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LIVING TOGETHER IN INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACIES: HOW CAN THE INTERCULTURAL APPROACH PROMOTE PARTICIPATION IN DIVERSE SOCIETIES



ICC THEMATIC SEMINAR

26 – 27 April 2018

Recinto Ferial de Tenerife

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Participation is a core principle of human rights and a condition for effective democratic citizenship for all people¹. Active citizenship is also one of the goals of Intercultural policies that aim at enhancing participation of the whole community as a mean to build greater inclusion.

Local authorities are very well placed to test, create and enable opportunities for people of different backgrounds and lived experiences to come together to make, shape and influence the decisions that affect their lives. For this reason, ICC members have expressed the need to gather knowledge on practice, policies and initiatives that could help develop more comprehensive strategies and action plans on the topic of civil participation within diverse cities, including by providing guidance on how to mobilise and engage a diverse community.

Through collaborative sessions, participants to the 2018 ICC Thematic Seminar will identify practices and means to shape cities where people have the skills, knowledge, confidence and opportunities to participate; but also where public authorities are welcoming and encouraging diverse participation, opening avenues for people to engage with the issues that affect their everyday lives, regardless of their citizenship status and other factors that may often exclude them from more traditional forms of participation.

A morning devoted to local field visits will further give participants the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the connection between theory and practice. By the end of the seminar, participants will have produced action points and guidelines for the Intercultural Cities network to develop and take forward in 2018.

This work will further feed and contribute to Council of Europe wider work on participatory democracy at national level, having in mind the *Guidelines for civil participation in political decision making* recently adopted by the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers.

The Seminar is open to Intercultural Cities Mayors, elected representatives & officials; intercultural experts; representatives of NGOs and civil society. The working languages will be English, Spanish and French.

25 April – Noble Hall of the Insular Palace

Arrival of participants

20:00 Official reception and welcome cocktail

¹ See Council of Europe "COMPASS: Manual for Human Rights Education with Young People"
<https://www.coe.int/en/web/compass/citizenship-and-participation>

- 08:00 Departure by bus to the venue; meeting point: Plaza de España*
- 09:00 Welcoming remarks
- *Mr Carlos Enrique Alonso Rodríguez, President of the Cabildo de Tenerife*
 - *Mr Hallvard Gorseth, Head of the Anti-Discrimination Department, Council of Europe*
- 09:30 Fishbowl session: the role of active participation in promoting human rights and democracy
- Moderated by: Ms Kelly Mc Bride, European Network Manager, The Democratic Society*
- Speakers :*
- *Mr Pantelis Kolokas, Deputy Mayor, Ioannina (Greece)*
 - *Ms Serena Foracchia, Deputy Mayor, Reggio Emilia (Italy)*
 - *Dr. Vicente Zapata, University of La Laguna, Tenerife (Spain)*
 - *Ms Gemma Pinyol, Coordinator of the Spanish Network of Intercultural Cities*
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 Overcoming the obstacles to inclusive participation: success stories from Europe
- Case-studies, from cities, civil society, and experts*
- Moderated by: Mr Efrain Medina Hernández Vice President of the Cabildo de Tenerife and Mr Hallvard Gorseth, Council of Europe*
- *Mainstreaming the intercultural approach into the development of inclusive and participatory strategies: the "Living together" Plan of the city of Getafe (Spain)*
Ms Maria Jesus Rodriguez Aumente, city of Getafe
 - *The "Intercultural Hub": social innovation for intersectoral and inclusive participation in diverse communities in Vinnytsia (Ukraine)*
Ms Yuliia Kashpruk, Project manager and ICC contact point for the city of Vinnytsia
 - *Co-design and co-implementation of public policies: Participatory budgeting in Paris (France)*
Ms Isabelle GRAUX, Project manager on "Rights, citizenship, human rights, international networks", Department of Equality, Integration and Inclusion, city of Paris
 - *Intercultural policies as an antidote to hatred: examples of intercultural coexistence in diversity in the city of Madrid*
Ms Berta Cao Menéndez, Advisor for migration and asylum, Area of Equality, Social Rights and Employment, city of Madrid
 - *Roma political participation and representation*
Mr Tomas Moreno, Focal Point of the ROMED Project in Tenerife
- (12:30) *Discussion*

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30 Inclusive participation in Tenerife for coexistence and management of cultural diversity in Tenerife: Examples of local initiatives

Moderated by: Ms Ana Luisa Méndez Suárez. Communicator

Speakers :

- *Dr. Vicente Manuel Zapata Hernández, Project manager "Together in the same direction"*
- *Ms María Eugenia Fonte García. Project coordinator "Together in the same direction"*
- *Ms Roxana Dinah María Resnikowski de Ortiz, Member of the Permanent Commission of "Together in the same direction"*
- *Mr Julio Ramallo Rodríguez, Responsible for the diversity programs of the Cabildo de Tenerife*

(15:30) Discussion

16:00-16:20 Coffee break

16:20-18:00 Collaborative work (first part)

Outcome: 3 action points/guidelines per working-group

Working Group 1: Mainstreaming the intercultural approach into the development of inclusive and participatory tools for participatory democracy and local governance

Moderator: Mr Robin Wilson, ICC expert

Note taker: Ms Ivana d'Alessandro, Head of the Intercultural Cities Unit, Council of Europe

Working languages: English

Working Group 2: Social innovation for full, intersectoral and inclusive participation in diverse communities (with special focus on migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, Roma, isolated groups, etc.)

Moderator: Ms Mel Stevens, Founder and Director of People Places Lives

Note taker: Mr Oliver Freeman, ICC expert

Working language: English

Working Group 3: Co-design and co-implementation of public policies: definition, capacity building, consultation and participation processes, tools, and community evaluation

Moderator: Ms Kelly Mc Bride, The Democratic Society

Note taker: Ms Kseniya Rubicondo, Coordinator of the Ukrainian network of Intercultural Cities (ICC-UA)

Working language: English

Working Group 4: Methodologies and instruments for the development of inclusive participation in multicultural contexts (including the promotion of intercultural dialogue, mediation and conflict resolution)

Moderator: Mr Alexis Mesa Marrero, Coordinator of the Intercultural Community Intervention Project (ICI Taco)

Note Taker: Mr Daniel Buraschi, Research and Consultant.
Working languages: Spanish and French

Working Group 5: From specific to mainstream policies - Building political will and understanding of Roma inclusion through joint action at local level. Learning from the case of ROMACT

Modératrice: Ms Ana Oprisan, ROMACT Programme Manager, Council of Europe
Note taker: Ms Lilia Makaveeva, ROMACT National Project Officer Bulgaria
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NB: WG will resume in the same format on 27 April afternoon

18:00 End of first day

27 April – Multiple venues (Main venue: Recinto Ferial de Tenerife)

NB: Meeting point at Insular Palace, Plaza de España [the time of departure may vary according to the field visit]

09:00 Field visits: from theory to practice

- T1: ICI Taco [departure time: 9 a.m.]
- T2: Neighborhoods for Employment: La Cuesta [departure time: 9 a.m.]
- T3: El Fraile [departure time: 8:30 a.m.]
- T4: ULL Research [departure time: 9 a.m.]

See description in Appendix I

13:00-14:30 Lunch at Recinto Ferial de Tenerife

14:30 -16:30 Collaborative work (Cont.) – Coffee will be available in the meeting rooms (no break for coffee)

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16:30 – 17:30 Discussion on the outcomes of the working groups

17:30-18:00 Closing remarks

- *Mr Julio Ramallo Rodríguez, Responsible for the diversity programmes of the Cabildo de Tenerife*
- *Ms Ivana d’Alessandro, Head of the Intercultural Cities Unit, Council of Europe*

18:00 Artistic performance

APPENDIX I

Description of Field Visits

- T1: Intercultural Community Intervention Project (ICI)

Venue : Taco (San Cristóbal de La Laguna and Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Metropolitan Area).

Main topic: Community intervention for social coexistence in the local framework.

Taco is an urban area belonging to two municipalities; it is made up of fifteen neighborhoods with their own identities, arising from intra and inter-island mobility and - more recently - from international mobility. A community process has been promoted in order to strengthen the social coexistence thanks to the cooperation and joint action of multiple public and private actors.

- T2 Project « Neighborhoods for Employment”: Stronger Together and ROMED

Venue: La Cuesta (San Cristóbal de La Laguna, Metropolitan Area).

Main topic: Employability and socio-labour inclusion for integration and social coexistence.

“Neighborhoods for Employment” is a project of an experimental and community-based nature that aims to improve employability and socio-labour inclusion at the local level, optimising existing resources and overcoming the traditional individual approach to unemployment. It builds on diverse experiences of interest with immigrant population and Roma citizens in the framework of the ROMED program.

- T3 Project Together In the same direction.

Venue: El Fraile (Arona, South Tenerife).

Main topic: Challenges for social coexistence in the context of high human and cultural diversity.

El Fraile is one of the localities of Tenerife with the highest percentage of population of foreign origins settled, an authentic multicultural neighborhood. The initiative “Together in the same direction” is being implemented there, through Working Groups on Social Participation and Interreligious Dialogue. It has so far obtained significant results in terms of strengthening social cohesion in diversity, betting on an intervention from an intercultural participatory model.

- T4 Observatory of Immigration of Tenerife (OBITen).

Venue: University of La Laguna (Guájara Campus, San Cristóbal de La Laguna).

Main topic: Scientific knowledge of migration and development of public policies for social coexistence.

The University of La Laguna and the *Cabildo* de Tenerife hold a collaborative experience of almost twenty years in the field of scientific and interdisciplinary study of migration and its implications, embodied in the Observatory of Immigration. The latter promotes fundamental and applied research with projection in the definition of public policies and socio-community action at the insular and local scales.