

OVERVIEW ANNEX INPUTS FOR RT 2.1 ON BACKGROUND PAPER ON MIGRATION, DIVERSITY AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETIES

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Annex to the RT 2.1 Background Paper on Migration, Diversity and Harmonious Societies

This Annex contains descriptions and references to examples of relevant frameworks, policies, programmes, projects and other experiences in relation to the issues raised in the policy part of the Background paper. This second part of the Background paper aims to form the basis of an evolving catalogue of policies and practices with a view to be stored and displayed on the GFMD PfP website in the M&D Policy and Practice Database. See <http://www.gfmd.org/pfp/ppd>.

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI)	
Country: Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Morocco, Nepal, Philippines, Senegal, and Tunisia (Donor: Switzerland)	Partner(s): UNDP, IOM
Thematic Area(s): Migration, diversity and harmonious societies«F19»	Tags: Local Development«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) stresses the importance of local realities and works in partnership with local stakeholders in line with the essential local-to-local dimension of the migration and development nexus. The most successful and sustainable migration and development interventions identified by the JMDI are those with strong anchorage with the local governments in countries of origin and destination. This linkage is all the more important as the drivers and impact of migration are often most strongly felt at the local level, be it in terms of effects on the local labour market, the size and demographic of the local population, or the need for public service provision. This is why provinces and local authorities are strategic levels of governments to be involved, making consultations and agreement with sub-national levels of governments particularly important for the civil society.</p> <p>The Joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) is a EC/SDC financed program working on two levels. In eight pilot countries projects are implemented at local level on migration and development in order to gain knowledge and experience. At global level, these experiences are fed into the global policy dialogue on migration and development, knowledge tools are created, and knowledge-exchange is promoted.</p>	
Web Links: http://www.migration4development.org/en/content/about-jmdi	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Project	
Country: Amman/Jordan, Beirut/Lebanon, Lisbon/Portugal, Tangiers/Morocco, Tunis/Tunisia, Lyon/France, Madrid/Spain, Vienna/Austria, Turin/Italy (Donors: EC and Switzerland)	Partner(s): ICMPD, UN Habitat, UCLG, UNHCR
Thematic Area(s): Migration, diversity and harmonious societies«F19»	Tags: Local Development«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Mediterranean City-to-City Migration Project (MC2CM) implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in partnership with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and UN Habitat, as well as UNHCR as an associate partner, aims to create a network of 10 European and Southern Mediterranean cities in order to facilitate exchange of experience among and to contribute to improved migration planning and governance in these cities. Through the expert network, the project will facilitate learning and cooperation among city representatives and experts. City Migration Profiles for each participating city will be developed based on desk and field research. These City Migration Profiles as well as Peer-to-Peer Meetings on local migration policy issues of common interest will be the basis of City Priority Papers providing strong basis for future action with regard to migration governance in the respective cities as well as a City Toolkit providing easy access to policy options will encourage migration planning. Furthermore, concrete pilot projects will begin to take preliminary steps towards City-to-City Action, in line with the priorities defined in the priority papers for migration planning. The pilot projects will provide technical expertise and concrete instruments to Southern Mediterranean countries, focusing on specific needs outlined in the Migration Profiles and the priority papers and specifically requested by the participating.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>https://www.icmpd.org/our-work/migration-dialogues/mtm/city-to-city/</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development	
Country: Global (Donor: Switzerland)	Partner(s): UNITAR, IOM, World Bank, JMDI
Thematic Area(s): Migration, Diversity and Harmonious Societies«F19»	Tags: Local Development«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Mayoral Forum on Mobility, Migration and Development is the annual gathering of mayors and city leaders serving to promote globally relevant policy dialogue, foster the exchange of experiences in governing migration, and strategize on how to work collectively. The objectives of the Mayoral Forum are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a globally relevant policy dialogue for mayors and municipal leadership to strategize on how to work collectively, stay engaged, and gain support for their policies and activities relating to promoting economic development in a context of diversity; • Support new and innovative approaches to urban governance in contexts of greater diversity, and to showcase city leadership in the implementation of migration policies for inclusive growth including through the implementation of the new 2030 UN Sustainable Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as espoused in the Quito Local Agenda endorsed by the Second Mayoral Forum on 13 November 2015; • Share experiences and concrete recommendations on how to progress in leveraging the development outcomes of greater migration and mobility, and successfully managing diversity; • Launch new initiatives with on the ground impact within and between cities, and agree on the parameters for such initiatives; • Bridge macro and micro levels of governance by sharing information and insights on inter-governmental processes from the annual GFMD (taking place on 10-12 December 2016 in Dhaka), to the UN-Habitat III Conference (taking place on 17-20 October 2016 in Quito), and the UN Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants (19 September 2016), in addition to supporting in the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the work of Regional Consultative Processes on migration; • Supplement existing regional and international initiatives by connecting with the inroads being made at the sub-national level. <p>The First Mayoral Forum was launched on 19-20 June 2014 in Barcelona. Its official outcome – the Call of Barcelona – unanimously endorsed by the cities represented, stresses equality of rights, duties and opportunities as core bases for a cohesive society, “demand(ing) a dignified treatment and respect for all people, regardless of their origin”. The Second Mayoral Forum took place in Quito on 12-13 November 2015. Here, the Quito Local Agenda on Migration and Development was endorsed, which affords a more visible and explicit understanding of the role played by local administrations in the implementation of the new 2030 Agenda, and can (as the Mayoral Forum process has begun to do) lead to greater inclusion in national, regional and global decision making processes on migration. The Third Mayoral Forum will take place in Quezon City on 29-30 September 2016, and will highlight projects underway within communities in the spirit of the Quito Local Agenda and the international principles it espouses.</p>	
<p>Web Links: https://www.unitar.org/dcp/human-mobility-programme/facilitating-policy-dialogue http://www.migration4development.org/en/node/45986</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Communication strategy regarding the opening of new reception centers for asylum seekers	
Country: Switzerland	Partner(s):
Thematic Area(s): Migration, Diversity and Harmonious Societies«F19»	Tags: Social Cohesion and Integration«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Switzerland has a long tradition of sheltering refugees. At the same time, opinion polls consistently show voter concern about high levels of immigration, and about sheltering people who may not be genuine refugees.</p> <p>Opposition against such shelters or asylum centers has been a regular occurrence in the recent past. In many cases, local residents have voiced concerns about security and public order. To address some of those fears, the Swiss government has developed a participatory communication approach to prevent opposition against asylum centers. This communication strategy occurs in two phases: before the center opens and after the opening of the accommodation. A series of events and communication activities are being organized: preliminary discussions with the local authorities, written agreement with the local authorities, information sessions for local residents, testimonies, school workshops, publication of press releases, media tour in the center, etc.</p> <p>This participatory communication approach has given promising results: First of all we have been facing comparatively little opposition among local residents since its implementation, the discussion turns out to be less emotional and more fact-oriented and finally, we have witnessed that the population started own initiatives in view of improving the cohabitation with the asylum seekers (i.e. language courses, activities for children, handicraft activities).</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>https://vimeo.com/111990122</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Urban Projects Switzerland	
Country: Switzerland	Partner(s):
Thematic Area(s): Migration, diversity and harmonious societies«F19»	Tags: Social Cohesion and Integration«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Switzerland has developed a specific integration program to encourage the development of individual urban projects. The program is being accompanied and funded by six different federal agencies (multi-stakeholder approach) and aims at developing individual projects in socially and economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, where cohabitation between the local population and migrants from different parts of the world is a challenge. Examples are the creation of a meeting spot for people living in the neighborhood, a playgroup with specific language training elements, outreach work in the neighborhoods, the implementation of neighborhood forums and workshops with local residents, as well as sociocultural animation spots etc.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>www.projetsurbains.ch/ (only in German, French and talian)</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: «Citoyenneté: mitreden, mitgestalten, mitentscheiden» (Programme that aims to support financially innovative projects in the field of participation)	
Country: Switzerland (Federal Commission on migration FCM)	Partner(s): Civil society, NGO's and local administrations.
Thematic Area(s): Migration, Diversity and Harmonious Societies«F19»	Tags: Social Cohesion and Integration.«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Federal Commission on Migration (FCM) is an extra-parliamentary commission acting in an advisory capacity to the Swiss Federal Council (see below). With its programme «<i>Citoyenneté: mitreden, mitgestalten, mitentscheiden</i>» the FCM promotes a large number of initiatives and activities in the field of democracy, participation and harmonious cohabitation. The FCM sees political participation as an important factor of integration. Through its programme the FCM supports locally adapted initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that consider migrants as partners. - that invite people concerned to become involved. - that aim to widen the possibilities for political participation. - that offer opportunities to have a say, to co-create and to co-decide. - that open new possibilities to shape political decision-shaping and -making processes. - that contribute to a sustainable social development. <p>From the FCM's perspective the cultural, societal and political visibility and representation of migrants is to be considered as both a key to integration and an indicator of a vital democracy.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>Ongoing projects:</p> <p>http://www.ekm.admin.ch/ekm/de/home/projekte/citoyen/laufend.html</p> <p>Program documentation:</p> <p>http://www.ekm.admin.ch/content/dam/data/ekm/projekte/Brochure_d.pdf</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYrnTArN99U</p> <p>http://www.ekm.admin.ch/content/dam/data/ekm/projekte/Flyer_d.pdf</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Federal Commission on Migration FCM – a platform of participation	
Country: Switzerland	Partner(s): Civil society, NGO's and local administrations
Thematic Area(s): Migration, Diversity and Harmonious Societies«F19»	Tags: Social Cohesion and Integration«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The Federal Commission on Migration FCM is an advisory commission of the federal council. It aims at encouraging harmonious relations between the Swiss population and migrants living in Switzerland. Out of its mandate the FCM is involved in ongoing political debates and sets its own thematic accents as well. It works out specific programmes to promote integration, elaborates publications and cooperates with partners on a regional, national and international level.</p> <p>The FCM is made up of 30 members who represent a wide range of institutions and interests. Represented are members from the unions as well as the federation of employers, migrant associations, churches, local integration delegates, migrant services and many more. They all dispose of great expertise in different migration related thematic fields. On the one hand these experts offer their know-how to the federal administration and the government. On the other hand, they get the opportunity to represent their own interests. At least half of the members have experienced migration themselves.</p> <p>As an extra parliamentary commission, the FCM has an important role to play in the democratic process ensuring the dialogue various stakeholders. It assures that the opinions of different interest groups are represented and can be expressed. The membership in the commission gives them the possibility to wield influence on the work of the government and the federal administration. Hence, the FCM is an important actor in the democratic process.</p> <p>What is the added value of the FCM:</p> <p>Firstly, the FCM can propose visionary ideas and policy strategies. As an interface between authorities and civil society the FCM is, secondly, an important instrument of democracy and political participation. And thirdly, it can promote innovation through supporting projects that go beyond current policies (e.g. Programme «<i>Citoyenneté: mitreden, mitgestalten, mitentscheiden</i>»).</p> <p>Thus, the FCM can be seen as a model of good governance in the field of migration, diversity and harmonious cohabitation.</p>	
<p>Web Links:</p> <p>http://www.ekm.admin.ch/ekm/de/home.html</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: <i>Supporting the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership</i>	
Country: Republic of Moldova	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration (IOM) / Mission to Moldova
Thematic Area(s): Migration and Diversity for Harmonious Societies«F19»	Tags: Diaspora Empowerment and Engagement; Return and Reintegration.«F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>The overall objective of the project is support the implementation of the migration and development component of the EU-Moldova Mobility Partnership in order to minimize the negative effects of migration and to harness the benefits of migration for development purposes, and extending the benefits of the Mobility Partnership to Transnistria in order to contribute to the confidence building measures between the right and left-bank by diminishing the social pressure caused by the unsettled conflict over the societies.</p> <p><i>Activity 1:</i> The action works to support the confidence between the academic and research communities from both sides of the Nistru, through fostering the implementation of the Mobility Partnership by updating and expanding the Extended Migration Profile to include Transnistria, and mapping the diaspora. The project is working towards improving the links between the both banks' academic and research community, enhancing the capacity of the Transnistrian academic and research community, policy makers and local authorities to collect and use data required for efficient policies for minimization of the negative social costs of migration and enhancing the development potential of migration.</p> <p><i>Activity 2:</i> The project seeks to improve the out-reach capacities of the consular staff to the diaspora communities, including those originating from Transnistria, thus reinforcing ties of the diaspora members with the homeland and reinforcing the confidence-building measures in the human dimension. The project activities work for improving the authorities' capacity in diaspora programming and enhancing the capacity of migrant associations and initiative groups in the destination countries to become active in support of local development of the homeland.</p> <p><i>Activity 3:</i> The project contributes to fostering the confidence building between the two shores of Nistru river by implementing activities for enhancing the capacity of the authorities to develop and implement programs for promotion and facilitation of the return and professional reintegration of qualified and returning migrants through up-grading of the in-country system targeting migrant returnees and creation of a set of measures facilitating the return and socio-economic reintegration of various groups of returning migrants. The project works for enhancing the protection of the rights of the migrants working abroad, developing innovative temporary and permanent return and reintegration programs, as well as promotion of economic empowerment of returning migrant workers, rural youth and women.</p> <p><i>Activity 4:</i> The project works to address the needs of vulnerable members of communities in Transnistria affected by migration or at risk of potential unsafe migration in Transnistria. The project works for identifying, developing and implementing specific activities targeting family members left behind by migrants – including Transnistria residents, as well as other vulnerable groups of population affected by migration, taking into account their vulnerability, in order to minimize the negative effects of migration.</p>	
Web Links: http://bit.ly/2aWfAYv	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: IOM's global migrant training activities	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration
Thematic Area(s): Integration of migrants, training	Tags:
<p>Summary: IOM's global migrant training activities continue to facilitate the effective integration of migrants, whether long-term or temporary, into their receiving countries. Between 2011 and 2015, a total of 205,955 migrants participated in customized tailored training programmes, carried out in over 75 countries worldwide. In 2015 alone, IOM implemented over 29 different migrant training projects globally, including 23 pre-departure, 5 post-arrival and 1 on-site training programme. These trainings provided orientation for a total of 41,467 migrants representing 66 different nationalities; reflecting an increase of over 3,000 individuals compared to 2014 figures.</p>	
<p>Web Links: http://www.iom.int/migrant-training</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Pre-departure and post-arrival services	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration
Thematic Area(s): Integration tools	Tags:
<p>Summary: IOM has a strong history in pre-departure and post-arrival services and works in four areas - movement and transportation assistance, case processing, health assessments, and overseas language training and/or cultural orientation. Pre-departure and post-arrival training are integration tools that are increasingly requested by both receiving and sending governments to prepare and facilitate the integration of potential migrants in origin countries. Trainings are participatory and learner-centric in order to maximize effectiveness. IOM has been working to more closely link pre-departure and post-arrival training so that migrants receive comprehensive and coherent support all along the integration “continuum”. For example, IOM has collaborated with the Norwegian Government to develop the Norwegian Cultural Orientation (NORCO) programme for refugees. The programme assists quota refugees prior to their departure, and continues support once they have settled in Norway. The support includes use of bi-cultural trainers and gender-sensitive trainings. IOM also supports the establishment and operation of various Migrant Resource Centres (MRCs) globally, as a “one-stop shop” for information and services for migrants in both source and host countries. MRCs offer a space for migrants to obtain accurate information how to navigate the migration process through a variety of approaches such as individualized legal counseling, hotlines, information dissemination campaigns and websites</p>	
<p>Web Links: https://publications.iom.int/books/headstart-integration http://www.iom.int/norwegian-cultural-orientation-programme-norco-fostering-integration-resettled-refugees-local https://publications.iom.int/books/running-effective-migrant-resource-centre-handbook-practitioners</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Research projects	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration
Thematic Area(s): Decision making and governance of integration	Tags:
<p>Summary: IOM also conducts research projects to improve knowledge for developing new integration policies or programmes. In Portugal, for example, previous IOM-supported research projects have included a 2006 study of the different levels of socio-economic integration of immigrants across different geographical areas (regions, and major metropolitan areas). The study was part of a wider EU-financed initiative which included research projects in Italy, France, Spain and the UK. The aim of the project was to provide policy makers with a research-based tool to inform the decision making and governance of the complex phenomenon of integration, providing also a transnational base of comparison.</p>	
Web Links:	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Technical support to government officials and practitioners	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration
Thematic Area(s): Training and capacity building initiatives	Tags:
<p>Summary: Furthermore, IOM extends technical support to government officials and other practitioners working directly with migrants through training, advisory services and other capacity building initiatives. For example, in 2014, IOM organised an integration seminar in Morocco which supported the Government in developing a National Strategy on Immigration and Asylum. Participants included Moroccan ministry officials, government representatives from abroad (including Spain, Ivory Coast and Switzerland), international organisations/NGOs (including UNHCR and Caritas) and other migration experts. IOM's insights and inputs into the seminar came from its experience in the region which included developing vocational education and training programmes, migrant health projects, Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) and upgrading the national contractual framework for migrant worker rights.</p>	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Media Professionals Training	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration
Thematic Area(s): Governance of migration and coordination of dialogue, capacity-building	Tags:
<p>Summary: The organisation helps in building the capacities of media professionals and students to implement good standards in their reporting of migration issues. For instance, IOM has held training seminars in 2011 for journalists and media students from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia to raise awareness about reporting on migration issues. This included enhancing knowledge on interviewing traumatized persons, different categories of migrants and consequences of media reporting on TCNs. The objective of these seminars was to encourage the production of higher quality of migration-related information to the public. In addition they also sought to improve dialogue between representatives of the media, journalism students and NGOs focusing on migration issues.</p>	
Web Links:	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Plural+ Video Festival	
Country: Global	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
Thematic Area(s): Social Cohesion and Integration, awareness raising programmes against xenophobia and discrimination	Tags:
<p>Summary: Recognizing the important role that the perception of migrants play in the integration process, IOM also implements awareness raising programs to promote the positive contributions of migrants and combat xenophobia and discrimination. IOM, in partnership with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, has supported the Plural+ Video Festival, a youth-produced video festival which encourages young people to explore themes of migration, diversity and social inclusion, and to share their creative vision with the world. Since 2009, almost 1,300 entries from 90 countries have been submitted.</p>	
Web Links: http://pluralplus.unaoc.org/	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Bridge schools	
Country: Japan	Partner(s): International Organization for Migration
Thematic Area(s): Migrant education	Tags:
<p>Summary: Migrant education is a well-developed field and best practice examples can be found within the work of many organisations, including IOM. One example is through our work in Japan, where IOM has helped to operate ‘bridge-schools’ since 2009 to support migrant children who had dropped out of private education as a result of the financial crisis. The bridge schools support the transfer into public schools through the provision of language classes. To complement the bridge schools a review of Japanese-as-Second-Language (JSL) education was conducted in order to provide Japanese teachers with practical and online resources.</p>	
Web Links:	

Title of M&D Policy or Practice: Projects of the Greek Integration Fund Regarding Diversity and Harmonious Society	
Country: Greece	Partner(s):
Thematic Area(s): Diversity and Harmonious Societies«F19»	Tags: Social Cohesion and Integration; Protection, Empowerment and Rights of Migrants. «F21»
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Nowadays many countries are experiencing humanitarian migration on an unprecedented scale. Efforts towards the direction of a coherent, long-term and comprehensive strategy that maximizes the benefits of migration must be continued. The key to maximizing the benefits of immigration is the successful integration of migrants into their host societies. To this end, the Greek Fund for the Integration of non-EU immigrants (EIF) has sought to promote European cooperation, with the objective of granting equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities for all.</p> <p>The Ministry of Interior in the framework of the National Strategy on Integration, has financed through the European Integration Fund for the integration of Third Country Nationals (TCNs), fifty nine (59) projects in the field of integration, of a total budget of € 9.584.777, from the year 2008 till the year 2013.</p> <p>Projects such as of Intercultural Mediation (Training Programs for Intercultural Mediators, Intercultural Training Programs for civil servants in selected hospitals of the country, or for the staff serving in local government and in municipal police) facilitated communication between immigrants and civil servants, thereby reducing cultural misunderstandings and promoting harmonious society and non-discriminatory access to public services.</p> <p>The key –components and overall targets of all the actions of the Greek Fund were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interculturalism & promotion of cultural diversity in the Greek society. Towards this direction, the celebration of “Immigrant’s Day”, an action of every Annual Program, has become a crossroad of interaction for different cultures interlocking with the Greek culture. The cultural events on “Immigrant’s Day” contributed into bridging the cultural identities of TCNs with those of the host society, in order to avoid discrimination, negative stereotypes, xenophobia and social exclusion. Furthermore the events on the “Immigrant’s Day” advanced the promotion of creation of a spirit of understanding and acceptance between the indigenous population and the immigrants. ➤ Empowerment of immigrants and Promotion of immigrant’s active social participation in order to facilitate their social integration. Information campaigns addressed to TCNs on their main fields of interest such as health, housing and education, innovative educational programs of the Greek language, projects on offices providing legal and administrative support to TCNs and projects on the Technical Support to Members of Migration Integration Councils (MIC), increased the participation of TCNs in the integration process and the interaction at local level by promoting the social cohesion and the harmonious society. 	
Web Links:	

