

## MAX

# Maximising Migrants' Contribution to Society

## Diversity Dialogue Fora: Contribution to diversity of migrants in rural areas

(webinar in Spanish)

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Diverse ways of thinking can inspire creativity, drive innovation and bring new insights to address things from a different, perhaps more efficient, perspective.

Max partners believe that migration makes places more diverse. It certainly can create new challenges but also important opportunities. To make such opportunities a reality, diversity needs to be properly addressed and managed at the local level, encouraged not only by community-led initiatives but actively supported by all the actors who live together in a society (public administration, private sector, schools, neighbours' associations, etc.).

In MAX we are also convinced that ensuring the integration of newcomers is critical to support prosperous local development in Europe. Increasing social cohesion between migrants and host communities can help improve community relations and, in the long term, address the problems of poverty and social exclusion, as well as invigorating areas losing population by creating more demand for services and new job opportunities.

With our local DDF we aim at having a joint discussion to learn how migration can benefit the socio-economic development of our European societies in general and Spanish rural areas in particular, which societal challenges can be tackled at local level thanks to grassroots initiatives supporting diversity and to debate about how we all can cooperate to remove the still existing barriers towards a fully inclusive society making the most out of its diversity.

### Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 pm *Welcoming by Diputación Provincial de Teruel and introduction of the MAX project (María Ariño, Delegate Deputy European Programmes and*

*Territorial Development Affairs and Bárbara Cerdán, Project Manager European Programmes Affairs).*

**10:15 – 11:00 The migration landscape in Spain: trends, challenges and opportunities**

- Chabier Gimeno, University Professor from Psychology and Sociology department, Social Sciences and Work Faculty, University of Zaragoza.
- Presentation by Alejandro García from INAEM, employment and entrepreneurship figures by migrants in Spain.
- School integration, presentation by José Luis Hernández Director of the School Pierres Vedel.
- Q&A with the audience

**11:00 – 11:35 What can we learn from local initiatives supporting integration? Good practices presentation**

- Presentation by Caritas. Loles Esteban, General Secretary from CARITAS Teruel.
- Presentation by CEPAIM. Pilar Bernadó, Autonomic Coordinator in Aragón from CEPAIM.
- Q&A with the audience

**11:35 – 12:20 The role of policy makers**

- Tamara Tripiana, presentation by the Coordinator of the Social Services of Cuencas Mineras County.
- Susana Traver, Delegate Deputy of Youth and Sports, NGO Cooperation, Associations and Equality at Provincial Government of Teruel.
- Natalia Salvo, General Director of Development Cooperation and Immigration at the Aragón's Regional Government. Anti-rumour and Anti-discrimination Strategy.

- Q&A with the audience

## **12:20 – 12:55 How does mass media cover and portrait migration issues in Spain?**

- Presentation by Chema López, Director of the newspaper “Diario de Teruel” on public opinion on migration.
- Presentation by Eva Defior, Director of the newspaper “La Comarca” on recommendations to communicate about migration.
- Q&A with the audience

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## **12:55 – 13:00 Main conclusions and wrap up**



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