



ICC/AG(2025)8

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Intercultural Cities (ICC) Programme Advisory Group

6th meeting - Report

1. Participants

Present at the meeting:

- Bergen, Norway - Mari Garaas Løchen
- Donostia/San Sebastian, Spain - Silvia Carballo Paz
- Neuchâtel Canton, Switzerland - Grégory Jaquet
- Porto, Portugal - Raquel Castello Branco
- Wrocław, Poland - Ewa Magnowska
- Spanish network of Intercultural Cities (RECI) - Gemma Pinyol-Jiménez
- Mexico City, Mexico - Jorge Jimenez Ortega
- ICC Secretariat – Rita Marascalchi, Nichola Howson, Ben Freeman, Célia Charre

2. Welcome and introductions

Members introduced themselves focusing on their role, their city/region/network's current priorities and ongoing activities, and sharing their expectations for the 2025-2027 mandate.

Among the topics discussed, welcoming newcomers, insuring access to services and adapting city infrastructure were priorities for several members. Another priority issue for several members was intercultural narratives and how to face far-right movements and discourse either at political level or within the population.

There was a particular interest among members for peer-to-peer exchanges on how different cities tackle the same situation.

3. Adoption of Terms of Reference

The group unanimously approved the [Terms of Reference](#).

4. Follow-up to the last meeting and planning of future AG work

Members were invited to discuss the ongoing activities from the previous AG mandate to decide whether they wished to continue.

Gemma presented an update on the work on drafting a template to design a city intercultural strategy as a checklist and possible guide on FAQs and replies for elected representatives which is being carried out by cities in the Spanish network, through RECI working groups.

All members agreed that both deliverables would be useful for the whole network and inputs from the group would be valuable. RECI working groups will meet the second week of July to finalise the timeline and structures of both deliverables, which will be shared with the Advisory group members for input later during summer.

Members were invited to discuss possible future activities, namely a workshop on communication and a welcoming session for new ICC members.

They agreed that communication is still a relevant topic, and the current members could work on specific tasks to share the workload among all members. They discussed the need to concentrate on both the form of communication but also content - better ways of communicating the ICC approach to elected representatives.

A proposal to hold the first welcoming session for new members in the afternoon of the next advisory group meeting, if logistically feasible, was put forward by the ICC secretariat and accepted by members.

5. Follow-up actions and next meeting

Members took note that the 7th AG meeting will take place in Bergen, Norway on 28 October before the Annual Coordinator's meeting 29-30 October 2025.