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Working Group Report 2013

WG Migration & Integration

1. Forum	SAF
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WG Objectives, Actions and Outputs	
3. What were the main achievements of the WG in relation to its objectives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness at all levels of governance for the importance of involving cities when developing policies for migration, integration and non-discrimination, in particular policy dialogue with EC, EP and NCPI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> Meeting with Commissioner Malmstrom and presentation of findings from Integrating Cities report >> Integrating Cities VI in Tampere well attended and publicized >> EC Director General represented at Integrating Cities >> proposed amendments to regulation on new Asylum and Migration Fund to MEP Sylvie Guillaume rapporteur >> Presentation of Chair in closing panel in 10th European Integration Forum >> participation in meeting of NCPIs in Brussels • Influence EU policy making on migration and integration, drawing on “strategic partnership” proposal in Second Agenda for Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >> active participation in numerous relevant conferences, e.g. ‘An Intercultural Cities Milestone Event Making Diversity work for Cities’ (various members and secretariat); joint event with The Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel on ‘The local governance of immigrant integration in Europe: Multi-level dynamics convergence and divergence’ (Malmo); EU conference organized by French ministry on reception measures (Nantes); European Coalitions of Cities against Racism (Rotterdam); 9th Meeting of the European Integration Forum; “How do we respond to EU-migrants” (conference on EU mobility organized by city of Stockholm) presentation of EUROCITIES’ work in Brussels events on ‘Tolerance, Pluralism and Social Cohesion: Responding to the challenges of the 21st century in Europe’, ‘meeting of Greek local immigrant councils’ >> informal contribution to EU agenda on migration and development • Ensure innovation in cities policies on integration and non-discrimination through exchange on best practice, experience, Know how and mutual learning based on innovative methods
4. What were the main outputs of the Working Group?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new signatories Integrating Cities Charter (Brussels, Leipzig, Lisbon, Montpellier, Paris, Toulouse) • New Asylum and Migration Fund funding programme took on board suggested amendments • Integrating Cities report on implementation of Charter • Integrating Cities VI Conference, Tampere • Implementation of the ImpleMentoring project (benchmarks, mentoring methodology) • ImpleMentoring videos

	<p>(http://www.integratingcities.eu/integrating-cities/projects/Implementing/videos) wide dissemination and depict work of cities and project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to partnership in SHARE project • Contribution to FRA project on joined-up governance • Two meetings (Riga and Tampere) • Presentation of advocacy points by politicians to Director General for Home Affairs during Integrating Cities conference panel. The points addressed were: integration issues for European migrants, acknowledgement of undocumented migrants, involvement of cities in EU funding programme development and implementation. • Cooperation with Open Society Foundations on study by Sarah Spencer on undocumented migrants and the role of cities
<p>5. Are there lessons you would draw from this year's work, which this WG and others might learn from?</p>	<p>Lessons for next Integrating Cities, better link with national governments (NCPIs) desired, experience in producing implementation report for Charter</p>