



EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number :	WP 6
Event name:	Online meeting
Type:	Online event
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Online - Zoom platform
Date(s):	21st of March 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.bbag-ev.de/project/c4r-cities4refugees/
Participants	
Female:	83
Male:	36
Non-binary:	6
From country 1: Croatia	2
From country 2: Italy	27
From country 3: France	20
From country 4: Spain	3
From country 5: Germany	52
From country 6: Brazil	1
From country 7: Switzerland	5
From country 8: Estonia	2
From country 9: India	1
From country 10 : Canada	2



From country 11 : Belgium	1		
From country 12 : Poland	1		
From country 13 : Albania	1		
From country 14 : Austria	1		
From country 15 : Greece	1		
From country 16 : Netherlands	5		
Total number of participants:	125	From total number of countries:	16 (11 EU-countries)
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
<p>Description of the event :</p> <p><u>General information :</u></p> <p>Target group: all involved partners who invited interesting and interested citizens from all over Europe and EU. Participants came from municipalities, science and civil society</p> <p>Date and duration of the event: 21st of March 2024, from 1:30 pm until 3 pm.</p> <p>Objectives :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conclusions that can be drawn from the IASH's network's experience until now ▪ Strengthen the cooperation between municipalities and its local civil society groups ▪ Promoting the exchange of best practices around the topic of migrant and refugee inclusion in European cities ▪ actively including local civil society groups the projects wants to ensure an active citizen participation at the local level ▪ reinforce the role of local and regional authorities in the European integration process. ▪ widen the network IASH, linking new members of the network. <p>The online-meeting took place on te 21st of March 2024. Over 101 citizens from more than 7 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. 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 share experiences in municipal engagement: we shared and discussed best practices in which municipalities work hand in hand with civil society.</p> <p>The event started with welcoming words by Lea Rau (Berlin Governance Platform), explaining the context of the event and the need for best practice exchanges. In the closing words, attention was drawn to the IASH and upcoming Cities4Refugees events. The core of the online meeting were the five breakout sessions, each presenting and discussing one specific best practice. The following overview shares insights into these sessions :</p>			



KEY LEARNINGS AND DISCUSSION INSIGHTS FROM THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

“Paving the way into a shared future: Re:Match facilitates municipal and protection seeker participation in distribution decisions”

Moderation: Maura Magni, Moving Cities

Speaker: Elisa Ertl, Berlin Governance Platform & Frauke Raßmann, City of Braunschweig

Key-learnings and interesting insights:

- Need to expand the program to other countries and groups of refugees
- 2 cities which did not take part in the first pilot phase of matching last year would be open to participate in the next round → now that there are first empirical findings and experience with the tool → shows that the pilot phase of Re:Match really helped municipalities gain trust and a better idea of matching

Further resources:

- [Re:Match reports](#)
- [Re:Match website](#)

“Becoming local: Villeurbanne’s citizen card for all city inhabitants”

Moderation: Lea Rau, Berlin Governance Platform

Speaker: Jacques-Elie Favrot, City of Villeurbanne & Solène de Chavigny, ANVITA

Key-learnings and interesting insights:

- The phase of modelisation of the City cards projects varies greatly from one LRG's to another, depending of the competences, of the local / regional / national contexts etc.;
- Importance of involving migrant / homelessness people in every part of the project.

“Accommodation in context-sensitive asylum centers: Utrecht’s Plan Einstein Overvecht”

Moderation: Julia Scheurer, Moving Cities

Speaker: Jan Braat, Senior Policy Advisor Migration and Inclusion

Key-learnings and interesting insights:

- Utrecht developed a new model for 'contextual asylum centres' that follow an inclusive approach and benefit both refugees and other residents. In order to be successful you
 - need to know the neighbourhood (and the challenges it faces) in which the center will be established
 - need to know about local, national and EU funding opportunities
 - need to work with the most qualified people you can find in order to make the project successful



“Supporting refugees through digital streetwork: The „Social Media Bridge“ as part of Berlin’s network for the right to stay”

Moderation: Lisa Lorbeer, Berlin Senate Department for Integration

Speaker: Bogdana Dilova-Zlateva & Nour Kassabi & Shohre Mirtaheri, Minor Kontor

Key-learnings and interesting insights:

- Successful digital street work requires people who have access to the communities. Without knowledge of how the communities organize themselves, communicate and where they get their information from, effective and meaningful counseling services cannot be provided. Public administration is therefore dependent on cooperation with civil society, which can provide this expertise.
- On the other hand, direct communication between civil society and the administration should ensure that structural deficits that become apparent in the course of the consultation are addressed by public policies.

Further resources: [Minor Kontor Website](#)

“From the EU to the Civil Society Organisations: Zagreb’s experience with funding integration activities”

Moderation: Giulia Fellin, Berlin Governance Platform

Speaker: Jurica Greguric, City of Zagreb

Key-learnings and interesting insights:

- Direct EU Funding too often only for short action on the ground, no long term planning is possible, but long term planning would be necessary for more sustainable structures and policies, it would be also important to include a meaningful participation and co-design with CSO and marginalized groups for sustainable integration policies.
- Support to CSO by cities depend on political will; it is necessary to create structure of funding for CSO that are independent from political will. In this case a fiscal decentralization is important
- Zagreb learned a lot how to apply for and distribute funding by joining int city networks, as Eurocities.
- Joined advocacy efforts by city networks (nat and int) are very important as cities are first respondents to local needs and know best what is needed and how



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Invitation and agenda:

Berlin Governance Platform, representing the project
Cities4Refugees, in cooperation with Moving Cities invites you to

**Local Innovation in Migration Governance:
Sharing Best Practices in Cities**

March 21, 2024 1:30–3 p.m. CET Zoom

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BERLIN GOVERNANCE PLATFORM MOVING CITIES

Dear all,

It is the Cities, where protection seekers are welcomed, fostering environments where successful integration thrives. To lay the groundwork for a shared future, cities in all EU member states develop best practices based on their unique expertise and hand in hand with their civil society. These best practices are of significant value on the way to more solidarity in migration governance – and should therefore be widely shared!

[Register now](#) for the event "Local Innovation in Migration Governance: Sharing Best Practices in Cities", March 21, 1.30 - 3.00 pm (online)

The event will comprise 5 breakout sessions, in which city officials and partners will present best practices and an exchange on these practices will be facilitated. Please sign up for one of the breakout sessions [here](#) (more information about the breakout sessions is provided if you follow this link).

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- **“Becoming local: Villeurbanne’s citizen card for all city inhabitants”**

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.

We’re looking forward to exchange with you!

The event is hosted by the [Berlin Governance Platform](#), representing the EU-funded project [Cities4Refugees](#) in cooperation with [Moving Cities](#).



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Some screen shots taken from different moments of the online event

This screenshot shows a Zoom meeting in progress. The main window displays a grid of 20 video thumbnails of participants. The names of the participants are visible below their thumbnails. On the right side, there is a chat window with the following content:

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Because it is more fun to interact with people you can see, it would be great if you could keep your camera on. Also, it would be helpful for everyone if you show your name and organization.
The event will not be recorded to make sure that all of you feel comfortable to share experiences and ideas, exchange and ask questions.
However, we will have to do some screenshots as the EU, our funder, requires us to proof the number of participants.

At the bottom of the Zoom window, there is a toolbar with various icons for muting, video, chat, and other meeting controls. The system tray at the very bottom shows the Windows taskbar with the search bar and several application icons.

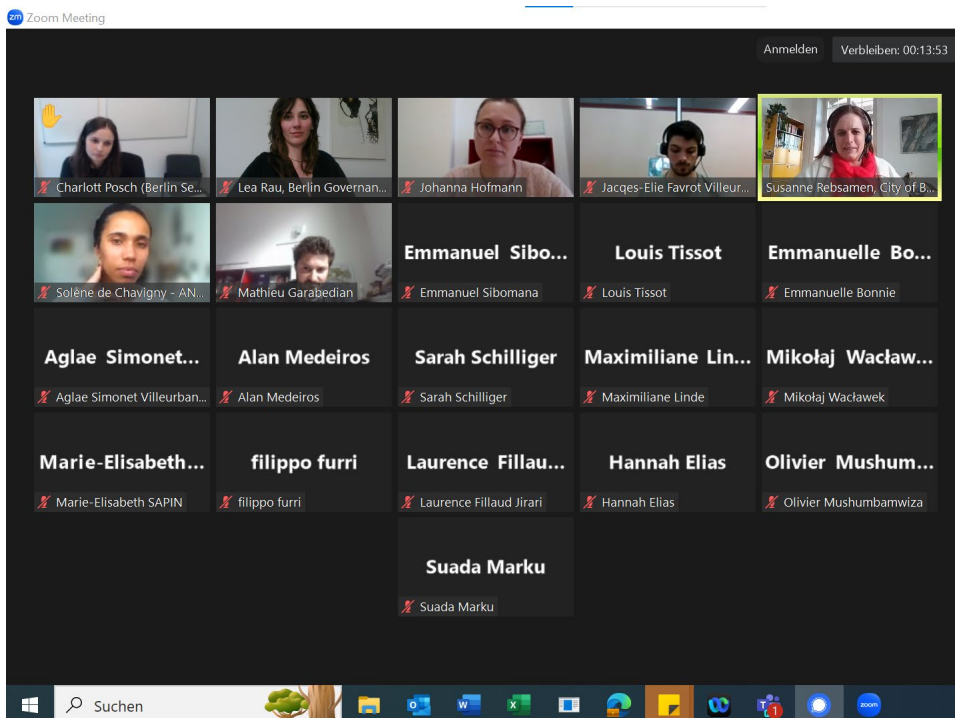
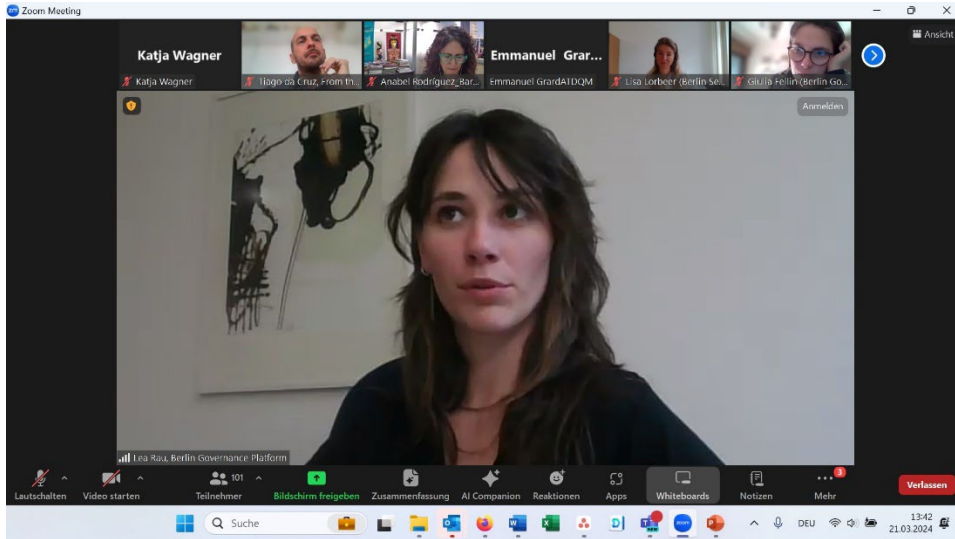
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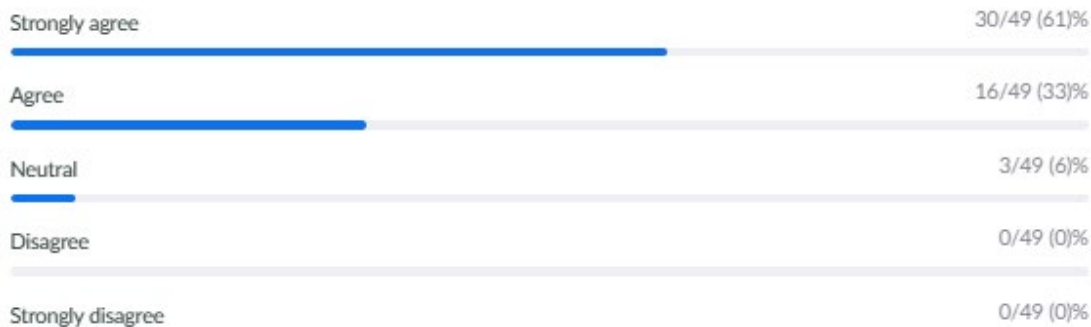


Evaluation

An evaluation survey was displayed on participants' screens after leaving the meeting. 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 communicate to all.

1. The event was well organized. (Einzelne Wahl)

49/49 (100)% Beantwortet



2. The atmosphere in the event was positive. (Einzelne Wahl)

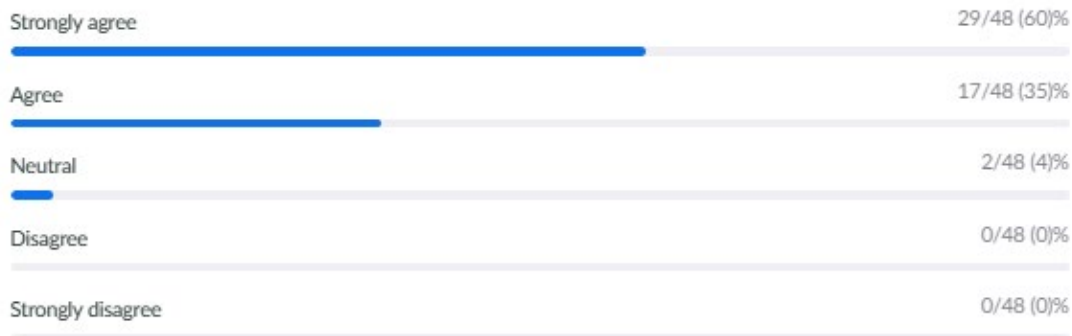
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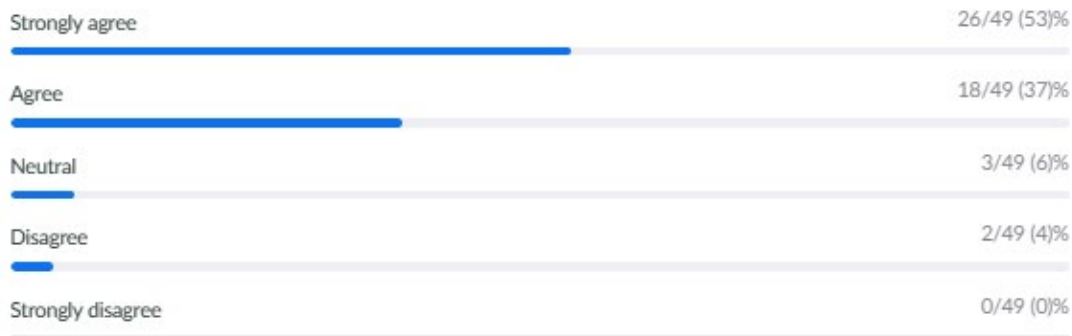
3. The presented best practice approaches were interesting to me. (Einzelne Wahl)

48/49 (98)% Beantwortet



4. I had the opportunity to actively participate and share my experiences. nnte Frage (Einzelne Wahl)

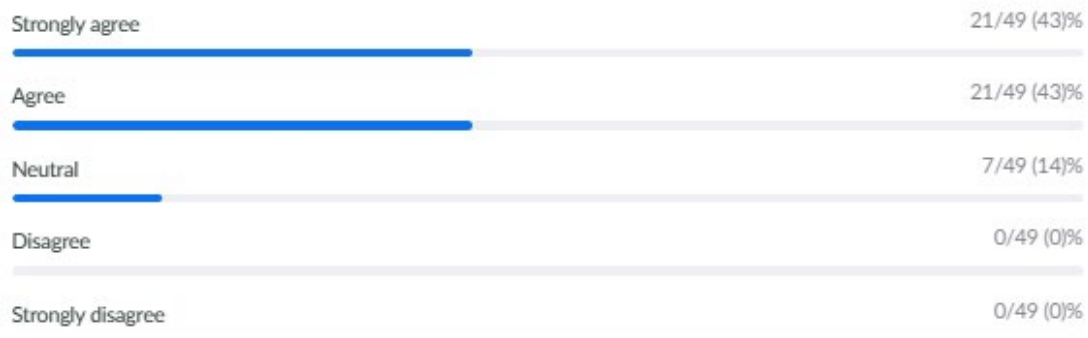
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5. I can use the provided knowledge and contacts for my own work. (Einzelne Wahl)

49/49 (100)% Beantwortet



6. I consider events like this interesting and beneficial to my work in migration governance and would like to attend further similar events. (Einzelne Wahl)

49/49 (100)% Beantwortet





7. It would be interesting for me to have a further meeting on the following topic: (Lange Antwort)

10/49 (20)% Beantwortet

Anonym
Legal pathway

Anonym
Citizen Card Project

Anonym
Resettlement

Anonym
Support of local integration agents

Anonym
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Advocacy on policy change and fiscal decentralization efforts for local government and local government associations

Anonym
EU mobile citizens and/or undocumented migrants in vulnerable positions (e.g. homelessness)

Anonym
Diasporic involvement and participation in expansion plans of programm, contribution of migrant expertise and perspectives to ensure sustainable success

Anonym
Economic opportunities and inclusion in the labor market

Anonym
Unfortunately the I was unable to stay beyond the introductory session, there was error with my diary. I would like to hear what emerged from the discussions and join future events.