



## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

<b>PROJECT : Cities4Refugees</b>	
<b>Participant :</b>	Berlin Governance Platform - BGP GGMBH
<b>PIC number:</b>	922675253
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	101091175 - CERV-2022-CITIZENS-TOWN; C4R

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number :	WP D5
Event name:	Online meeting
Type:	Online event
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Online - Zoom platform
Date(s):	27th of June 2024
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.bbag-ev.de/project/c4r-cities4refugees/">https://www.bbag-ev.de/project/c4r-cities4refugees/</a>
Participants	
Female:	147
Male:	52
Non-binary/unknown:	-
From country 1: Croatia	5
From country 2: Italy	14
From country 3: France	8
From country 4: Spain	8
From country 5: Germany	67
From country 6: Brazil	1
From country 7: Switzerland	1
From country 8: Latvia	2
From country 9: Nordmazedonien	2



From country 10 : Malta	1		
From country 11 : Belgium	4		
From country 12 : Poland	7		
From country 13 : Albania	1		
From country 14 : Austria	3		
From country 15 : Greece	6		
From country 16 : Netherlands	9		
From country 17 : Portugal	1		
From country 18 : Sweden	1		
From country 19 : UK	2		
From country 20 : India	1		
Unknown :	55		
Total number of participants:	199 (136 from EU)	From total number of countries:	Min. 20
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
<p><b><i>Invitation and agenda, signed participation list; target group: all involved partners; number of estimated participants: up to 101; duration of the event: max.1 day; report of the event will be done; training material package; presentations by experts; evaluation report and feedback questionnaire will be done. Language: English</i></b></p>			
<p><b>Description of the event :</b></p>			
<p><u>General information :</u></p>			
<p><b>Target group:</b> all involved partners who invited interesting and interested citizens from all over Europe and EU. Participants came from municipalities, parliaments, science and (organised) civil society</p>			
<p><b>Date and duration of the event:</b> 27th of June 2024, from 1:00 pm until 2 :30 pm.</p>			
<p><b>Objectives :</b></p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conclusions that can be drawn from the IASH's network's experience until now</li> <li>▪ Strengthen the cooperation between municipalities and its local civil society groups</li> <li>▪ Promoting the exchange of best practices around the topic of migrant and refugee inclusion in European cities</li> <li>▪ actively including local civil society groups the projects wants to ensure an active citizen participation at the local level</li> <li>▪ reinforce the role of local and regional authorities in the European integration process.</li> </ul>			



- widen the network IASH, linking new members of the network.

The online-webinar took place on June 27st 2024. Over 101 citizens (199) from more than 7 (min. 20) countries participated in this meeting. Every involved project-partner knew the program and his/her tasks and responsibilities. The moderation of the meeting and the communication in the chat was assured by BGP. Important aspects are documented. During the online event we engaged with political and administrative representatives from municipalities, activists, civil society, EU institutions working in the field of migration. We wanted to give the opportunity to interested stakeholders, activists, civil society, and municipalities that can not easily join the in situ activities to engage in the discussion and exchange of best practices of reception of refugee receptions in cities. As part of this working package we also wanted to highlight municipal and civil society expertise by amplifying their assessments of the EU's New Pact on Migration and Asylum.

The event started with welcoming words by Lea Rau (Berlin Governance Platform), explaining the context of the event and the need for exchange about cities' and civil society's assessment of the New Pact. Katharina Bamberg, Head of Migration at Eurocities, spoke additional welcoming words, highlighting the importance of acknowledging cities' voices in policy making. Speakers were introduced and asked to complete the sentence « I believe in the voices of cities because... ».

The core of the online meeting was a panel discussion, moderated by Lea Rau (BGP).

#### **Speakers :**

- Maria Prsa (Munich & International Alliance of Safe Harbours)
- Niels Tubbing (Eurocities Working Group on Migration and Integration / EU Urban Partnership on the Inclusion of Migrants)
- Michele LeVoy (Platform for Undocumented Migrants (PICUM))
- Lefteris Papagiannakis (Greek Council for Refugees)
- Tiago da Cruz (From the Sea to the City)
- MEP Birgit Sippel

#### **Structure :**

The panel was structured in three parts. Each speaker got the chance to speak at least once in each part. The discussion was supported through follow up questions asked by the moderator and questions asked in the chat.

1. **Impacts on the Local Level:** What changes do or should cities anticipate from the new CEAS?
2. **Implementation Considerations:** What should national governments keep in mind about local implications when crafting CEAS implementation plans?
3. **Strategic Cooperation:** How can city networks collaborate strategically in light of the CEAS reform, and who stands to benefit from such cooperation?

#### **Panel summary:**

##### Impacts on the local level

- Cities and experts expect that more undocumented protection seekers will be in the European cities, potentially more traumatized due to the longer flight and/or screenings, leading to more people being homeless
- For many aspects of CEAS the local implementation and cities responsibilities are still unclear
- Screening regulation could lead to more racial profiling in the cities



- CEAS requirements could make it more difficult for cities to comply with their humanitarian principles
- Resistance and/or frustration of cities' civil society partners and civil society active on the local level

Implementation considerations

- Direct accesses for cities to EU is needed to amplify their voices, share their expertise and their experiences
- Cities should be involved in the drafting of implementation plans
- Solidarity mechanism should take into account the possibilities and needs at the local level, potentially through a matching mechanism
- Cities urgently need further funding in order to implement CEAS and to cope with the impacts described above. Funding should be also channeled directly from the EU to the cities, especially when national governments are not supporting cities sufficiently
- More legal migration paths should be developed

Strategic cooperation

- The exchange of best practices and lessons learned between cities should be facilitated, generally and in the direct context of the CEAS implementation
- Cities and city networks can, together with civil society, coordinate their policy demands and demand to be involved in the drafting of implementation plans
- Joint commitment to humane migration and asylum policies can strengthen cities' positions
- Cities and city networks could coordinate for better funding

**Webinar participants report :**

Date	Time	Topic	Webinar-ID	Unique spectators*	Total number of users**
Datum	Zeit	Thema	Webinar-ID	Eindeutige Zuseher ⓘ	Gesamtanzahl von Benutzern ⓘ
● 27.Juni 2024	12:38	Panel discussion: Amplifying local voices, sharing CEAS implementation plans	847 4219 3095	100	199

\* This value shows how many people watched the webinar on their computer. This does not take into account hosts (3) and speakers (6) or participants who listened on the phone.

\*\* This value shows all participants in the discussion and the number of participants.



Invitation and agenda:

**Panel Discussion:**  
**Amplifying local voices,  
shaping CEAS implementation plans**

June 27, 2024 13:00–14:30 p.m. CET Zoom

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BERLIN GOVERNANCE PLATFORM  
Representing Cities4Refugees  
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Dear all,

after years of negotiations, the European institutions have adopted the New Pact on Migration and Asylum, thereby sealing the reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS).

But the reform, once translated into implementation, will hardly provide the improvement that those seeking protection in the EU and the cities welcoming them need. Aware of the potential shortcomings, cities and civil society are concerned about how the reform implementation will impact the local level.

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We believe that cities' expertise has to be incorporated into the crafting of European and national implementation plans.

City networks can play a pivotal role in achieving this. To address the resulting need for cooperation, the [Berlin Governance Platform](#) (representing the EU-funded project [Cities4Refugees](#)) and [Eurocities](#) are delighted to invite you to an insightful online panel exploring the role cities and city networks can play in light of the evolving CEAS-reform.

**Register now for our online session  
“Amplifying local voices, shaping CEAS implementation plans”**

**on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 to 14:30 CET.**

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## TOPICS

The **moderated panel discussion** will delve into the following **key questions**:

- **Impacts on the Local Level:** What changes do cities anticipate from the new CEAS?
- **Implementation Considerations:** What should national governments keep in mind about local implications when crafting CEAS implementation plans?
- **Strategic Cooperation:** How can city networks collaborate strategically in light of the CEAS reform, and who stands to benefit from such cooperation?

## SPEAKERS

We are honored to have **distinguished speakers who have confirmed their participation**, including:

- **MEP Birgit Sippel**
- **Lefteris Papagiannakis**, Greek Council for Refugees
- **Niels Tubbing**, Senior Advisor to the Mayor of Amsterdam, representing the Eurocities Working Group Migration & Integration and the / EU Urban Partnership on the Inclusion of Migrants and Refugees
- **Maria Prsa**, Munich Office of Housing and Migration, representing the European city network IASH
- **Michele LeVoy**, Director of PICUM
- **Tiago da Cruz**, representing the European civil-society network  
From the Sea to the City



**Join us as we explore and shape the future of asylum and migration governance in Europe, ensuring cities have a seat at the table!**

We highly appreciate it if you share this invitation with your colleagues and networks from the municipal level and civil society as well as academia.

Kind regards,

*Lea Rau of the Berlin Governance Platform*

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Some screen shots taken from different moments of the online event

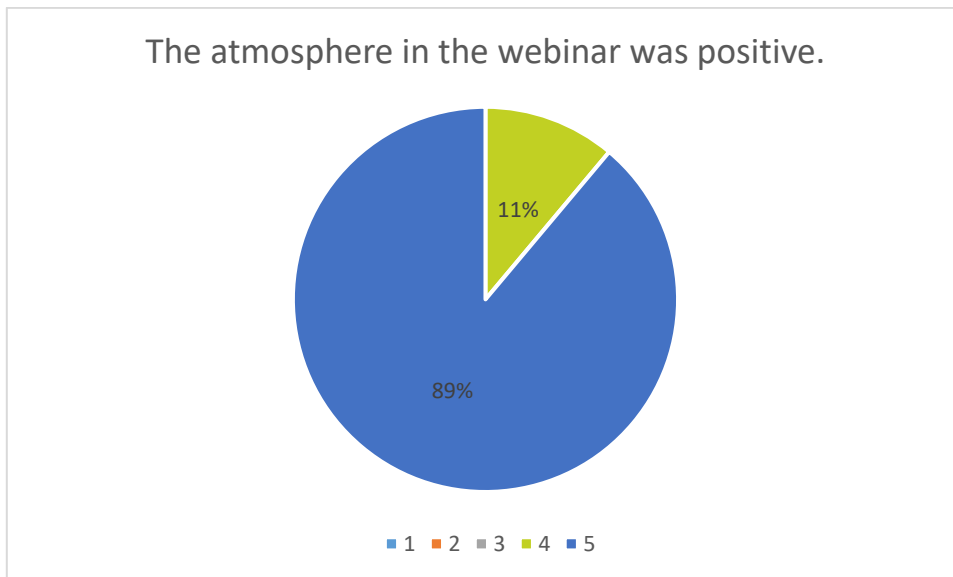
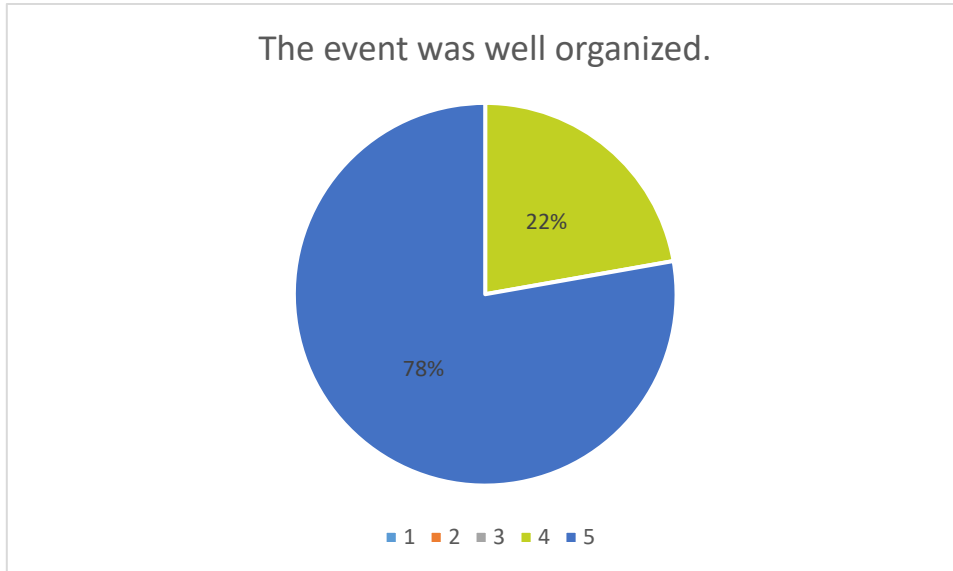
The image displays three sequential screenshots of a Zoom meeting. Each screenshot shows a grid of participants and a chat window on the right side.

- Top Screenshot:** The chat window shows a welcome message: "Welcome everybody to our Panel! We will be starting shortly!". The participant list includes: Alan Medeiros, Amelie Pascariello, Birgit Sippel, Clara Keller-Stoppin, David Verbo, Hani Daskalos, Lisa Dri, and Erika Sri.
- Middle Screenshot:** The chat window shows a question: "Hallo Frau Sippel, kann ich Sie irgendeine unterstützen?". The participant list includes: Giulia Fellin, Lea Rau, Katharina Bamberg, Leferis Papagiannakis, Birgit Sippel, Maria Pira, Michelle Leivy, and Niels Tubbing.
- Bottom Screenshot:** The chat window shows a thank-you message: "Hello Leferis, thank you for your important contribution. Do you think that the prevention of secondary movement will be addressed more strongly by the Greek government after the pact comes into force? Or is it already foreseeable that it will continue in a similar way?". The participant list includes: Giulia Fellin, Lea Rau, Katharina Bamberg, Michelle Leivy, Birgit Sippel, Niels Tubbing, and Leferis Papagiannakis.



## Evaluation

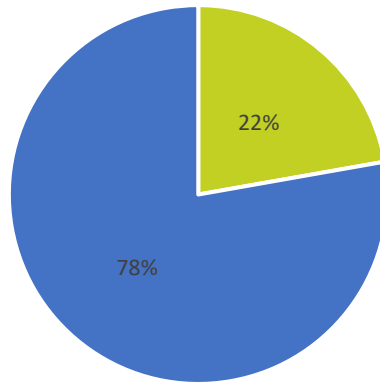
An evaluation survey was shared with participants. After the online-meeting, a follow-up and most important information from documentation was sent to the participants. The documentation will be used throughout the whole project to refer to. Next steps are defined and communicated to all.





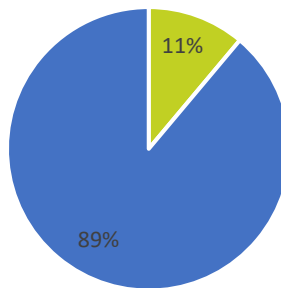


The webinar was well moderated.



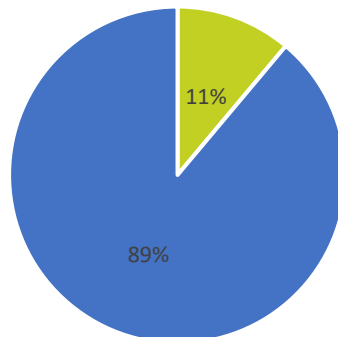
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The speakers were well chosen and provided valuable perspectives and knowledge.



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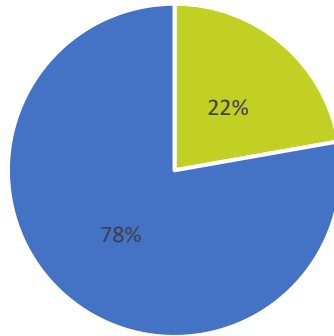
The contents of the webinar were interesting to me.



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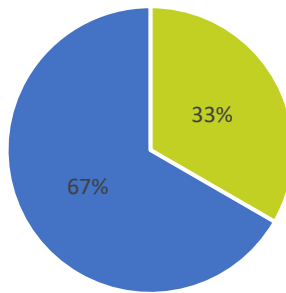


I can use the provided knowledge and contacts  
for my own network.



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I consider events like this interesting and  
beneficial to my work in migration governance  
and would like to attend further similar events.



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