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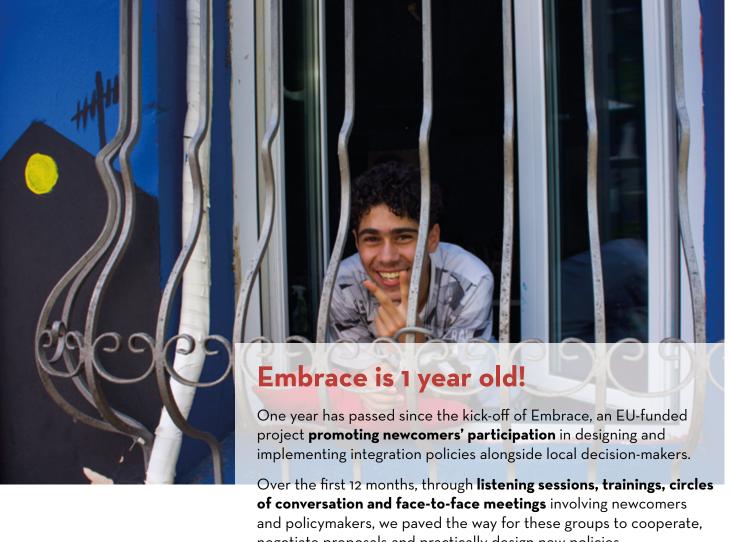












negotiate proposals and practically design new policies.

Some numbers: 11 territories across 6 European countries, 180 newcomers and 100 decision makers joining the activities, more than 300 hours of training.

Find out more about what we have been doing.

Lessons learnt

"By addressing these preconceptions with both newcomers and decision-makers, giving them tools and spaces to interact with each other equally, we are halfway through the process of creating fairer and more united local communities".

We reached out to Martina Todisco, from the leading partner Second Tree, to gather her insights about the first year of implementation.

Read the full interview.





"The project provides the opportunity to engage directly with decision makers in order to start a conversation based on **mutual** listening and exchange, creating a space for finding shared solutions to the different issues".

Emna Kanzari is a PhD student in economics and statistics at the University of Palermo. She is one of the newcomers engaged in the Embrace project in Italy.

Read the full interview.

Meet the decision-makers: Jean Baptiste Pointel

"The main lesson is about the **implicit bias** we all have. Most of us think through stereotypes. What is at stake, for civil servants, is to switch from a humanitarian to a user perspective. The training pathway helped me to have **tools to struggle against such representations** and to better involve newcomers".

Jean Baptiste Pointel is the head of user&citizen participation unit of the Est ensemble of Paris. He is one of the decision makers who joined the Embrace project in France.

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