

INTEGRATION OF THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS THROUGH URBAN PARTNERSHIPS - INTEGRA

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The integration of third country nationals is one of the most formidable tasks we face. It is key to the future well-being, prosperity and cohesion of European societies. Cities play a major role in integrating these newcomers and empowering them to contribute to their new communities. Integration needs to happen where people are: in their workplaces, their neighbourhoods, the schools to which they send their children and the public spaces where they will spend their free time. However, integrating migrants and refugees can be challenging, especially because they constitute highly diverse groups, consisting of different genders, ages, cultural backgrounds with different motivations, skill sets, educational levels and experience.

The goal of **INTEGRA** is to help the process of long-term integration of third country nationals in 5 countries - Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy and Slovakia, through city-to-city knowledge and experience sharing. The project received funding from EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

City Resources

INTEGRA project offers examples of approaches, good practices, tools, actions and materials to cities that would like to step up their efforts in the area of integration of third country nationals and migrants. The city resources are based on the collective input of the project partner cities and the participation of over 2 000 community members in the project activities so far.

INTEGRA city resources could support interested cities and communities along a journey: from assessing your city integration policies and practices, including place specific aspects, to setting goals, identifying plausible scenarios, improving frameworks, launching awareness campaigns. Some resources address specific integration related issues, such as housing, access to education, labour market, host society attitudes.

City Walks with Checklists

The city walks with checklists are a participatory city self-assessment tool. Checklists cover the areas, most likely to be in the domain of local governments: services for TCN, civic participation and social inclusion, urban environment, host society attitudes. The checklists are not meant to rank cities but to raise awareness, reach common understanding of complex challenges, demonstrate progress.

City walks with checklists methodology is available in bg, hr, sl, cs, it and en in the City Audit Toolkit: <https://www.integra-eu.net/city-audits/city-audit-toolkit.html>.



Photovoice

Photovoice is a participatory engagement, research and critical thinking method that allows individuals or groups to share their experiences, viewpoints, feelings and collaborate for change through photos. This method combines photography with analysis. Participants are asked to represent their communities or express their points of view using pictures. The pictures will be used to better understand the viewpoint of citizens and help plan actions at community level.

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City Integration Agendas

The City Integration Agendas are visionary documents analyzing scenarios for coping with a range of possible paradigm shifts in migration. They outline the most plausible scenarios for each city regarding third country nationals and migration for the next 3 to 5 years, and propose specific interventions to public and civic actors responsible for migrant integration, with the goal to prepare cities for the effective and proactive reactions and policies.

The Integration Agendas of Sofia, Prague, Kosice, Rubano and Osijek are available at: <https://integra-eu.net/city-audits/reports-and-agendas.html>



Infographics

INTEGRA infographic posters are designed as visualization tools to make third country integration related city issues accessible to a variety of people. The infographics present the four major integration areas for each partner city: Sofia, Prague, Kosice, Rubano, Osijek.

The infographics are available to download or share at: <https://www.integra-eu.net/campaign/infographics.html>



Campaign tools

INTEGRA partners have created some awareness and information materials, videos, podcasts, online tools. They are now available for download and use in various languages at <https://www.integra-eu.net/campaign/creative-tools.html>

