

Arrival Cities Network Newsletter #3


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The Arrival Cities Project is now entering its final year. Drawing on the transnational programme network partners are discussing deeply the development of their LOCAL ACTION PLANS. Furthermore on the 23-26 May 2017 took place in Thessaloniki the [3rd Transnational Workshop and 5th SGM of the project](#), which have seen the participation of more than 30 persons among delegates and project staff members along with URBACT representatives. The workshop has also seen a collaboration with students from the Masters programme of Sciences Po university from Paris who joined delegates from Arrival Cities during the visits to the reception centres and brought an added value to the exchange through the wide range of disciplinary practices they are following.

<p style="color: yellow; font-weight: bold;">2017</p> <p style="color: white; font-weight: bold;">Migrants perspectives</p> 	<p style="text-align: center; color: #0056b3; font-weight: bold;"><u>MIGRANTS PERSPECTIVES</u></p> <p>In the next few editions of its newsletter the Arrival Cities Network will present some of the LSG members through their migration stories. In this publication we begin with three members from Riga, Thessaloniki and Oldenburg.</p>
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A short discussion note on Reception Services, theme of the 3rd Transnational Workshop in Thessaloniki 23-26 May 2017

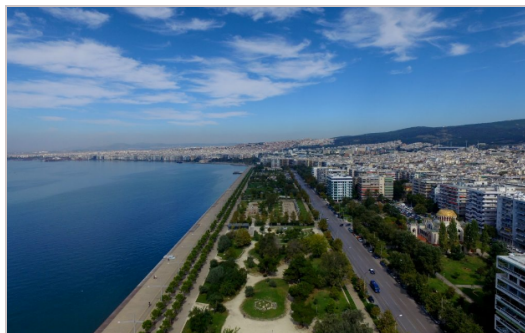
The number of migrants is growing and migration flows are increasingly complex. The ongoing conflict in Syria, the instability in Afghanistan, Iraq,

Libya, Yemen Lebanon and other countries in the Middle East and different parts of Africa is very likely to force more and more people to seek asylum in Europe which could bring along even larger migration flows in the future. [Read full article](#)

WE INTRODUCE OUR NETWORK PARTNERS



Roquetas de Mar is one of the cities participating in the ARRIVAL Cities Project. Its inhabitants come from over 100 different countries and it is the sixth Andalusian city (over 50.000 inhabitants) with a higher percentage of foreign born citizens a 28,38%.



Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece and the capital of the region of Macedonia. Thessaloniki is the major commercial port and economic hub for northern Greece. More than 25,000 people living in Thessaloniki are migrants, making up about 8% of the city population.

NETWORK'S ACTIVITIES



In the first four months of 2017 the **City of Oldenburg** organised **three wider dissemination events**, continuing the consultation process started in September 2016. Focus topics were “Labour Market and Work”, “Accommodation and Social Cooperation”, “Language and Intercultural Communication” and “Intercultural Learning and Education”. [Read more](#)

1rst Network's Online Event. In order to reinforce project management and create more possibilities for exchange between partners, the Arrival Cities network will undertake a number of online events. These events will be open to all members of all the ULG's within the partnership who are able to work in English. On the 30 of March the Network partners held its 1rst Online Event. The report is available in our [Urbact Network Page](#)



The Municipality of Vantaa organized its 1st Consultation Meeting. On the 2nd of March took place in Vantaa the 1st Consultation Meeting which involved representatives of the ULG and local NGO that collaborate with the Municipality in developing services aimed at guaranteeing migrant's integration. [Read More](#)

1st wider dissemination event for the Patra's partner ADEP SA. In the framework of the European Anti-Racism Week 2017, on the 19th of March the Patra's partner ADEP SA organised its First Wider Dissemination Event, involving migrant associations in the consultation process carried on by ADEP SA in the framework of the Arrival Cities project. [Read more](#)



The Municipality of Roquetas de Mar continues its participation process. On the 22nd of February and 24th of March the Municipality of Roquetas de Mar organised its 3rd and 4th Consultation meetings with the stakeholders involved in the LAP development. The aim of the meetings was to put together and discuss the proposals of the Associations concerning the Local Action Plan. Read more about the [3rd](#) and [4th](#) Consultation meetings.



1st Wider Consultation meeting for Amadora. On the 10th of February took place in Amadora the 1st Consultation Meeting. The event took place in the Auditorium "Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Amadora". The Arrival Cities Project was introduced to the Amadora's Social Network during the first annual meeting of the Local Council of Social Action. [Read more](#)

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The Arrival Cities Project has been mentioned in the Commission Paper for Cohesion Policy as best practice in the category "Knowledge Exchange". [Read More](#)

Under the initiative «No child is foreign!» **Patras celebrated the European Anti-Racist Week 2017** organising a series of events that involved young, adolescents and local stakeholders in developing actions to counter racism and xenophobia.

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The Arrival Cities project was presented in the seminar "Thinking the city: the urban dimension of sustainable development". The last 9 May at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon took place the seminar "Thinking the city: the urban dimension of sustainable development". During the event the Arrival Cities project was presented by Dina Moreira our Strategic Manager. [Read More](#)



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