

## **Are you interested in Migrant Entrepreneurship?**

Are you interested in access to finance for underserved communities? Do you want to meet the key players in Europe? Do you want to learn from them? Would you like to influence policy makers? Are you committed to improve the entrepreneurial ecosystem for migrants & refugees?



## **MIGRANT ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT ACCESS TO FINANCE**

**Joint conference of the European migrant entrepreneurship  
support networks M-UP and MAGNET**

**3-4 April 2019**

**Can Deu, Plaça de la Concòrdia, 13, Barcelona**

*3rd April we will start at 10:30 am, and 4th April we will finish at 3:30 pm*

During the joint **MAGNET** and **M-UP** conference we will shed light the needs and barriers of migrant entrepreneurs, especially in accessing finance. To do this, we have invited a number of representatives from the migrant community as well as organisations supporting them in the startup and development of their business ventures. We are also reviewing the experiences of organizations providing financial and non financial services to migrant businesses. And finally, participating policy makers will share about their efforts to improving the business environment for migrant entrepreneurs as well as their pain points.

International stakeholders attending the conference will have an opportunity to contribute to discussions on practical solutions for cooperation aiming to improve the experience of migrant entrepreneurs through plenary sessions, interactive workshops and networking activities, in a warm and friendly city.

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# AGENDA

## DAY1: 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2019

**10:30 Welcome coffee & registration**

**11:00 Welcome and Introduction:** Guillem Aris (M-UP), Ewa Bankowska (MAGNET)

Welcome by Chakir El Homrani Lesfar (Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Families of Catalonia)

**11:20 Current understandings and blind spots in our knowledge about access to finance for migrant entrepreneurs**

Klaas Molenaar, Em. Professor / Fellow in Financial Inclusion and New Entrepreneurship, Haagse Hogeschool

**11:40 ME financial needs and barriers**

M-UP research results & experience of migrant entrepreneurs

**13:00 Coffee break**

**13:15 Supply side mapping**

Group discussion on barriers and how to address them

**14:00 Lunch**

**15:00 Policies and policy instruments**

Perspectives from different European countries

**16:15 Coffee break**

**16:30 Together alone?**

Building capacity for collaboration in access to finance

## DAY2: 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2019

**9:30 Welcome & Highlights of Day 1**

**9:45 Sharing knowledge is doubling the knowledge**

Workshop on experiences in access to finance

**11:00 Coffee break**

**11:15 FinTech solutions for migrant entrepreneurs**

**12:15 Financial instruments and providers.**

Best practices for migrant entrepreneurs

**13:15 Lunch**

**14:00 The Barcelona Declaration**

**15:30 Closure & Farewell**



This conference is part of the projects Network for Migrant Entrepreneurs to Scale Up and Grow (M-UP) and Migrant Acceleration for Growth Network for Entrepreneurship Training (MAGNET) which have received funding from the European Union's COSME Programme (2014-2020).