

Building new narratives on migration

BRIDGES Workshop with civil society organisations

30 September 2022 – 09:00 to 17:00 CET

CUAS Mainz, Saarstraße 3, 55122 Mainz

With the aim of bridging the gap between research and practice, the EU-funded [BRIDGES project](#) is holding a **workshop with civil society actors involved in the production of alternative narratives on migration** in Germany, Italy, and Spain. Under the title ‘**Building new narratives on migration**’, this activity aims to engage key civil society actors in the co-production of more inclusive accounts on migration, providing a platform for them to share their experiences and lessons learned, the available knowledge on how to build effective non-hegemonic narratives on migration, and their potential transferability to other local and national contexts.

In the first session of the workshop, the participating CSOs will be invited to present their projects, focusing on the main challenges and achievements they encountered while developing discursive campaigns. The debate will then be opened to all participants to jointly reflect on the **best strategies and practices to build non-hegemonic narratives on migration**.

The second session will build on these shared experiences towards the development of a **toolkit for civil society organisations on how to build new narratives on migration**. A draft of the toolkit will be presented and discussed between all participants, who will actively engage in an interactive exercise called the *Migrathon*, in which researchers and civil society representatives will apply the general rules and strategies set in the toolkit to a practical case.

The workshop will be followed by a **public event** in which BRIDGES researchers and CSOs representatives will elaborate on how innovative strategies against exclusionary narratives are promoted by civil society actors in the different countries covered by the project. Some of the researchers and participating CSOs will also be invited to participate in a **podcast and a video** on this very topic with the aim of disseminating these discussions to a wider audience.

This workshop is jointly organised by [CUAS Mainz](#) and [Por Causa](#) with the support of the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs ([CIDOB](#)) in the framework of the BRIDGES project. “**BRIDGES: assessing the production and impact of migration narratives**” is a Horizon 2020 research project that analyses the production and impact of migration narratives in a context of increasing polarisation and politicisation around these issues in Europe.

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Programme

Workshop with Civil Society Organisations* – 09:00 to 13:00 CET

09:00-09:05 **Opening remarks**

Bastian Vollmer, CUAS Mainz

09:05-10:30 **Non-hegemonic narratives: strategies and practices**

Presentation of projects and discursive campaigns by civil society actors
Q&A session with CSOs and BRIDGES researchers

Moderator **Bastian Vollmer**, CUAS Mainz

10:30-10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45-12:45 **Developing an innovative toolkit on how to construct a new migration narrative**

Presentation of the Toolkit's draft by Por Causa
Migrathon: Practical exercise on how to build a new narrative on migration

Moderators **Lucila Rodríguez-Alarcón**, Por Causa

12:45-13:00 **Wrap-up**

Berta Güell, CIDOB

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

**For invited participants only.*

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Public event – 14:00 to 15:40 CET

14:00-14:05 **Opening remarks**

Bastian Vollmer, CUAS Mainz

14:05-15:00 **Panel on innovative strategies against exclusionary narratives on migration**

Presentations of country-based research results and practical case studies of non-hegemonic narratives by BRIDGES researchers and CSOs representatives

Germany:

Markus Rheindorf, CUAS Mainz
Amon Schalom, Common Voices

Italy:

Andrea Pogliano, FIERI
Karla Kästner, moveurope / Migration miteinander e.V.

Spain:

Berta Güell, CIDOB
Juli Tello, Stop Mare Mortum

15:00-15:30 **Q&A and open discussion on how to build non-hegemonic migration narratives**

Moderator **Markus Rheindorf**, CUAS Mainz
Bastian Vollmer, CUAS Mainz

15:30-15:40 **Closing remarks**

Podcast recording – 16:00 to 17:00 CET



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Participants

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