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EU / CoE Joint Project on "Building an inclusive integration approach in Finland"

Study Visit to Portugal (Lisbon, Loures, Cascais), 10-11 April 2024

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Background information on the project

The EU / CoE Joint Project on "Building an inclusive integration approach in Finland" aims to contribute to the ongoing reform on migrant integration and inclusion in Finland, working with 6 municipalities (Hämeenlinna, Kuopio, Tampere, Turku, Vaasa and Vantaa) on promoting the implementation of local integration strategies which reflect intercultural and good relations principles.

The project aims to support the development and implementation of intercultural integration and good relations policies by the national, regional, and local authorities in Finland, including through coordinated multi-level and multi-stakeholder approaches. Additionally, the project aims to equip local, regional, and national authorities with knowledge and tools for intercultural integration and good relations policy design and implementation.

Aim of the Study Visit

The study visit is being organised to municipalities which are members of the Intercultural Cities (ICC) network in Portugal, a country with expertise and experience in intercultural integration and multi-level, multi-stakeholder governance. The primary objective of this visit is to gain insights into the practical experiences of Portuguese authorities in implementing multi-level governance and the concept of intercultural integration. Furthermore, the visit will enable project stakeholders to gain insights into potential challenges and draw inspiration for their future work.

Expert Profile



As a project and ICC expert, Carla Calado will provide support to the delegation during the study visit, ensuring preparation, organisation, and facilitation of the visit. She has been the Portuguese Intercultural City Network Coordinator since 2018. She has been the chairperson of an NGO and working in the community development field for 20 years. Currently, she provides consultancy services to several organisations. Since 2021, she has led the creation and management of the Portuguese Intercultural Cities cooperative. Recently, she has been working in the diversity and inclusion area, mainly promoting practice-sharing opportunities, delivering trainings and awareness-raising sessions and co-creating tools to foster diversity among employers, through the Portuguese Diversity Charter and the Diversity@Work project, as well as intercultural competence trainings for several public services.

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DAY 1, Lisbon

9:30 - 10:30 **Visit to the One Stop Shop, Portuguese Migration and Asylum Agency - AIMA *(Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo)***

10:30 - 12:00 **Meeting with the AIMA with a focus on:**

- ***Multilevel Coordination Mechanisms for Integration in Portugal: Evaluating Good Practices, Identifying Strengths, and Addressing Weaknesses***
- ***Municipal Integration Plans, Local Mediators, and Translation Services: Navigating Strategies for Effective Local Inclusion***

12:30 - 13:30 **LUNCH**

13:30 - 15:30 **Visit to Lisbon from an African perspective, by a local association (TBC)**

16:00 - 17:30 **Meeting with the City of Lisbon, focusing on;**

- ***Municipal Plan for Integration of Immigrants in Lisbon: Strategies, Implementation, and Impact Assessment***
- ***Challenges in Intercultural Integration: Identifying Barriers and Navigating Solutions***
- ***Exploring Multilevel Coordination Mechanisms for Integration in Portugal: Challenges and Local Best Practices (as an example:*** **Lisbon Intercultural Assembly)**

DAY 2, Loures and Cascais

9:30 - 12:30 **Meeting with the City of Loures, focusing on:**

- ***Exploring Multilevel Coordination Mechanisms for Integration in Portugal: Challenges and Local Best Practices***
- ***Loures Integration Plan: A Participatory Approach to Development, Implementation, and Addressing Current Challenges***
- ***Loures Local Assemblies: Their Role in Decision-Making and Policy Development***
- ***Visit to Urban Art Initiative***

13:00 - 14:30 **LUNCH (in Cascais)**

14:30 - 17:30 **Meeting with the City of Cascais, focusing on:**

- ***Exploring Multilevel Coordination Mechanisms for Integration in Portugal: Challenges and Local Best Practices***
- ***Cascais Integration Plan: From Formulation to Implementation and Addressing Present Challenges***
- ***Visit to Educational activities***