“Reactivating European urban citizenship: a network of inclusive towns”

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URGENT: Urban Re-Generation: European Network of Towns

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PARTNERSHIP

Coordination of the project
• ALDA – the European Association for Local Democracy, France

Associated partners
• Università IUAV di Venezia, Venice, Italy
• Local Democracy Agency Mostar, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
• Shoqata e Komunave te Shqiperise, Tirana, Albania
• SPES - Associazione Promozione e Solidarietà, Roma, Italy
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• Kallipolis, Trieste, Italy
• Rede DLBC Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal
• City of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France
Aim:

URGENT project aims at tackling growing fear of immigration and to overcome related misleading stereotypes, which feed euroscepticism and undermine fragile European cohesion.

How?

Through a bottom-up approach, promoting city-level and local awareness-raising about the urgent need for establishing new intercultural connections among inhabitants of marginalized multi-ethnic neighborhoods/areas and population of central areas.
Objectives

• to create spaces of discussion and mutual learning among citizens from different socio-cultural backgrounds and from different countries of Europe;

• to foster active citizenship and co-creation of policies and services in local societies, particularly for citizens who are often excluded from the decision-making processes;

• to enhance the capacity of local institutions to be “multipliers” in their own communities in order to engage a wide range of stakeholders;

• to provide a new impetus to the EU enlargement process, contributing to the establishment of a long-lasting thematic network of cities that are strongly active and committed as key players in Europe.
ACTIVITIES 1/2

4 International meetings + 10 local paths

Activity 1: International meeting - “Restarting (from) European Cities: immigration and intercultural dialogue, from the global to the local” – Strasbourg, Nov.2016

Activity 2: Local path phase 1 – all partner cities familiarise with migration issues at local level

Activity 3: International meeting - “Reframing Urban cohesion in European cities: the diversity advantage” – Venice, June 2017

Activity 4: Local path phase 2 – all partners elaborate pilot project ideas for intercultural dialogue in deprived and conflicting areas in cities
ACTIVITIES 2/2

4 International meetings + 10 local paths

Activity 5: International meeting - “Reconstructing bridges within European cities: civic participation against socio-spatial stigmatization and boundaries” – Mostar, Nov.2017

Activity 6: Local path phase 3 – updated pilot projects in each partner city

Activity 7: International meeting - “Reactivating European urban citizenship: a network of inclusive towns” – Athens, May 2018
1st International meeting – Strasbourg, Nov. 2016

“Restarting (from) European Cities: immigration and intercultural dialogue, from the global to the local”

All partners identified conflicting areas in partner cities and were trained on techniques of territorial analysis.
Partners exchanged on the territorial analyses and discussed common guidelines to develop pilot projects to overcome stereotypes about immigrants.
“Reconstructing bridges within European cities: civic participation against socio-spatial stigmatization and boundaries”

Each partner presented the local path experience and discussed about the pilot projects ideas.
## Local Paths in 10 partner countries

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- **All partner cities familiarised with migration issues at local level;**
- **All partners performed territorial analysis;**
- **All partners elaborate pilot project ideas for intercultural dialogue in deprived and conflicting areas in cities;**
- **In each partner city, pilot projects are updated thanks to the suggestions collected during the second international event and implemented.**
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On the agenda:

- Each partner will share the results of the pilot project implemented at city level;
- A module of exchange of good practices among partners is organised to maximise the development of local competencies;
- A presentation about the networking opportunities in Europe on interculturalism will be done;
- In thematic workshops, each city develops a “city manifesto” on urban inclusion and the right to the city for newcomers to be presented at EU level.
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A Handbook to collect the experiences of the enactment that overcome stereotypes about immigrants and build counter narratives
THANK YOU
COUNTRIES WITH ALDA ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERS / EU MEMBER STATES

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- TUNISIA (TN)

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