

GLIMER

The current movement of peoples from conflict zones such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria into the EU has been described as a ‘refugee crisis’.

GLIMER works towards solutions that transform this crisis into an opportunity for European cities. The goal is to generate theoretically informed but empirically grounded data that is able, through best practice sharing and reporting, to advise policy-makers and stakeholders on how workable solutions can be found to integrate displaced migrants and refugees.

Inspired by the success of ‘welcoming cities’ in southern Italy, GLIMER collaborates with civil society groups, local authorities, businesses, citizens and refugee groups in order to support sustainable urban development and the successful integration of diverse communities.



Aim/objective

- To combine qualitative research with action research, bringing academics together with end-users to provide innovative solutions to displaced migrant and refugee integration.
- To offer coherent and sustainable policy recommendations to urban governance institutions to support diversity and the development of vibrant urban communities.

Approaches/methods

- GLIMER relies on a qualitative approach to data collection and analysis, recognising that the project researchers are working within ethically fraught and logistically complex arenas, including natural ULLs within real-life contexts.
- GLIMER’s approach aims to explore the conditions under which specific integration and incorporation outcomes occur, and the mechanisms through which they do so.

Expected results and impacts

- Better service delivery and provision for migrant groups as practitioners and service managers
- Better informed, inclusive policies at local authority level and national level
- Better communication between migrants and refugees and service providers
- Sustained collaboration between different agencies involved in supporting migrant groups and also between academics, policy makers and service providers

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Involved cities

- Glasgow
- Nicosia
- Malmö
- Calabria

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JPI Urban Europe is a transnational research and innovation programme on urban transition. With the ambition to develop and validate new solutions for sustainable and liveable cities, a cooperation platform and programme is provided to connect urban stakeholders, researchers, cities, business and society

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