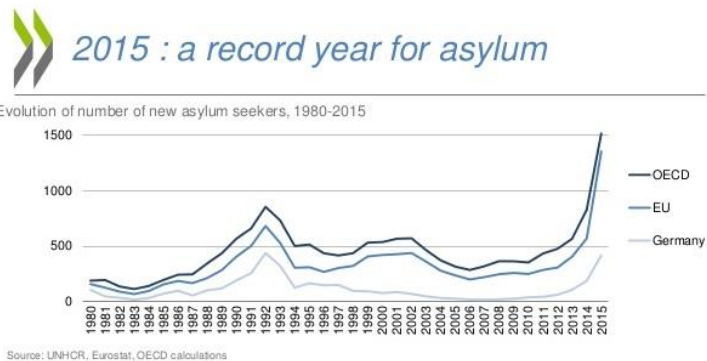


Cities are facing a number of multi-dimensional challenges. Migration and Integration is one such challenge. The last 18 months has placed this issue high on National and European agendas. The figures for asylum graphically show why this issue has become so pressing.



WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FACING CITIES?

- ❖ Strong concentration of migrants in certain communities/areas.
- ❖ Capacity of local reception and integration infrastructure.
- ❖ Increased pressure on local markets (housing, labour) and services (education, health, security).
- ❖ Co-ordination both within and across different levels of government.
- ❖ Taking public opinion on board.
- ❖ Finance-as full costs of integration are not fully reimbursed.
- ❖ Building community cohesion and fighting xenophobia.
- ❖ Large numbers of unaccompanied minors.
- ❖ Large differences in the skills and qualifications of migrants.
- ❖ Ongoing issue of discrimination against settled and new migrants.
- ❖ Addressing the issue of radicalisation.

What is Arrival Cities?

ARRIVAL CITIES is a two year transnational programme (2016 –2018) of exchange of experience and mutual learning between 10 cities focused on the themes of migration and integration and supported through the URBACT programme with funding from the European Commission. URBACT is a European exchange and learning programme supporting sustainable urban development.

WHO ARE THE ARRIVAL CITIES PARTNERS?

The ARRIVAL CITIES network is led by the Municipality of Amadora in Portugal.

Amadora's partner cities in the network are:

Dresden (DE)	Thessaloniki (GR)
Messina (IT)	Val-de-Marne (FR)
Oldenburg (DE)	Vantaa (FI)
Patras (GR)	Roquetas de Mar (ES)
Riga (LV)	