

ARRIVAL CITIES is a two year transnational programme of exchange of experience and mutual learning between 10 cities focused on the themes of migration and integration supported through the URBACT programme with funding from the European Commission. URBACT is a European exchange and learning programme supporting sustainable urban development.

A short discussion note on Community Cohesion

(*Theme of the First workshop in Dresden 21-23 September 2016*)

The issue of community cohesion has become increasing more pressing and as such has pushed the issue higher up the political agenda following the tragic events in Paris and Brussels. The ongoing state of emergency in Paris and Brussels, the ongoing arrival of migrants fleeing war and poverty and the recent attacks in Nice, Normandy and in several German cities have brought to the fore the ongoing challenges facing cities in respect of managing the new flows as well as addressing the issue of community cohesion. The issue has also moved higher up the political agenda with the growth of far right parties across many EU member states.

Cities are places of diversity. The coexistence of diverse lifestyles is recognized as a feature of urban societies that are becoming more diverse in terms of culture, nationality, religion, gender and age, to name a few. Local authorities face the challenge of how to manage this diversity and find the intersection between various areas, and not only in relation to the growing migrant population. [Read More](#)

WE INTRODUCE OUR PARTNERS:

In each Newsletter we will give an insight of the Arrival Cities partners and the activities developed within the project.

Municipality of Amadora

Amadora is the Lead Partner of the Arrival Cities project. According to the 2011 Census, the city has the largest migrant population in Portugal. Around 33,000 immigrants live in Amadora, making up 18% of the population born abroad Portugal and 10% with foreign nationality. In 2015 Municipality adopted a two year Migration Integration Plan for 2015 to 2017, developed through an extensive consultative process.

City of Riga

Riga municipality started working with migration and integration issues in 2011. Since then a number of local and international projects have been implemented with the aim of informing society about the benefits of migration for host societies; providing support and exchanging good practice on migrant integration between cities.

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NETWORK'S ACTIVITIES

1rst Transnational Workshop and SGM (Dresden)

On the 21-23 of September the Arrival Cities Network members and ULG representatives meet in Dresden to discuss about how to build "Community Cohesion". During the workshop six case studies on how to foster community cohesion have been presented by project partners.

(Learn more about the [Agenda and Case Studies](#))

NEWS

Patras celebrates the European Local Democracy Week-ELDW 2016.

In occasion of the European Local Democracy Week-ELDW 2016, the Municipality of Patras together with local stakeholders is promoting six days of events on education, culture, justice-law, media, civil society.

[Learn more about the programme](#)

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