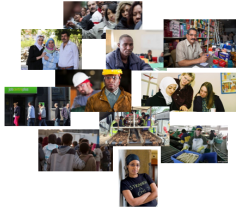


The Arrival Cities project entered in its third year of activity, during the past months the local groups organized consultation meetings and dissemination events widening the public involved in the participation process, and preparing the ground for the finalization of the Integrated Action Plan that will be released next year.

<p>2017</p> <p>Migrants perspectives 2</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MIGRANTS PERSPECTIVES II</u></p> <p>From the past newsletter's edition the Arrival Cities Network presented some of the local support group members through their migration stories. In this publication will tell the stories of three members of Amadora, Oldenburg and Val de Marne groups.</p> <p>More: Friba's story continues.</p>
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ARTICLE: [Accommodating and integrating refugees in the city of Thessaloniki: the multi-stakeholder programme REACT](#)

A short discussion note on Education Services for migrants and refugees, theme of the 4th Transnational Workshop in Oldenburg 12-14 September 2017

Education has long been seen as the route for social mobility. Education services across the EU and indeed the world, are all based on the expectation/"promise" that educational attainment will secure integration into society through language, culture, history and work.

In the last 50+ years by the "ideology of meritocracy" put simply, "meritocracy" creates a belief that hard work and aptitude should be the only factors determining your future prospects. [Read More](#)

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The **City of Oldenburg** has declared the political integration work as a central topic for local politics. One indication of this is the fact that the Integration Office had been incorporated directly into the office of the Mayor since 1 May 2008 and is therefore one of his top priorities.



Patras is Greece's third largest city. The city is capital of the Achia region of western Greece. Patras has a long history of migrant arrival and settlement. During its recent history after the foundation of new Greek state, the current population of Patras results from waves of migration.

NETWORK'S ACTIVITIES



From the 12th to 14th of September the Arrival Cities Network partners met in Oldenburg for the **4th Transnational Workshop** and 6th SGM. Following the topic of the workshop (Education Services for migrants and refugees) the delegates visited projects and initiatives that taking place in public schools and

youth centers that represent some best practices developed at municipal level. [Read More and have access to all online resources](#)

Roquetas de Mar celebrates Europe's Day and announce the award of ERDF funds to develop its Sustainable and Integrated Urban Plan. [Read More](#)



Invited by the **Oldenburg ULG**, around **60 school** class representatives of grades 5 to 11 (ranging from 10 – 17 years of age) came together at the Kulturretage cultural center **for a workshop on integration of immigrants and refugees.** [Read More](#)

NEWS

The **City of Vantaa** has been invited in **Estonia** to present its best practices in the field of **integration of migrants** in occasion of a conference focused on “cooperation between municipalities and local organizations in supporting the settling in and integration for foreign nationals” which took place in Tallinn on the 1st and 2nd of June 2017. [Read More](#)

Refugees and urban sustainable development: **Messina's experience with Arrival Cities.** Among the hundreds of the Italian Municipalities involved in the reception system for refugees and asylum seekers, only few of them have the specificities of Messina. A City that, due for its geographical position that connect Sicily with Italy and in a broader sense the Europe to the Mediterranean, is at the same time place of arrival and transit for refugees and asylum seekers. [Read More](#)

In the last three years the **Municipality of Thessaloniki** has faced huge challenges in managing global migration flows at local level. In the framework of its Action Plan the Municipality of Thessaloniki created an Urban Working Group to integrate all the City services and projects dedicated to migrants. The Urban Working Group is composed by a wide number of local stakeholders which manage services and projects dedicated to migrants. [Read More](#)



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