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**The ERLAIM Project**  
**European Regional and Local Authorities**  
**for the Integration of Migrants:**

**Conference on EU Policy, Funding Opportunities**  
**and Local Practices**

Thursday 7 & Friday 8, June 2007  
Brussels, Committee of the Regions

**Preliminary Programme**

*Thursday, 7 June 2007*

1.00 p.m. Registration

**Session I: Setting European Policy for Integration**

2.00 p.m. Welcome Speech

- *Sonia Masini* - President of Reggio Emilia Province, Member of the CoR, *Rapporteur* of the Opinion on Migrant Women in the EU

The European Council and the Integration of Migrants

- *Representative of the German Presidency*

The EU Policy on Migration

- *DG JLS, European Commission*

Presentation of the ERLAIM Project

- *Chiara Rossetti*, Project Coordinator, Regione Emilia-Romagna

3.45 p.m. Coffee break

**Session II: The Key Role of the Regional and Local Dimension**

4.00 p.m. Preliminary results of the Analysis: National, Regional and Local Competencies for the Integration of Migrants

Exchange of regional and local experiences - open floor

- Testimonies from ERLAIM Project Partners

6.00 p.m. End of day one

*Friday, 8 June 2007*

**Session III: EU Financial Opportunities and Networking**

9.00 a.m. Introduction to current EU funding programmes that can support immigration projects:

- European Fund for the Integration of Third-country nationals
- European Refugee Fund
- PROGRESS

11.00 a.m. *Coffee Break*

- Europe for Citizens Programme
- 2008: European Year of Intercultural Dialogue

Presentation of Project Ideas by the Participants

1.00 p.m. Networking Lunch

2.30 p.m. End of the Conference