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Agenda for the project partners

European Towns Fostering Intercultural Dialogue and Combating Discrimination of Migrants and Minorities

2nd International Event (ONLINE)

Participatory governance and involvement of civil society in intercultural policy-making

Kaunas, Lithuania
13-15 April 2021

CONTENT:

- Debating participatory governance and involvement of civil society in the intercultural policy-making process from the initial idea to implementation.
- Facilitating an open debate with the local Lithuanian citizens and involving them in the debate and sharing with the network members.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Promoting the advantages of the European diversity and intercultural dialogue as tools to build more inclusive and fairer societies in European towns.
- Debating strategies for diversity management and good practices, shared by the members of the European Network of Towns for Diversity Management and Protection of Minority and Migrant Rights.

The project partners are required to assure that at least **3-4 persons per partner** will register and attend the open morning sessions (**highlighted in the agenda in yellow**) and **2 persons** - the sessions which are exclusively for the partners (**highlighted in blue**).

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT ONLINE:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe44SaN-6Ory92Q0VwvQIOdHClDdJL6OI2uVV2vg_XLnTPzww/viewform?usp=sf_link

Time is Central European Time (CET) (Brussels, Paris, Madrid time) (Local time: +1:00)

Day 1, Tuesday 13th April 2021

10.00 – 10.30 **Welcome speeches**

ALBINAS VILČINSKAS, Vice-minister, Culture Ministry of Republic of Lithuania
MINDAUGAS SINKEVIČIUS, Mayor of Jonava district municipality, President of Association of Local Authorities in Lithuania



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VILIS ZINKEVIČS, project manager, Deputy Head of Development and Planning Unit of Carnikava Municipality (Lead Partner)

10.30 – 11.00 Brief Introduction of all participants

Moderator: BO MARIA DASKALOVA, PhD

11.00 – 11.15 Break for some physical activity

11.15 – 12.30 Introduction to the key topics of the meeting: participatory governance and intercultural policy-making

Moderated discussion

Presenter/moderator: BO MARIA DASKALOVA, PhD

12.30 – 13.00 Migrant integration policy in Lithuania: obstacles and opportunities

Presenter: GIEDRĖ BLAŽYTĖ, PhD, Diversity Development Group, Researcher

13.00 – 13.30 Virtual walk in Jonava and Kėdainiai: diversity and cultural heritage

13.30 - 14.30 Discussing project organizational details with project partners

(only for the international project partners - 2-3 people per organization)

Day 2, Wednesday 14th April 2021

10.00 – 10.15 Opening of the day. Introduction of the program

10.15 – 10.35 Integration policy for foreigners in the Republic of Lithuania

Presenter: LAURA PEREVIČIŪTĖ, Chief Adviser at EU investment unit of Ministry of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania

10.35 – 11.00 Policy of national minorities in Lithuania

Presenter: VAIVA VĖŽELYTĖ-POKLADOVA, National minorities' policy analysis and information department, the Department of National Minorities under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

11.00 - 11.30 Moderated discussion with project partners on challenges to local application of participatory governance

Moderator: BO MARIA DASKALOVA, PhD

11.30 - 11.45 Break for some physical activity

11.45 - 13.15 Presentation of Kaunas - European Capital of Culture 2022



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Presenter: LUKAS ALSYS, Regional Partnerships Curator at European Capital of Culture 2022

13.15 - 14.30 Discussing project organizational details with project partners

Day 3, Thursday 15th April 2021

10.00 – 10.15 Opening of the day. Introduction of the program

10.15 – 11.00 Good practice of integration of migrants in Jonava district municipality

Presenter: MINDAUGAS SINKEVIČIUS, Mayor, Jonava District Municipality

Presenter: VALENTINA DEMIDENKO, Director, Jonava District Social Service Centre

11.00 – 11.30 Moderated discussion with project partners

(only for the international project partners)

11.30 – 11.45 Break for some physical activity

11.45 - 13.15 Wrap of the online debates

(only for the international project partners)

13.15 - 14.30 Final organizational details with project partners

Discussing follow up and next meetings (only for the international project partners)

Closing

