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Italian Intercultural Cities Network “Città del Dialogo” ICC-ITA Action Plan 2017-2020

Outline

The Italian network of Intercultural Cities (ICC-ITA) Città del Dialogo groups municipalities that acknowledge and promote the importance of the diversity advantage in designing and managing their urban policies. These cities foster intercultural dialogue, promote the exchange of significant practice, communicate key results and policies to relevant stakeholders.

On May 25th 2017 the network launched its new 2017-2020 phase following a review of the relevant policies and strategies by cities-members.

The primary goals of the ICC-ITA Network are:

1. To work on the implementation of the urban model of intercultural integration in the ICC-ITA member-cities ensuring that concrete policies and actions are reflected in their city plans
2. To have each Member City to sign the updated version of the Statement of Intent between each city-member and the ICC Programme
3. Employ and adapt the existing ICC Programme tools and approaches to Italian cities' context with the Programme experts support assuring clear and straightforward implementation of the Programme concepts and principles
4. To facilitate and to contribute to the sharing of information and significant practice among the members of ICC-ITA and the cities-members of the ICC Programme
5. To communicate results and to promote policies reaching out for and establishing partnerships with a variety of local and national actors to promote updated intercultural policies

Priority Areas

1. ICC Index

Only two thirds (16 out of 25) of the Città del Dialogo municipalities have produced a profile and are participating in the ICC Index testing.

Only 4 municipalities (Arezzo, Novellara, San Giuliano Terme, Torino) published their profile during the first half of 2016, while 7 municipalities (Casalecchio, Forlì, Fucecchio, Lodi, Olbia, Ravenna, Reggio Emilia) produced their profile in February or March 2015.

9 members never produced a profile.

Some municipalities suggest that there is a need to adjust the ICC questionnaire to the specific Italian context and to move beyond a “multiculturalist” approach.

Cities agreed to spell out any criticism of the ICC questionnaire/index by mid-June 2017 and to proceed to fill-in the (revised) questionnaire and to draft their respective Profiles within the 12 months period following the new ICC-ITA Statement of Intent signing, i.e. the questionnaire testing should be scheduled during the second half of 2017 and the first half of 2018.

2. Expert visits

ICC-ITA cities can be supported by ICC experts to conduct the ICC index analysis, to draft their respective profiles and to refine their intercultural city strategy development.

3. Città del Dialogo Strategy

The ICC-ITA members will agree to launch the intercultural city strategy including a calendar scheduling activities in three key areas:

- good practice exchange meetings, each to be hosted by a different city and with a focus on a different theme
- the drafting of joint project proposal in order to raise funding on strategic projects, and
- targeted partnerships with relevant national actors.

In addition, ICC-ITA will consult and agree about a coordination and management structure. Three options are available:

- 3 cities taking responsibility for rotating among themselves the task of coordinating the network (12 months each) during the 3-year period 2017-2020
- 1 city taking the responsibility to co-ordinate and manage the network and to seek extra-funding for this task
- an external body taking the responsibility to co-ordinate and manage the network and to seek extra-funding for this task

Extra funding could be made available by introducing a thematic project to an Italian Ministry, for example the Ministry of Interior or the Ministry of Labour; or by seeking the support of a Foundation.

4. Raising awareness, cooperation

The ICC-ITA co-ordination body will implement a communication strategy to spread the key intercultural policies and proposal that are functional to facilitate and to consolidate the ICC_ITA diversity advantage policies.

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<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Experts Involved</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Notes</i>
On-line forum on (revised) ICC Index and Profile features + City Intercultural Policy Strategy/project					
First Good Practice Exchange Meeting					
Second Good Practice Exchange Meeting					
Third Good Practice Exchange Meeting					
Fourth Good Practice Exchange Meeting					
Fifth Good Practice Exchange Meeting					
Sixth Good Practice Exchange Meeting					
ICC-ITA Coordinators Meeting 2019					