

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

LOCAL, NATIONAL & EUROPEAN LEVELS

LOCAL WELCOMING
POLICIES FOR EU
MOBILE CITIZENS

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WORKSHOP 1



WELCOME INFORMATION

LOCAL

Benefit from existing local communities/ NGOs

Identify key players, small foundations that can help communicating

More information about legal rights as an EU mobile citizen

Providing information in an informal way, link between formal and informal language

Existing information spaces: physical and virtual

NATIONAL

Policy of language: public organisations should communicate in different languages

More information on legal rights as an EU mobile citizen

Recruitment agencies

EUROPEAN

Common rules, legislation on labour market, minimum income etc

More information on legal rights as an EU mobile citizen

Embassy network



WORKSHOP 2

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION

LOCAL

Accessibility:

- website
- physical information point
- contact language

Flexibility

Structured information on rights of EU mobile citizens

NATIONAL

Consistency:

- development of coherent national framework
- allowing for content on local needs
- national recognition of the end result

EUROPEAN

Connecting the European and local levels: awareness raising

Dissemination of information

Foster city partnerships and the exchange of good practices



WORKSHOP 3

HEALTHCARE

LOCAL

Give training to civil servants, both with regards to recognizing signals showing something might be wrong (abuse, no healthcare, human trafficking) and having the correct information concerning regulations and laws (when are people eligible for health care, when not? When can they get benefits? Can they get help even when not registered?)

Facilitate medical care centers for those who cannot obtain health care through regular routes

Focus on prevention, by informing children at schools, informing parents, providing information about known malpractices

NATIONAL

Look into the possibility of financing national health care for all citizens through taxes, don't make use of commercial health insurance

Transnational cooperation between countries with regards to known issues like certain health insurances that work through malversation, don't let the mobile citizens be the victim

EUROPEAN

Look into the possibility of having a European system on which citizens can fall back, when their own health insurance doesn't cover everything or when they don't have / cannot have health insurance

Have the opportunity to start projects funded by EU money that enable cities/states to experiment and work towards better policies

Discuss what freedom of movement means with regards to equal rights of all EU citizens, wherever they reside within the EU.

WORKSHOP 4



HOUSING

LOCAL

A local website for EU mobile citizens with clear information about the local housing market, including tips and warnings

Create a network of Social housing, real estate companies and the housing market in order to make them aware of the potential of the EU mobile citizens. Involve also employers who are seeking for housing for their employees.

REGIONAL

Extend the local network to the region

In order to create attractive housing in the region, the transportation system has to be improved in order to make it possible to travel fast to the Centre of the city.

Different kinds of creative housing projects which make housing available on the short term: Dutch approach

NATIONAL

Give cities more possibilities to create affordable housing

EUROPEAN

Financial support for affordable housing

WORKSHOP 5



LABOUR MARKET

GENERAL

EU-mobile citizens have to be made aware of their labour rights

Clear targeted information via trusted channels and in own language

We have to use unconventional channels: social media, outreaching activities in communities, use of cultural mediators

Cooperation with NGOs

LOCAL

Extend the local network Information concerning labourmarket rights have to be included in language and integration courses

Recognition of diplomas and tailor made services to support EU-mobile citizens to find jobs, state companies, etc.

Local policies to protect labour rights and to avoid and fight against abusive labour situations and modern slavery

Detection policy, similar to detection and measures against children abuse

Variety of well-coordinated support services (Hamburg example), facilitation of coordination

Trade unions supporting non-members.

TRANSNATIONAL

Better cooperation between national trade unions

Transnational cooperation in providing pre-information to make potential EU-mobile citizens aware of labour market situation in their chosen member state

Cooperation between national agencies and ministries have to be better coordinated, there is very often a mismatch.

EMBASSIES

Embassies have limited resources but a lot of expertise and knowledge;

Embassies can support activities to reach out to communities with information;

Embassies can cooperate in organizing transnational pre-information;

Open question what will be the role and responsibility of the Embassies in the future when more and more of their citizens decide to stay and live in other member states.

WORKSHOP 6



COOPERATION WITH NGOS

LOCAL

A platform that makes organisations and their activities visible with the aim to stimulate cooperation and sharing resources/experiences. Municipalities should take the responsibility of getting them together;

Structural policies for cooperation, long-term sustainable solutions (on all levels);

Practical implementation and application of the juridical framework;

Involve NGOs in decision-making, for example national workshops

NATIONAL

Structural policies for cooperation, long-term sustainable solutions (on all levels);

Forum between NGOs, public authority and municipality level;

Juridical framework and game rules between NGOs and public authorities

EUROPEAN

Structural policies for cooperation, long-term sustainable solutions (on all levels);

Website with information on what NGOs offer in different countries, NGO user based content administration, e.g. Your Europe portal

Make EU funding more accessible, micro-funding for NGOs. Make the application process worthwhile, easily approachable. Perhaps through umbrella organisations.



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