



# Intercultural cities

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## AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND **THE CITY OF ERLANGEN** IN RELATION TO THE INTERCULTURAL CITIES PROGRAMME

The city of **Erlangen** becomes a member of the Intercultural cities network and participant in the Intercultural cities programme. The objective of the programme is to support cities in developing intercultural strategies for the management of diversity and the integration of migrants and minorities. As a participant in the programme, the city will review, with the participation of international experts, officials, citizens and peers from other cities, its policies and governance from an intercultural perspective, learn from successful practice in other cities, and identify a set of objectives, indicators and a plan of action which will form its intercultural strategy. An assessment of the first results of the strategy will take place one year after the end of the programme.

In order to fulfil the above

### 1. POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*The City authorities shall*

- 1.1 seek the commitment of the local Council (or equivalent) to the principles and objectives of the Intercultural Cities programme and its endorsement of the participation of the city in the entire duration of the programme;
- 1.2 announce publicly the city's engagement with the Intercultural Cities programme and commit to work towards a local intercultural strategy and an action plan;
- 1.3 seek to engage the representatives of the local community, both elected officials on a cross-party basis and civil society members, in the development of the intercultural strategy and its implementation;
- 1.4 encourage and facilitate the participation of local media and civil society organisations in the process of preparation of the local intercultural strategy and its subsequent implementation.

*The Council of Europe shall*

- 1.4 provide political endorsement, visibility and support for the city's participation in the Intercultural cities programme;
- 1.5 enable the linking between the Intercultural cities programme and other related programmes at local, national and international levels;

- 1.6 ensure adequate communication and networking between participating cities.
- 1.7 carry out the INDEX review, organise the expert visits and prepare the Intercultural profile of the city, advise on the review of the city policies from an intercultural perspective and the development of the city's intercultural strategy;
- 1.9 organise thematic events and study visits according to the programme agreed with member cities.

## **2. RESOURCES**

### *The City authorities shall*

- 2.1 allocate the necessary staff time, political support and resources for the participative development of the intercultural strategy and action plan;
- 2.2 ensure the allocation of the necessary resources for the city's participation in the programme of as indicated in Appendix I and report to the Council of Europe regularly on progress made with the development of the strategy, its action plan and its implementation;
- 2.3 support and facilitate the implementation of programme activities and any supplementary activities in consultation and agreed with the city authority in the course of the programme;
- 2.4 support and participate actively in the baseline assessment (before the programme begins) and in the evaluation of the project's impact and results.
- 2.5 contribute 5000€ a year as an administrative fee for the implementation of the programme.

### *The Council of Europe shall*

- 2.5 provide human and financial resources, within the limit of its appropriations, for the implementation of the programme, in particular as concerns expert support, international co-ordination, expert visits and international events;
- 2.6 ensure the contribution of experts and partner organisations in the implementation of the programme;
- 2.7 ensure overall co-ordination and administration of the programme.

## **3. VISIBILITY**

### *The City authorities shall*

- 3.1 mention the Intercultural cities programme and partner organisations, using an agreed formulation, whenever opportunities arise and circumstances justify it (in public documents and publications, handouts, press releases, public relations material, speeches, meetings, interviews etc.);
- 3.2 support the preparation of an Intercultural cities exhibition;

3.3 support and facilitate the preparation of any other documentary and media material agreed in the course of the programme;

3.4 agree to the publication of its good practice examples and any non-confidential material resulting from the programme, by any means and in any format deemed necessary for the adequate visibility of the programme and dissemination of its results.

*The Council of Europe shall*

3.5 Council of Europe officials shall mention the cities participating in the Intercultural cities programme, whenever opportunities arise and circumstances justify it (in public documents and publications, handouts, press releases, public relations material, speeches, meetings, interviews etc.);

3.6 Organise the preparation of an Intercultural cities exhibition and/or other visibility material;

3.7 Support and facilitate the preparation of any other documentary and media material agreed in the course of the programme;

3.8 Seek to involve city representatives in good practice exchange and international events whenever this is deemed to be beneficial and practical.

#### **4. DURATION**

The present agreement shall have an indefinite duration and can be terminated by any of the parties with a three months written notice.

#### **5. TERMINATION**

Should a party fail, without any justification, to fulfil any one of its essential obligations under the present Agreement, the other party may terminate the present Agreement by serving a one month written notice.

#### **6. ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Agreement shall come into force on signature by the Director of Democratic Governance of the Council of Europe and **the City of Erlangen**

**For the City of Erlangen**

**Dr. Florian Janik**  
Mayor

For the Council of Europe

Claudia Luciani  
Director of Democratic Governance