bigger cities and tend to be more vulnerable to economic recessions. What can midsize cities do to manage migration in a way that benefits all residents, new and old? What kind of policies are necessary for housing, inclusion and employment?

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019 | 13:00 - 17:00

DUTCH INNOVATION FACTORY (ZOETERMEER, NL)

- 13:00 Opening by **Marthe Hesselmans**, Mr. Hans van Mierlo Stichting
- 13:05 Speech by **Robin Paalvast**, D66 Alderman of Zoetermeer
- 13:15 Presentation by **Ahmed Marcouch**, PvdA Mayor of Arnhem
- 13:30 Presentation by **mystery guest**
- 13:45 Q&A with **Ahmed Marcouch** and **mystery guest**



RALF DAHRENDORF **ROUNDTABLES**

- 14:00 **Session 1: Refugees and Migrants in the City**
– **Patrick Joyce**, Almega, Sweden
– **Ilona van Breugel**, Erasmus University Rotterdam
– **Nicola Delvino**, University of Oxford
– 10 min per speaker followed by 30 minutes of small group discussions
Moderator: **Karlijn Muiderman**, Utrecht University
- 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:30 **Session 2: Local Integration Policies**
– **Andrew Lim**, New American Economy
– **Nadia Arsieni**, D66 councillor in Rotterdam
– **Anne-Marijke Podt**, D66 councillor in Utrecht
– 10 min per speaker followed by 30 minutes of small group discussions
Moderator: **Karlijn Muiderman**
- 16:50 Closing remarks
Karlijn Muiderman & Marthe Hesselmans
- 17:00 Reception
- 18:00 End of the Roundtable

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By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.