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Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and
Human Rights

Istanbul International Social Integration Summit

17-18 May 2016

Dear Members,

The [Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights](#), along with the [Union of Municipalities of Turkey](#) and [UCLG-MEWA](#), will take part in the organization of [International Social Integration Summit](#), to be held in Istanbul on 17-18 May 2016, with the support of the European Commission.

The Summit will be a **platform to discuss and reflect on how acting at local level can improve the lives of disadvantaged people**. The discussions will address the needs of vulnerable groups in Turkey, Europe and beyond, at global level, with emphasis on present and future challenges. The summit will culminate in **key recommendations (Final Declaration) for actors involved in ensuring socially inclusive societies**, ranging from international agencies to local authorities, as well as civil society and academia.

The main issues addressed in the summit will be:

- The challenge of social inclusion in **advanced and mid-income economies**;
- The challenge posed by **new waves of refugees in terms of social inclusion in different societies**;
- The challenge of the **full participation of people with disabilities in society**.

The summit will bring together approximately 800 participants from Turkey, Europe and other continents, including decision makers, experts, opinion shapers, and other relevant stakeholders, especially those dealing with the social integration of disadvantaged people and people with disabilities.

The organizers have offered 30 rooms to accommodate committee members, to enable participation in the summit. If you are interested in taking part in the meeting please write to cisd1@uclg.org before 15th April.

We strongly encourage you to participate in the summit. You can register via [this link](#) before 15th April.

Sincerely

The UCLG World Secretariat

on behalf of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights

Please click on the links below to access the following documents:

- Online [registration form](#)
- [Agenda of the Summit](#)



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