

## **Migrations and urban contexts: welcoming management and new opportunities.**

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Today cities face complex challenges: urban poverty, economic crisis, migration management and integration, social exclusion, aging of population.

The promotion of integrated projects for the urban development allows the implementation of innovative actions to address these challenges, at local and international scale, to let the communities be the protagonist of their own change and therefore become "project communities".

Starting from the presentation of three projects realized by Kallipolis (ROHBA<sup>1</sup> in Trieste, GHAZZE IN PROGRESS<sup>2</sup> in the Bekaa Valley - Lebanon and URGENT, networking project that sees fourteen European cities deal with the theme of new migrations), we discussed about how migrations can represent new opportunities for the existing urban contexts, introducing good models of welcoming management and practices of integration.

This gave also the opportunity to have a depth debate on Syrian migration and its last updates, thanks to the contributions of Gian Matteo Apuzzo, urban sociologist and expert of international cooperation projects, and Alberto Savioli, archaeologist, expert on the Syrian question and author of the book "Allah, la Siria, Bashar e basta?"

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The **ROHBA *Reconstructing the daily Habitat to promote the integration of migrants in Trieste*** project aims to increase the migrants' sense of belonging to the places of their daily life, through a shared rethinking path of the common areas where they live, according to their functional and cultural needs. Through two workshops, one of carpentry and one of tailoring, which worked in synergy for a shared design of the space, furnishings pieces and accessories for the diurnal center of ICS in via Bonomo were realized.

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The **GHAZZE IN PROGRESS** project aimed to contribute to the improvement of the environmental value of the municipality of Ghazze territory, with the focus on the need for water supply and the management of waste water, on the improvement of the solid urban waste management and on the redevelopment of a park urban area in Ghazze, which population increased from 5,000 inhabitants to 25,000 people in the last years.

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