



EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT Cities4Refugees	
Participant :	SENATSV ERWALTUNG FUR INTEGRATION, ARBEIT UND SOZIALES (Berlin-SenIntB)
PIC number :	894255320
Project name and acronym:	101091175 - CERV-2022-CITIZENS-TOWN; C4R

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number :	WP 8
Event name:	Final meeting with presentation of the five meetings and results/outcomes in Potsdam/Germany
Type:	Final and in-situ meeting
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Berlin, Germany
Date(s):	9th to 11th of October 2024
Participants	
Female:	68
Male:	33
Non-binary:	-
From country 1: Croatia	3
From country 2: France	3
From country 3: Spain	1
From country 4: Italy	2
From country 5: Germany	80
From country 6: Netherlands	2
From country 7: Poland	1
From country 8: Czech Republic	2
From country 9: Greece	2
From country 10: Belgium	5



Total number of participants:	101	From total number of countries:	10 EU countries
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Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Objectives:

- Presentation of the whole project and its output/results
- 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.
- next steps of the network IASH and its supporters to maintain this project sustainable.

Target group:

- all involved partners; political and civical stakeholders of the City of Berlin and other European cities.

Language:

- English on all three days and German/English interpretation on day two

Short description of the event and its activities:

The event included three days of activities. The first day, 9 October 2024, included a meeting of all involved partners in the cities4refugees project in the conference room of Berlin's Commissioner for Participation, Integration and Migration. The meeting served to reflect on the whole project and the past two years of collaboration, a self-evaluation and an outlook on the following two conference days. The next morning, 10 October 2024, the partners of the cities4refugees went to visit the center for social-psychological support for traumatized refugees by the civil society actor "Zentrum Überleben", one of Berlin's well established organizations providing social-psychological support in the city and receiving funding by the Berlin Senate for its work. The meeting allowed for an exchange of one best practice example.

The two-day main conference started after the on-site visit. The concept followed two didactically different concepts:

1. a more participatory, best-practice-oriented approach on the first day of the conference with mainly representatives from the working level from civil society actors and city and city network representatives. This exchange was organized in three panels on the topics of 'Role of Cities and City Networks in the CEAS Implementation Process – Potential and Limitations', 'Introducing City-ID Cards – Potential and Challenges for Cities' and 'Cooperation Between Civil Society and Administration in City Networks – Participatory Administrative Approaches'. The first day ended with a joint conference dinner in an informal setting to intensify the dialogue between the participants.



2. a more policy driven discussion on the second day of the conference (11 October 2024) with welcoming words, amongst others, by Berlin's Senator for Labour, Social Services, Gender Equality, Integration, Diversity and Anti-Discrimination, a keynote speech by the Head of the Department of Human Rights Policies Germany/Europe of the German Institute for Human Rights, Members of the European Parliament on each panel as well as civil society and city representatives in each panel. The three panels covered the topics of "CEAS Impact on European Cities – Fair Solidarity Mechanism, Organization of Distribution in Europe and Financing of Host Municipalities", "CEAS Impact on European Cities – Children, Young People and Families in the Border Procedures" and "CEAS Impact on European Cities – Potential increase in irregular migration".

Overall, the concept of the three days was a success and enabled intensive networking between different stakeholders, the exchange of best practice examples and the inclusion of various local and international civil society stakeholders as well as migrant and refugee organizations.

Invitation and agenda:

1. General invitation email:

Von: Grote, Janne

Gesendet: Donnerstag, 29. August 2024 07:07

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Cc: IntMig cities4refugees <cities4refugees@IntMig.berlin.de>

Betreff: Save the date: Cities4Refugees conference in Berlin 10-11 October 2024

Dear Members of the International Alliance of Safe Harbours,
Dear affiliated city representatives and friends of IASH,

Please accept our apologies for this new message, but thankfully we have received feedback that one of the embedded links to our conference website was incorrect. Therefore, you will now find yesterday's e-mail with a new link. Thank you for your interest in the conference.

On behalf of Berlin's Commissioner for Participation, Integration and Migration, Katarina Niewiedzial, and our State Secretary for Integration, Max Landero, I would like to cordially invite a representative of your city to our conference "Cities as Change Makers in European Asylum and Migration Policy", which will take place from 10-11 October 2024 in Berlin (see conference website:

<http://www.berlin.de/lb/intmig/cities4refugees-conference>). We will focus on the city perspective and local impact of the reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS). The conference is the final conference within the EU and CERV funded project 'cities4refugees' which has brought together city representatives from many European cities over the course of the past one and a half years.

On the **first day of the conference (Thursday, 10 October) we plan to have several expert roundtables** on the role and potential of international city networking, City ID cards and services for undocumented migrants in cities as well as participatory approaches of administrative action with civil society. The expert roundtables will be held in English and will take place in the conference room of Berlin's Commissioner for Participation, Integration and Migration (Potsdamer Straße 65, 10785 Berlin).



As city representatives, we would particularly like to welcome you to take on one of the limited places on this first conference day.

We will end the first day with a **conference dinner**, to which you are cordially invited, too.

On the **second and main conference day (Friday, 11 October)** we will provide a **multi-level perspective on the reform of the Common European Asylum System and its impact on European cities and the local level** by welcoming many city representatives, civil society actors, Members of the European Parliament, representatives from the European Commission and other EU institutions as well as scientific experts. German/English simultaneous interpretation will be provided and it will take place next to the Brandenburg Gate at the European House (Unter den Linden 78, 10117 Berlin). The conference programme will be shared soon and will be published on the conference website, where we ask you to register.

You may find more information on the conference on our conference website:

<http://www.berlin.de/lb/intmig/cities4refugees-conference>. We would also like to ask you to **register** your participation until 20 September the latest. Please note, that places are limited, particularly on the first day of the conference.

We very much look forward to welcome many city representatives in order to make our city voices heard in the current process of developing the CEAS implementation plans.

Thank you for your early registration in advance. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

Janne Grote (he/him)

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2. Specific invitation email including additional programme for the c4r partners and affiliated partners

Von: Grote, Janne

Gesendet: Mittwoch, 18. September 2024 14:00

An: ...

Betreff: c4r: Berlin conference update 09-11 October 2024

Dear cities4refugees colleagues,

I am pleased to inform that most of us will see each other again next month from now in Berlin and we hope to also welcome colleagues from Barcelona, which would be much appreciated.

I would like to give you an update on our conference even though I have been in touch with most of you in person over the past weeks. As you may see from the **updated draft conference programme**, we had to change a few things and the conference will take place at two different venues. However, we do already have a great turnout with regard to the panellist and active participants and the second day will be at the European House in Berlin, which is at the Brandenburg Gate!

Please note, that our c4r consortium will meet on **Wednesday, 9 October at 16:30** at our conference room of Berlin's Commissioner for Participation, Integration and Migration (Potsdamer Straße 65, 10785 Berlin). We will have a closed discussion and reflection on our c4r project and possible future cooperation. We will have a two hour session before we will head to a joined dinner to which you are cordially invited. This information is not included in the draft programme attached so that you may also forward the file to other colleagues from your city and organisations as well as colleagues from other cities and organisations in case they wish to join. There is still some space for additional participants so please feel free to forward the programme!

Thursday morning: In addition, we did organise an on-site visit for you in the morning of 10 October before the conference starts at 12:30 which is also not included in the conference programme as this is an add on for you. The on-site visit will be at one of our important civil society organisation '[Zentrum Überleben](#)' which provides social-psychological and medical support, support the identification of vulnerable refugees, offers diverse counselling services (work, housing etc.), mentorship programmes as well as an innovative vocation school in the field of social care – focusing on refugees. They will give us a two hour insight on their work, development, challenges and achievements.

We would very much appreciate if you could **register for the conference**, if you haven't done so, yet, via this [link to the conference website](#). The draft programme will also be included on the website today and will be updated regularly.

And if you have not done so, yet, please get in touch with Ines and Claudia with regard to your **travel and accommodation organisation**. Please do contact them before booking your flights and hotels.

Thank you to all of you and particularly to Ines and Claudia for your ongoing support!



We look forward to seeing you in Berlin and to have a promising final conference of our joined project, but also to spend some good time together.

And again: please spread the word to participate in the conference.

Best wishes,

Janne

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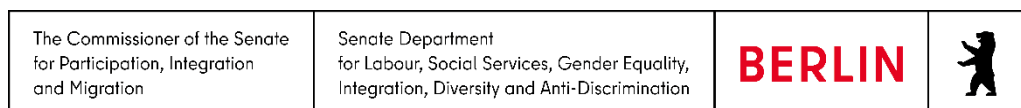
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3. Programme of the conference:

Wednesday, 9 October at 16:30 at the conference room of Berlin's Commissioner for Participation, Integration and Migration (Potsdamer Straße 65, 10785 Berlin). The c4r partners have a closed discussion and reflection on the c4r project and possible future cooperation. The partners will have a two hour session before heading to a joined dinner. This information is not included in the draft programme below.

Thursday, 10 October, 09:30-11:00: In addition to the programme below, Berlin organised an on-site visit for the c4r partners. The on-site visit will be at one of our important civil society organisation '[Zentrum Überleben](#)' which provides social-psychological and medical support, supports the identification of vulnerable refugees, offers diverse counselling services (work, housing etc.), mentorship programmes as well as an innovative vocational school in the field of social care – focusing on refugees. Zentrum Überleben will give the c4r partners a two hour insight on their work, development, challenges and achievements.



Cities as Change Makers in European Asylum and Migration Policy

Cities4Refugees Conference

Conference Programme



Thursday, 10 October 2024		
Potsdamer Str. 65, 10785 Berlin: Conference Room, 1 st floor		
12:30-13:00	Registration, Coffee & Tea	
13:00-13:10	Welcoming Words	Katarina Niewiedzial Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Participation, Integration and Migration
13:10-13:20	Introduction to the Conference	Janne Grote Policy Advisor, Berlin Senate Department for Labour, Social Services, Gender Equality, Integration, Diversity and Anti-Discrimination
13:20-15:00	Role of Cities and City Networks in the CEAS Implementation Process – Potential and Limitations	Coordinator: Maria Prsa , Policy Advisor, City of Munich, International Alliance of Safe Harbours and German Alliance of Safe Harbours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niels Tubbing, Chair, Eurocities Working Group Migration and Integration, City of Amsterdam • Léa Enon-Baron, Co-Director, ANVITA France • Clara Easthill, Policy Advisor to the Mayor, University City of Marburg, German Alliance of Safe Harbours • Tiago da Cruz, Coordinator, From the Sea to the City
15:00-15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45-17:15	Introducing City-ID Cards – Potential and Challenges for Cities	Coordinator: Jan Braat , Policy Advisor, City of Utrecht, Chair, C-MISE Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simonet Aglaë, Mission Manager of the Mission Hospitalité and Homelessness Public Policies, City of Villeurbanne • Frauke Steuber, Head of Unit, Berlin Senate Department for Labour, Social Services, Gender Equality, Integration, Diversity and Anti-Discrimination
17:15-17:30	Short Break	
17:30-19:00	Cooperation Between Civil Society and Administration in City Networks – Participatory Administrative Approaches	Coordinator: Lea Rau , Policy Officer, Berlin Governance Platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Dreher, Researcher, Toronto Metropolitan University, Soli*City • Effie Thanou, HIAS Greece • Nini Farrokhi, From the Sea to the City • Nikos Papakostas, Inter Alia, Greece • Meike Karasiewicz-Maouloudi, Policy Advisor, Berlin Senate Department for Labour, Social Services, Gender Equality, Integration, Diversity and Anti-Discrimination
19:00-19:30	Transfer to Restaurant	



19:30-22:00	Conference Dinner	Weilands Wellfood Eichhornstraße 3, 10785 Berlin at Potsdamer Platz
Friday, 11 October 2024 European House, Unter den Linden 78, 10117 Berlin, 1 st floor		
08:45-9:30	Registration (Coffee & Tea)	
Conference Moderation: Jasmijn Slootjes , Associate Director, Migration Policy Institute Europe		
09:30-09:40	Welcoming Words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cansel Kiziltepe, Berlin Senator for Labour, Social Services, Gender Equality, Integration, Diversity and Anti-Discrimination • Gosia Binczyk, Deputy Head of European Commission Representation in Germany
09:40-10:00	Keynote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nele Allenberg, Head of the Department of Human Rights Policies Germany/Europe of the German Institute for Human Rights
10:00-11:30	Panel I: CEAS Impact on European Cities – Fair Solidarity Mechanism, Organisation of Distribution in Europe and Financing of Host Municipalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Léa Enon-Baron, Co-Director – ANVITA France • Gerhard Mayer, Head of Department, Office for Housing and Migration, City of Munich • Dr. Marcus Engler, Research Associate, DeZIM • Erik Marquardt, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/European Free Alliance, Germany – Bündnis 90/Die Grünen • Jane Oispuu, Advisor, Representation of the European Commission in Germany
11:30-13:00	Panel II: CEAS Impact on European Cities – Children, Young People and Families in the Border Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zozan Bulut, Personal Assistant for Migration, Participation and Anti-Discrimination to Elif Eralp – Member of Berlin's Abgeordnetenhaus (State Parliament) • Martin Gött, Head of Department, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, Center Überleben Child and Adolescent Outpatient Clinic • Dr. Ulrike Hornung, Head of Directorate Migration, Refugees and European Harmonization, Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community • Birgit Sippel, Member of the European Parliament, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Germany – SPD
13:00-14:15	Lunch at European House	
14:15-15:45	Panel III: CEAS Impact on European	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radosław Michalski, Head of Department, City Brand Department, City of Wrocław



	Cities – Potential increase in irregular migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Braat, Policy Advisor, City of Utrecht, Chair, City Initiative on Migrants with Irregular Status in Europe (C-MISE) • Gordan Bosanac, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/European Free Alliance, Croatia - Možemo! • Catherine Woollard, Director, European Council on Refugees and Exiles – ECRE
15:45-16:00	Closing remarks	Katarina Niewiedzial Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Participation, Integration and Migration
16:00	End (Coffee & Tea)	

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Evaluation report (based on feedback questionnaire):

Conference Evaluation

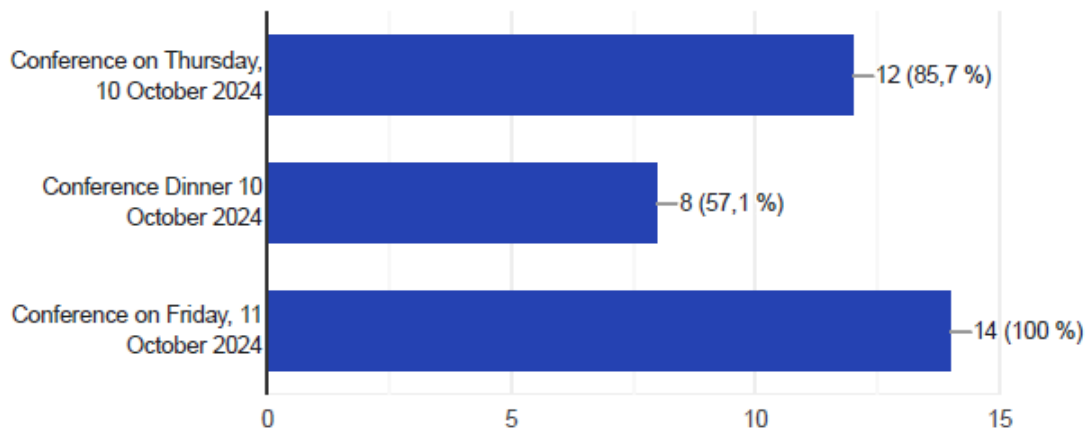
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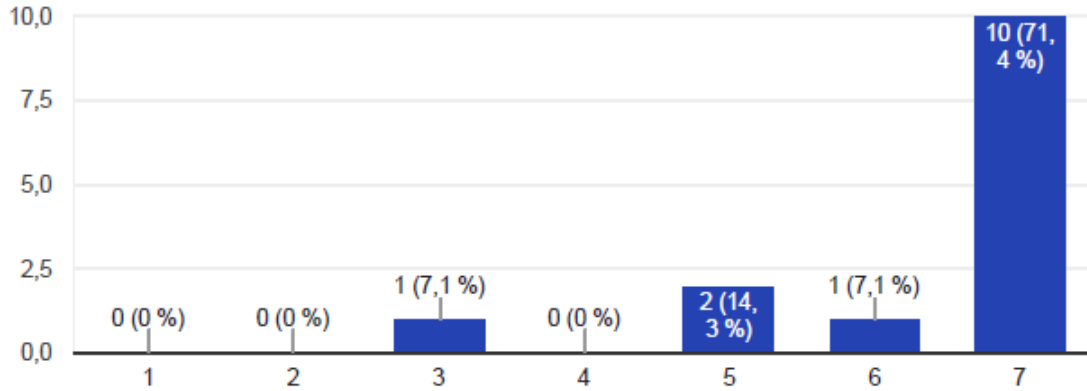
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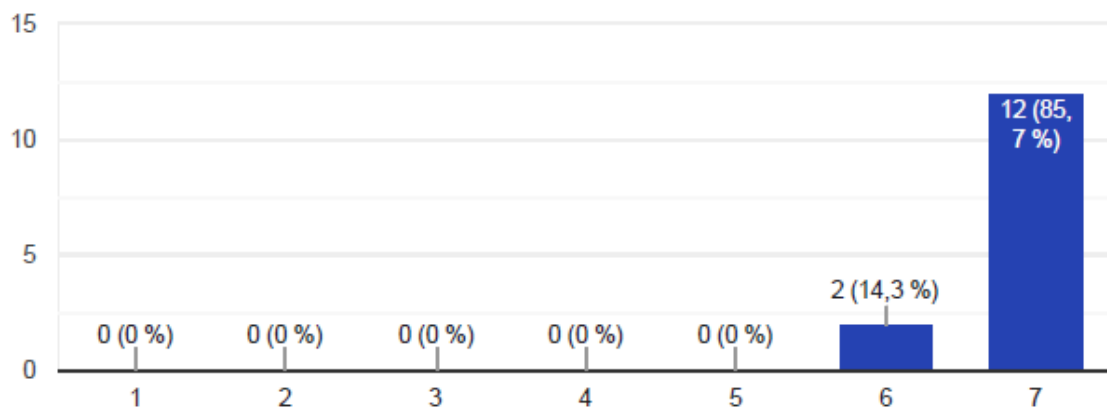
2. Prior to the event, I did get the information that I needed (e.g. preparatory emails).

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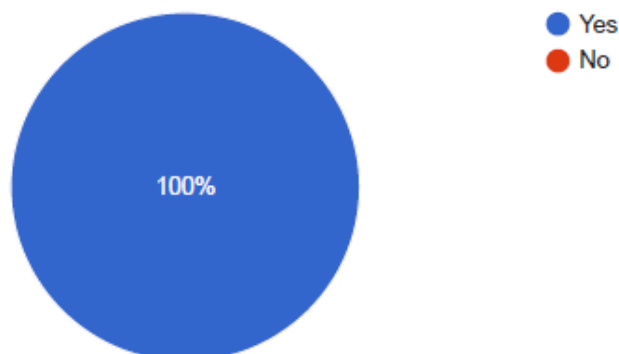
3. The event was well organized.

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

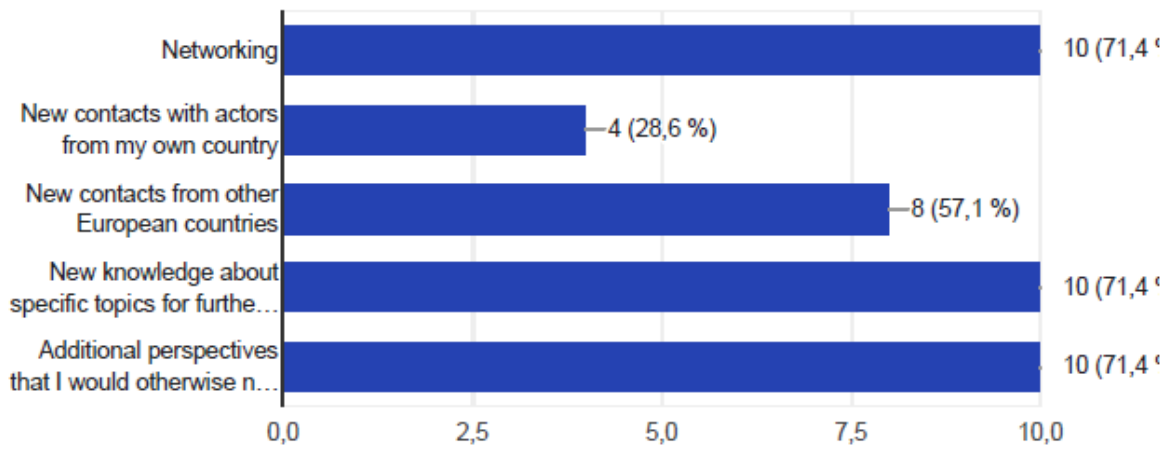
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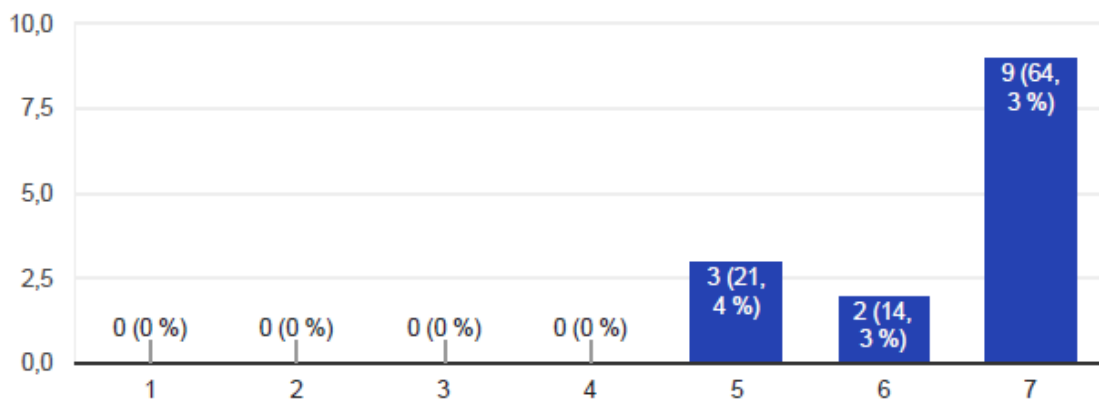
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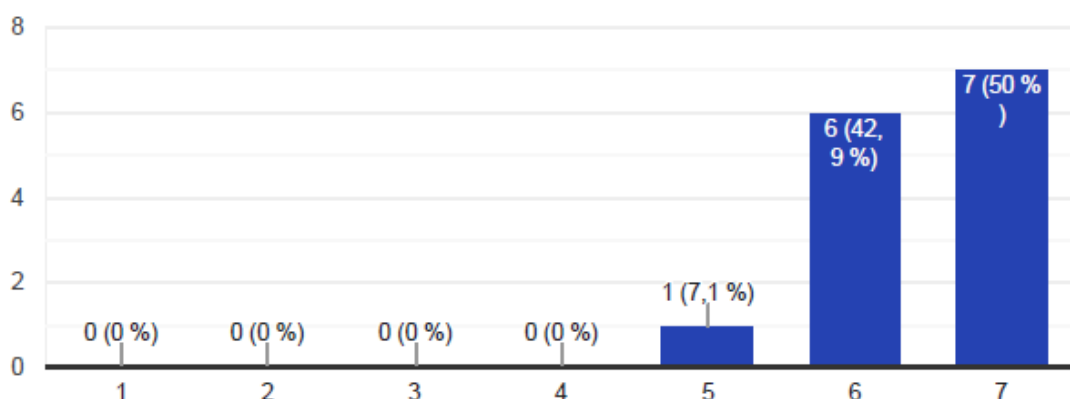
5. There was an inviting atmosphere to actively participate if I wanted to or would have wanted to.

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6. There was enough time for informal exchanges and networking.

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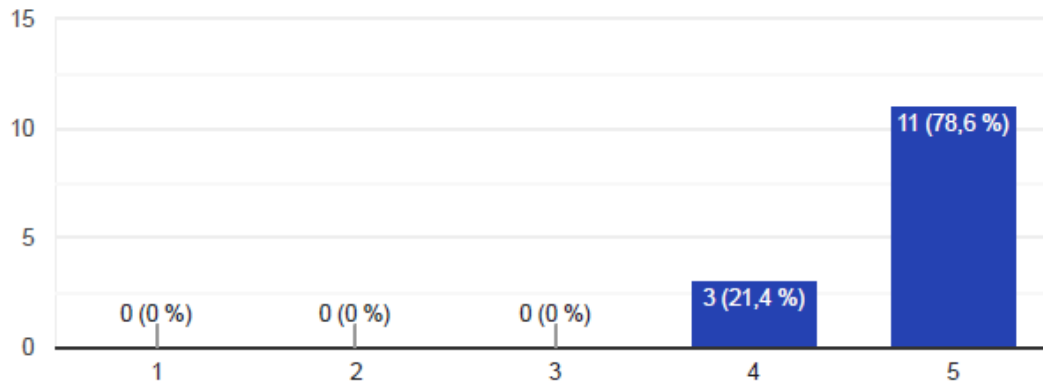




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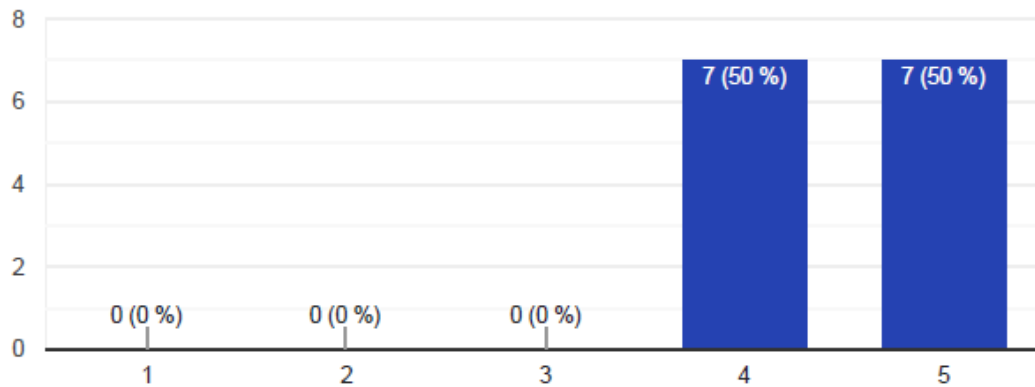
7. Overall, how would you rate the conference?

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8. How would you rate the timeframe of the event?

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9. What did you like about the conference?

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bringing together various actors in solidarity, spreading new energy

The Conference was very well organised and informative

atmosphere, finger food, panels

wonderfull atmosphere, interesting guests. and interesting information

New contacts, new prospectives

Conference participants are thematically related to the problem of immigration; the panel discussions were very impressive, and the interlocutors were very professional and well chosen.

covered different aspects and perspectives

the variety of perspectives

It depends of what type, but i really appreciate the versatility of speakers (from NGO, Cities, UE speakers, etc.)

Having a variety of perspectives from cities

Interesting topics, and good idea to get actors from other countries.

everything

Important contacts, very interesting content and perspectives

interesting panel topics and panelists



10. What did you dislike about the conference?

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nothing

the moderation of the second day could have been a bit more critical and less liberal/ optimistic, e.g. when problematic things were said / when challenging things were said that deserved attention

b

too short

No critics

I don't have that impression

wish for more participating cities

Sometimes disconnected about the daily life of a city, when it was more about European problematics

A few of the panels had too many speakers. 3 or 4 best.

Sadly there were maybe too few actors from other cities who could speak of their experience with city cards.

There was no mention, let alone analysis, of the situation in Gaza and the the expected effect on EU migration policy. More people from areas that are particularly affected by the failures of EU asylum policy could be more represented

too little interaction with the audience, partly lengthy statements which made the discussion hard to follow

11. Is there anything else you would like to share about the event?

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No

no

you've thought of almost everything, it was great!

N/A

great conference!

is it possible to share contact details? I want to follow up in contacts.

The idea of the project was great. I suggest that we start a new project, but on a larger scale and for a longer duration....perhaps through the Interreg Central Europe competition or ESF+.

a conference in 4 years on the same topics will be needed

no, thank you for the invitation!

Thank you very much !

It's good that Berlin is taking the lead on connecting cities with EU law - it has such an impact