Interethnic Coexistence in European Cities

Urban neighbourhoods are important arenas of social interactions and places of interethnopic coexistence. Super-diversity in the neighbourhood is a microcosm, mirroring problem constellations at the city scale. Yet problems within diversity-shaped neighbourhoods require locally determined solutions. Thus, municipal policies increasingly take a territorial focus, building on neighbourhood-based initiatives.

Our project is based on a systematic comparison of the aims, structural features and outcomes of neighbourhood development programmes in Amsterdam, Vienna and Stockholm.

Our core question is: Which political measures support and strengthen best the integrative power of an urban neighbourhood as a place of living and identification for a diverse urban population?

Aim/objective

• Understanding the mechanisms of initiatives and their impact on neighbourhood attachment and co-responsibility

• Initiate an assessment and exchange of good practice between three distinct European cities to promote interethnic coexistence

Approaches/methods

Innovative two-level research design applied in urban living labs:

1. Combination of basic and applied research conducted by researchers, policymakers and urban stakeholders

2. Involving the civil society in conceptualisation of integrative policies

Expected results and impacts

• Regular communication of results to policy makers, presenting findings on residents’ neighbourhood belonging and co-responsibility

• Our results will lend themselves to being implemented by municipal policies that create integrative neighbourhoods

Involved cities/project examples

• Three neighbourhood case studies each in Amsterdam, Stockholm and Vienna

• Urban Living Labs in each city

Comparison of cities in

• Austria

• The Netherlands

• Sweden

Interethnic coexistence in European cities – A comparative and applied oriented analysis of neighbourhood-related policies (ICEC)

Duration: 2013–2017

Internet: icecproject.com

Contact: Dr. Yvonne Franz, Austrian Academy of Sciences

E-mail: yvonne.franz@oeaw.ac.at

Budget: 1.444.856 EUR

Partners: University of Amsterdam, Municipality of Amsterdam, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm County Council, Klerings Architekten Ziviltechniker GmbH, Wohnbauvereinigung für Privatangestellte GmbH representing the Urban Renewal Office for the Districts 6, 14, 15 of Vienna, Huß Architekten ZT KG representing the Urban Renewal Office for the Districts 7, 8, 16 of Vienna, Office for the Districts 7, 8, 16 of Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences

About JPI Urban Europe

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.

www.jpi-urbaneurope.eu @jpiurbaneurope

This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 693443