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Activity report Italian ICC Network *Rete Città del Dialogo* 2024

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Summary

During this year, member cities of the Italian Network have been more and more involved in activities and projects both at national and international level, co-designing strategies and activities in their territories and exchanging practices and models, with an increasing exposure to knowledge sharing processes at European level. Together with the cities, we keep engaging citizens, especially young people, in intercultural initiatives, to develop and promote intercultural and inclusion values, behaviours and to counter discriminations.

This year cities have been involved in many activities and met often, with a high level of participation. New cities are interested in joining the network, and the network is also very happy to have recovered some dormant member cities, that participated in the thematic meeting in Modena in November, and have been enthusiastic about the positive interaction and the many projects and ideas for the future.

Network coordination

During the year, ICEI kept on informing the network about Intercultural Cities programme and *Città del Dialogo* activities and resources, sharing information on specific activities such as online training session (e.g. the “Anti-discrimination: a transformative approach for organisations” held on 31 January) and new online event series City Talk, in particular The City Talk “ICC index and Policy Design - From data to strategy” (2 May 2023) and The City Talk “Inclusive public space: is placemaking the solution?” (7 July 2023).

On 28-29 March ICEI was invited to participate in the expert meeting on “Young People and Social Inclusion in Cities” held in Lisbon with one of ICEI’s “under 30” Civil Service assistant. The experience and content were shared within the network and through social media.

Furthermore, ICEI participated in the coordination meeting organised by the ICC Programme in Bilbao on 14-15 November 2023.

Regarding the participation of Italian cities to the national ICC network, 1 new city joined the network (Zagarolo) and 2 cities (Parma and Orvieto), are in the process of joining. Presentation calls were held with both, taking the intermediate steps for membership.

Moreover, within the framework of the network's activities, the Municipality of Zagarolo proposed the realisation of an intercultural Certamen, which will involve the schools of the member cities.

The Certamen foresees a contest for students who will work on UNESCO heritage sites as an element of dialogue between cultures. Afterwards, the students from different cities will meet for a 3-day event in Zagarolo in April 2024.

With the coordination of ICEI, the following cities have expressed interest in participating in the initiative: Zagarolo, Modena, Palermo, Casalecchio di Reno and Montesilvano. A webinar with the cities has been held in October for the preparation of the initiative.

The **Coordination Meeting** has been held in the City of Montesilvano on May 17th-18th, with the following agenda:

17 may

- Registration
- Greetings and Introduction to the Meeting
- Institutional Greetings from the Municipality of Montesilvano
- Introductory speech and agenda presentation - ICEI
- Tour of presentation of participants
- Session dedicated to the mutual updating of Cities on challenges, ongoing projects and expected results for the coming months
- Update on the activities of the Cities of Dialogue Network
- International round table: the Intercultural Cities Programme and the work of the networks in Spain and Portugal

Speakers:

- Ivana d'Alessandro, Head of ICC Programme Unit, Council of Europe
 - Daniel De Torres, President of the Spanish ICC Network
 - Carla Calado, Coordinator of the Portuguese ICC Network
- Visit to two experiences of the Municipality of Montesilvano:
 - Family Space
 - SAI Centre

18 May

- Intercultural competences for the development of municipal policies
 - The experience of the NET-IDEA project
 - Debate on expectations and mainstreaming
- Areas and work priorities for the coming months
- Next Steps & Final Greetings

The participation at the event was affected by a severe weather event (flood) that hit parts of the country on 17-18 May. As a result, given the difficulties in transportation, 3 cities were able to reach the location (Montesilvano, Reggio Emilia and Modena), while others participated online (Pontedera, Ravenna, Forlì, Zagarolo).

The event allowed a discussion on numerous topics and priorities of the cities that will orientate the actions of the network in the second half of 2023 and in 2024.

A specific exchange with participating cities has been carried out to identify priority thematic areas on which to conduct training and webinars in the coming months. The following topics emerged:

1. Business & Inclusion - Training and accompaniment paths for businesses in the territories of the Network
2. Sport - Countering discrimination in sport
3. Youth Leadership - The role of young people in promoting intercultural cities and combating discrimination
4. Intercultural Certamen - Proposal for an intercultural Certamen put forward by the city of Zagarolo

5. Participation and co-planning – Citizens' participation for the elaboration of intercultural strategies
6. Housing - Exchange of practices between cities and with expert bodies in the sector

ICEI concluded the meeting by informing the cities that the next Network Event will be held in Modena in November 2023, in collaboration with the DiverCities project.

The **second meeting (thematic)** has been organized in **Modena** on the 29-30 November 2023, in synergy with the project DiverCities. Eleven cities participated in the meeting for a total of 27 participants, which was an excellent result.

Alongside moments of coordination and planning for the network's activities, the event had thematic sessions on the theme of citizens' participation for the elaboration of intercultural policies, a fundamental element within the intercultural approach promoted by the Intercultural Cities Programme, with experiences of cities in the Network and of external experts, as well as moments of confrontation and debate among cities.

Moreover, the session on the afternoon of the second day has been an event open to stakeholders from the Modena area interested in the development of participatory processes promoted by the public administration.

The following agenda included the following sessions:

29 November

9.30 - 13.00 Welcome, presentations and update on Network and City activities

Discussion session on "Citizens' participation for the definition of intercultural policies" - starting from the experience of the project *DiverCities - European cities for diversity and participation*

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

15.00-18.30 Presentation of the House of Cultures and activities & services of the Programme "Modena Intercultural City".

30 November

9.30-12.00 Training and discussion session on the topic of participatory processes.

Talks with experts, agencies and public authorities.

12.00-13.30 Co-planning for future initiatives of the Cities of Dialogue Network

13.30-14.30 Lunch

15.00-17.30 Public event on "Experiences of intercultural urban policies"

Activities

The Project ***ITACA – Italian Cities Against Discrimination*** ended in February 2023 after two and a half years of work. The Project supported the Italian network, working with the Cities of Reggio Emilia and Modena (partners of the Action) but also in constant collaboration with other cities of the Rete Città Del Dialogo (Casalecchio di Reno, Fucecchio, Novellara, Olbia and Viareggio).

The activities carried out included a capacity building of Cities staff, involving over 200 staff of the seven municipalities in the training program proposed by the project, and over 70 referents of third sector organisations in these territories.

As a final activity, in January 2023 the municipalities of Reggio Emilia and Modena have elaborated the *"Guidelines on non-discrimination policies and practices in the municipal administrations"* based on the experience of these two cities on this topic.

The project **NET-IDEA Network of European Towns for Interculturalism, Diversity, Equality and Anti-Discrimination** involves the following cities of the Italian ICC Network: Torino, Modena, Pontedera, Reggio Emilia.

During the Transnational Knowledge-Sharing on Intercultural Competences held in Barcelona, expectations, key objectives and main topics to be covered by the training were discussed with all partners and cities representatives. Several online meetings were held among partners to further define the training outline, the sessions plans and general rules and advice for facilitators. It was decided to prepare a comprehensive curriculum that would be flexible and adjustable locally to each city's needs and target audience.

It was collaboratively decided that training would focus on developing intercultural competences (at the individual and organisational levels) and participants would be mainly professionals working in the field of youth, namely:

- Youth Professionals from CSOs & NGOs
- City/Public Officers working with Youth & Other Fields
- Policymakers (Education or City High Level Members) working with Youth & Other Fields
- Teachers & Educators working with Youth

The training was composed of 4 sessions of 3 hours each and a number of asynchronous tasks distributed to participants to be made in between the sessions. The sessions usually occurred once a week for each group (around 10 to 25 people per group), during 4 weeks, even though in some cities planning and schedule were adapted to local needs.

With this training, we aimed to:

- Enhance capacity to manage intercultural interactions, including developing intercultural communication skills
- Build confidence to navigate diverse settings successfully
- Enhance buy-in and build commitment with intercultural policies and practices
- Increase skills to design and promote public policies or projects fostering an intercultural approach, making them more effective

A total of 213 participants were involved in 18 cities (6 countries).

Other activities carried out:

- Capacity building activities dedicated to the cities: in Italy the project NET-IDEA supported a wide capacity building programme addressed to all the educational staff for children aged 0 to 6.

A training programme has been delivered to **150 participants** with the following objectives:

- Improving the ability to manage intercultural interactions, including the development of communication skills intercultural communication skills.
- Feeling confident to navigate successfully in different youth contexts.
- Improving involvement and engagement in intercultural policies and intercultural practices.

- Acquire skills to design and promote policies or public projects targeted at young people that promote an intercultural approach, making them more effective.
- Creation of a **Community of Practice** for the transnational exchange of experiences and good practices, including the preparation and dissemination of common guidelines and a template to design the local actions of the Community of Practice.
 A set of activities related to the Community of Practices has been organised in each country for the target cities, including knowledge sharing moments, thematic sessions, peer-to-peer learning events, etc.
 The main goal of Community of Practice is to continue developing and placing into practice intercultural competences and initiatives that foster them within each city. In order to achieve that, NET-IDEA aim to create a community of practice with training participants or related target groups not initially covered by the training. This can take on different formats for each country/city.
- Planning and organisation of a **First European Youth Summit Against Rumours** in the city of Lublin (Poland) in the first week of October with the participation of 44 participants from 14 European Cities and 6 Countries, joined by 6 young people as special guests from 6 Ukrainian cities. The summit was designed in synergy with the activities of Lublin European Youth Capital 2023.
- Design of the **international communication campaign** to raise awareness, that will be carried out with the contribution of cities involved in the project.
 The Campaign will use the “Photovoice” methodology: a qualitative research method used in community-based participatory research that gathers participant-taken photographs and narratives to translate experience into actionable knowledge.
 Moreover, the Campaign will be included in the InsideOut project, an international initiative that helps communities around the world to communicate and spread their messages: www.insideoutproject.net

The project **DIVERCITIES – European cities for diversity and participation** aims to promote an effective bottom-up approach, which stimulates citizens’ participation in the elaboration of local intercultural policies in European cities.

Following the kick off meeting in Pontedera (Italy) (27-28 March 2023), the project started its activities in the 8 partner cities, in particular for the design of the local public consultation process on intercultural issues in Italy (cities of Montesilvano, Modena and Pontedera), Spain, Portugal and Greece.

The project worked to **strengthen competences & methodologies** in 8 European cities in the implementation of effective bottom-up democratic processes with the active cooperation of local stakeholders, including training sessions for LAs staff and the sharing of guidelines on the **Intercultural Assemblies methodology**.

The Intercultural Assemblies methodology applied by the project DiverCities is based on the following elements:

- It involves a representative sample of residents.
- It produces decisions which are evidence-based.
- It generates strong engagement and bonding among members.
- It is example of democratic participation and inclusion of diversity.
- It helps the society understand and accept the decisions.

The **Project #Diversamente – Young people against discrimination** (targeting the cities of Torino, Milano, Reggio Emilia, Pontedera and Montesilvano) carried out a large number of activities promoting the active role of young people and the educational community in the construction of inclusive and intercultural cities.

In particular, the following actions have been implemented:

- Development of a set of recommendations for anti-rumours actions (“**Kit anti-rumours**”)
- Capacity building of 39 youth workers/educators on the anti-rumours strategy.
- Creation of groups of '**youth leaders**' and training of youth activists on anti-rumours methodology: 14 groups of young activists (youth leaders) were created and are active in the 5 partner cities: 5 in Milan, 5 in Turin, 2 in Reggio Emilia, 1 in Pontedera, 1 in Montesilvano.
- Non-formal education activities about the emergence of rumours in contexts surrounding young people and elaboration of a **Concept Map** of the main rumours and prejudices for each city.
- **Creation of an edutainment tool** for combating discrimination (ongoing), including a needs analysis with youth workers and the development of edutainment concept and testing of the game demo.
- Starting of the **participatory process for co-designing city strategies** to fight youth discrimination, including:
 - The development in each city of a stakeholders' map.
 - The collection of rumours by young activists during public events in Pontedera and Montesilvano.
 - Launch and/or planning of consultation meetings between young people/operators and municipalities for the elaboration of the city anti-rumours strategy.
- **Implementation of Anti-Rumours actions** to fight discrimination within youth spaces in 5 cities:
 - Implementation of anti-rumour actions as part of a music contest in Reggio Emilia.
 - Organisation of the Stop Rumours evening in Pontedera.
 - Youth participation with anti-rumour actions at the Pulpa Festival in Montesilvano.
- Organisation of the 1st **Youth Camp for young anti-rumours activists** (21-23 November in Milan), to lay the foundations for a network national network of boys and girls against discrimination.

Communication

Our communication in 2024 promoted the initiatives addressed by the projects and implemented locally by the intercultural cities,

RCD Facebook Community is solid at **12.632 followers**. On RCD and ICEI social media channels we published a total of **67 posts under the umbrella of ICC/RCD network and on intercultural topics**. We updated our public about the initiatives of the projects NET-IDEA, DiversaMente, DiverCities and ITACA. We also communicated the participation to important

events such as the RCD Annual Meeting we organised in Montesilvano and the RCD II Meeting held in Modena.

Finally, we gave visibility to the initiatives implemented by intercultural cities on their territories.



ICEI
5 ottobre alle ore 16:01

Al via lo European Summit of Youngsters Against Rumours, evento di 3 giorni che si terrà a Lublino in Polonia, Capitale Europea della Gioventù 2023, dal 6 al 8 ottobre.

60 giovani provenienti da 6 Paesi europei impegnati nel contrasto agli stereotipi e alle discriminazioni si incontreranno per scambiare esperienze, buone pratiche e strategie per promuovere società più eque e inclusive.

L'evento è realizzato nell'ambito del Progetto NET-IDEA, Network of European Towns for Interculturalism, Diversity, Equality and Anti-Discrimination, con capofila ICEI e partner 4 reti nazionali di città interculturali - Rete Italiana delle Città del Dialogo, RECI Red de Ciudades Interculturales, Rede Portuguesa das Cidades Interculturais e Interkulturella Städer Sverige - e 16 città europee.

Il progetto è finanziato dall'Unione Europea, con il supporto di Intercultural Cities / Cités interculturelles Programme del Council of Europe.

Rete Italiana delle Città del Dialogo
Pubblicato da 148 Angeli · 27 gennaio

Siamo lieti di annunciare che prende forma il percorso di co-progettazione del Piano e dell'Osservatorio Antidiscriminazioni del Comune di Milano, nato dalla collaborazione tra il Comune di Milano, l'Associazione ISMU, ICEI e WeWorld Onlus, grazie a un processo partecipato che coinvolge associazioni ed enti rappresentativi della società civile.

L'obiettivo principale del nostro progetto è la promozione della parità effettiva dei diritti e delle opportunità per tutti, attraverso... Altro...

Milano città per Tutt3
PARTECIPAZIONE,
DIRITTI E CONTRASTO
ALLE DISCRIMINAZIONI

Nel 2023
il Comune di Milano
lavorerà per un Piano e un
Osservatorio Antidiscriminazioni.



Rete Italiana delle Città del Dialogo
Pubblicato da Sara Moscardini · 21 marzo

In occasione della Giornata mondiale per l'eliminazione delle discriminazioni razziali, che si celebra oggi 21 marzo, e della Settimana di azione contro il razzismo, promossa da UNAR, ICEI supporta 13 centri giovanili di 8 città italiane, Milano, Modena, Casalecchio di Reno, Montesilvano, Pontedera, Reggio Emilia, Torino e Venezia, nell'organizzazione di iniziative di sensibilizzazione e informazione per favorire la diffusione della cultura del rispetto e dell'inclusione. L... Altro...



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799 follower

Si è concluso il Progetto ITACA - Italian Cities Against discrimination, finanziato dal programma REC della Commissione Europea, il cui obiettivo è stato di rafforzare il ruolo dei Comuni della "Rete Città del Dialogo" nel promuovere politiche... Altri



Progetto ITACA - Italian Cities Against discrimination
youtube.com
Sara La Torre e 7 altre persone · 1 diffusione post

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Rete Italiana delle Città del Dialogo
23 novembre alle ore 19:22

Il 1° Youth Camp del progetto Diversamente - Giovani Contro le Discriminazioni ha animato le giornate del 21, 22 e 23 novembre a Milano! Organizzato da Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli in collaborazione con ICEI, capofila del progetto, e gli altri partner, ha coinvolto oltre 50 giovani provenienti da cinque città italiane.

L'obiettivo? Creare il primo nucleo nazionale di attivisti Anti-Rumours, dando vita alla Rete nazionale dei "Giovani Anti-Rumours". Durante... Altro...



Rete Italiana delle Città del Dialogo
28 novembre alle ore 14:08

Il 29 e 30 novembre, al Laboratorio Aperto di Modena, la Rete Italiana delle Città del Dialogo, coordinata da ICEI e composta da 30 città, si riunisce per il secondo meeting annuale!

Due giorni di confronto sulle iniziative del 2023, partendo dal Progetto DiverCities. Modena presenterà i risultati dei percorsi di partecipazione alle politiche interculturali, culminati nella Carta Viva per la Modena Interculturale, recentemente approvata dalla Giunta.

Confermate già molti... Altro...

MODENA INTERCULTURALE LA FIERA DELLE ESPERIENZE
UN PERCORSO DI PARTECIPAZIONE ALLE POLITICHE INTERCULTURALI DELLE CITTÀ

LABORATORIO APERTO - EX AEM
VIALE BUON PASTORE 43 - MODENA

GIOVEDÌ 30 novembre 2023
14:30 - 17:30

PROGRAMMA

- 14:30 - registrazione partecipanti e saluti istituzionali
- 15:00 - presentazione del progetto DiverCities
- 15:30 - workshop aperti sulle esperienze partecipative di Modena
- 17:00 - conclusioni

Modenainterculturale

Rete Italiana delle Città del Dialogo
15 novembre

Incontro Internazionale dei Coordinatori della rete Intercultural Cities (ICC) a Bilbao - 14-15 novembre 2023

ICEI, coordinatore della Rete Italiana Città Del Dialogo, e gli altri coordinatori internazionali delle città membri della rete Intercultural Cities / Cités interculturelles del Council of Europe si stanno riunendo in questi giorni a Bilbao, Spagna.

Questo incontro annuale è un'opportunità unica per fare il punto sui risultati raggiunti, affrontare le sfide e d... Altro...



The social media channels of the cities involved in the initiatives shared the same contents, increasing coverage, awareness, and dissemination.

Next steps

Next year the Italian network will continue and extend its commitment in promoting exchange among cities and capacity building for the staff of member municipalities on the priority themes identified during the coordination meetings.

Moreover, the implementation of specific initiatives financed by European and national donors will make it possible to deepen and strengthen the work already underway for the development of participative processes for the elaboration of intercultural city policies, involving municipalities and civil society.

Secondly, the creation of a national network of youth centres, in coordination with the municipalities, will be a priority of the Network, together with the work to mobilise and empower the new generations as key actors in the fight against discrimination.

These axes of intervention will be flanked by an important commitment in the field of communication, awareness-raising and the promotion of new narratives to build more inclusive and intercultural cities.