

EMN ITALY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

THE EUROPEAN PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM: MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL POLICIES FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION

Draft Agenda

31st October 2025, 09:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CEST)

Venue : Centro Congressi Cavour via Cavour 50/a, 00184 Rome

RATIONALE AND AIMS

The new Pact on Migration and Asylum in the European Union (COM (2020) 609 final) recognises the importance of coordinated policies that foster the active involvement of migrants in economic and social life - an essential element for the orderly management of migration and asylum, as well as for internal cohesion. In this context, on the occasion of the 2025 National Conference, Italy presents an original contribution focused on the role of multi-level governance in managing policies for beneficiaries of international protection, enhancing the guidance and opportunities introduced by the Pact.

This vision is also reflected in the EU Action Plan 2021–2027, adopted in November 2020 and updated in 2025, which promotes concrete actions in strategic areas and strengthens the role of institutional and local actors in developing shared responses to common challenges.

The conference is structured around three main pillars:

I) The pact: turning points for European governance in the management of international protection procedures

The Pact on Migration and Asylum marks a turning point in the process of establishing a more equitable, coordinated, and unified European governance framework. While maintaining a focus on cooperation among Member States and the principle of shared responsibility, the Pact significantly broadens the scope of action by recognizing the strategic role of European institutions, national governments, and - of growing importance - local and regional actors in managing policies related to international protection. This new framework promotes a

structured, multi-level approach, grounded in the need for coherent, coordinated, and integrated responses capable of addressing common challenges more effectively. In this context, the issue of security takes on a central role: the Pact seeks to reconcile the need for orderly and responsible management of migration flows with full respect for fundamental rights and guarantees afforded to beneficiaries of international protection.

II) The role of territories in multi-level governance: implementing the European pact through the National Implementation Plan (NIP)

In light of the recognition of the strategic role of local actors in the implementation of migration policies foreseen in the Pact, the session will focus on the analysis of significant experiences that emphasize the local dimension as a crucial link between the needs expressed by beneficiaries of international protection and the resources available within institutional and social contexts.

The starting point will be the NIP, structured around four key principles that guide public action within the protection framework: *security, effectiveness, shared responsibility, and respect for human rights*.

III) From knowledge to territorial tools and practices

Building on an in-depth understanding of the current context, the session aims to highlight significant experiences that demonstrate how effective multi-level governance can translate into concrete and adaptable responses across diverse local realities. Good practices will be presented in which national institutions, local authorities, civil society, and communities collaborate in a synergetic way to address the challenges posed by the evolving European context, promoting more coherent, inclusive, and sustainable solutions. Particular attention will be given to key areas that directly impact the ability to build pathways toward autonomy and participation for beneficiaries of international protection: housing, healthcare, education, and employment. Starting from the priorities identified in the NIP and the experiences developed through the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), the session will provide an opportunity to exchange replicable models, promising practices, and lessons learned in service delivery. To complete the picture, experiences and best practices from other EU Member States will be showcased, offering complementary approaches and comparative insights to enrich collective reflection. From a multi-level and transnational perspective, the discussion will aim to identify effective operational tools and forward-looking strategies, with the objective of enhancing the responsiveness of public policies within the framework of the Pact on Migration and Asylum.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- In-person only
- Venue: Rome
- Target group: EMN NCP members, EU and national senior officials/experts, stakeholders and civil society
- Language: Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in both English and Italian

DRAFT AGENDA

31 October 2025	
9:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:50	Institutional greetings and opening session 2 national speakers
09:50 – 10:20	Session 1: The Pact: turning points for European governance in the management of international protection procedures 2 national speakers 1 international speaker
10:20 – 11:00	Session 2: The role of territories in multi-level governance: implementing the European pact through the National Implementation Plan (NIP) 4 national speakers
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:30	Session 3: From knowledge to territorial tools and practices National perspective 3 national speakers International perspective 3 international speakers
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A
12:45 – 1:00	Closing session
1:00	Light lunch