



Annual meeting of ICC Coordinators

Reggio Emilia (Italy), 16-17 November 2022

DRAFT AGENDA

Updated on 28 October 2022

Purpose of the meeting: The meeting of ICC coordinators is the annual gathering of coordinators of ICC international members and of the coordinators of ICC National networks. This year the meeting will take place in Reggio Emilia, on 16-17 November.

The meeting aims at taking stock of achievements, putting forward and discussing challenges, and preparing the next programme of work with a view to further develop both the intercultural cities' programme and the intercultural integration policy model.

Target group: Coordinators of cities that are member of the International Intercultural Cities Network, and Coordinators of ICC national networks.

NB: *The working languages are English and French (provided a sufficient number of French speaking cities register in the meeting).*

16 November – Part 1

9:30 – 12:30

Opening of the meeting and welcoming words

- Luca Vecchi, Mayor of Reggio Emilia and President of the National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI) Emilia-Romagna
- Ivana D'Alessandro, Head of the Intercultural Cities Unit

Overview of the past year

Moderated by Ivana D'Alessandro

Overview by the ICC team of the main events, tools, methodologies, and other developments of the ICC programme in 2022. Report by the relevant city/national coordinators about the projects implemented in the framework of the ICC grants (4 mn each). A short brainstorming session will follow to get general feedback from ICC coordinators.

This session includes a coffee break (11:00 – 11:30)

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

16 November – Part 2

14:30 – 17:30

Advancing equality through addressing discrimination, including systemic discrimination

Moderated by Catherine Wolf

This session will focus on ways and means to prevent and eliminate discrimination – including systemic discrimination – at local level. It will include a capacity building session on data collection to identify and prevent systemic discrimination.

- Cities engaged against discrimination: the ITACA¹ project and the Reggio Emilia Action Plan against discrimination (30 mn)
By: Eleonora Costantini, Research fellow at University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and International ICC coordinator for the city of Modena (Italy)
& Luca Colombo, Civil servant in charge of welfare, social cohesion and intercultural policies, and projects/services against educational poverty for minors and young adults, Reggio Emilia (Italy)
- Training on data collection to identify and prevent systemic discrimination (2h30, including coffee break)
By: Niall Crowley, Intercultural Cities expert

17 November – Part 3

9:30 – 12:30

Learning from peers – Good practice and inspiring ideas (hybrid session) (full agenda in Appendix)

Moderated by Nichola Howson

Part 1 - Multilingualism and language policies in Europe and Japan: two-way inspiration

This session aims at bringing experts and city representatives from Japan and Europe together to share knowledge and experience on the topic of multilingualism and language policies and on how these constitute an integral part of ICC member cities' efforts to apply the intercultural integration model. The session is organised in a hybrid in-person / online format. The detailed programme can be found in the Appendix. The working languages are English, French and Japanese.

This session includes a coffee break

Part 2 – Digital innovation to increase participation

This session will present Citizen coin, a social innovation project piloted with excellent results by the city of Bradford, United Kingdom (15 mn)

Group discussion on how to make better use of good practice exchange (30 mn)

¹ The Project [ITACA - Italian Cities Against Discrimination](#) (963374) is funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the European Commission. The project is promoted by ICEI in partnership with the Cities of Reggio Emilia and Modena, Fondazione Mondinsieme and ISMU.

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

17 November – Part 4

14:00 – 17:00

Towards the strategic development of the Intercultural Cities programme

Moderated by Ivana D'Alessandro

In 2022, an independent evaluation of the ICC programme's services and tools was carried out and will serve as a basis for re-prioritising the services offered by the programme as of 2023 without losing its impact. The findings and recommendations of this exercise, to which ICC coordinators and experts greatly contributed, will be presented and discussed during this session.

- Presentation of the findings and recommendations of the Evaluation of the ICC programme's services and tools (45 mn, interactive session)
By: Roderick Ackermann & Magali Bernard, Independent evaluators, KEK-CDC
- Discussion on findings and future developments

Brainstorming session on priorities for future work and ICC team plans, taking into account the discussions held in the previous session regarding the evaluation findings and recommendations.

17:00 Closing of the meeting



APPENDIX: AGENDA PART 3 SESSION²: Learning from peers – Good practice and inspiring ideas

17 November – 9:30 – 12:30 (hybrid session)

This session aims at sharing good and inspirational practices/policies from members cities on two main topics: 1) Multilingualism and language policies; 2) digital innovation and participation.

The session will be moderated Nichola Howson, Senior Project Officer, Intercultural Cities Unit, Directorate of Antidiscrimination, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe. The working languages are English, French and Japanese.

1. Multilingualism and language policies in Europe and Japan: two-way inspiration

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< PART 1 >

09:30 - 09:35 Welcoming words

By: Ivana D'Alessandro, Head of the Intercultural Cities Unit, Directorate of Antidiscrimination, Directorate General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

09:35 - 09:45 Introduction on interculturalism in Japan

By: Takahiko Ueno, Junior Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Study of Cultures, Faculty of Letters, Tsuru University, Tsuru (Japan)

09:45 - 10:00 Hamamatsu: A Vision for an Intercultural City and Multilingual Support

By: Hiroki Furuhashi, Chief Clerk, International Affairs Division, City Planning & Coordinating Department, Hamamatsu (Japan)

10:00 - 10:10 Presentation on plain Japanese

By: Keizo Yamawaki, Professor, School of Global Japanese Studies, Meiji University, Tokyo (Japan)

10:10 - 10:15 First Q&A round

² This session is supported by the Government of Japan through a voluntary contribution to the Intercultural Cities programme.

<PART 2>

- 10:15 - 10:30 Bergen (Norway): experience in using “mother tongue” for assisted language learning**
By: Renate Litleskare, Counsellor/teacher, Learning centre for Norwegian and social science, Bergen (Norway)
- 10:30 - 10:45 Reggio Emilia (Italy): initiatives undertaken to promote learning of migrant languages by the receiving communities**
By: Daniele Marchi, Deputy Mayor on Intercultural Dialogue, Reggio Emilia (Italy)
- 10:45 - 10:50 Second Q&A round**
- 10:50 - 11:10 Discussion with the floor (on part 1 and part 2)**
- 11:10 - 11:30 Coffee Break**

<PART 3>

- 11:30 - 11:40 CoE Resources on migrants’ language learning**
By: CoE representative (TBD)
- 11:40 - 11:45 Closure of the thematic session on multilingualism**
By: Ivana D’Alessandro

2. Digital innovation to increase civic participation

“Citizen Coin” is an app developed by Bradford City to increase civic participation. The Citizen Coin scheme enables people to earn digital discount coins when undertaking social value activities, such as volunteering, that they can then use to get discounts off goods and services. The coins can also be donated to other people and organisations. The Citizen Coin rewards people for doing social good, connects local voluntary organisations with their neighbourhoods, and communities with local businesses. (15 mn)

- 11:45 – 12:00 Bradford (United Kingdom): Citizen coin**
By: Neena Punnu, Project Support Officer, Stronger Communities Together Strategy (Bradford For Everyone), Neighbourhood and Customer Services, Bradford Council (United Kingdom)
- 12:00 – 12:30 Discussion on how to make better use of good practice exchange (including on multilingualism and language policies)**

12.30 – End of the session