URBAN MIGRATION PROJECTS PRESENTATION
The call

The focus of this call is the ways that migration affects and is affected by the life and functioning of cities. As JPI Urban Europe aims for a broad scrutiny of urban migration, proposals submitted to this call should focus on one, many or a mix of migration types, categorized based on the following three principles (World Economic Forum, 2017):

> By political boundaries (internal vs. international migration)
> By movement patterns (step, circular or chain migration) or
> By taking a decision-making approach (voluntary vs. involuntary migration)

With this call, JPI Urban Europe aims to create a transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral community of researchers, practitioners and engaging migrant communities working in the field of urban migration, who can align, synthesise, consolidate, and learn from each other. Further, to develop common insights and understandings on the selected topics of the call as well as bring together already existing knowledge on migration across disciplines on national and local level. The results from projects funded in this call should help to facilitate knowledge transfer and learning from different contexts, cities and countries to create greater engagement and understanding in migrant as well as host communities.

Timeline

2019 Call opening
2021 January-March Start of projects
2021 September Kick-off event
2023 Projects end
Call topics

**Topic 1: Socio-spatial integration and citizen involvement:** Increased migration flow to urban areas can result in new opportunities as well as challenges. One set of challenges in need of research and innovation concerns inequalities as well as socio-spatial and cultural segregation due to socio-demographic changes in communities and other local groupings. There is a need for new knowledge on measures and strategies that can promote social integration and increase citizen involvement and participation among populations. There is also a need for more knowledge based on comparisons between different spatial levels and types of cities.

**Topic 2: Urban governance of housing issues:** To be able to manage migration and assist the long-term integration of migrants, cities need to adapt solid housing practices and measures. Cities’ leeway in providing and assisting migrants has been dependent on the degree of state control vs. local and regional autonomy. Furthermore, factors of historical and cultural nature are important at the urban level. In relation to this, providing adequate and affordable housing to migrants is one of the biggest challenges, in terms of stresses on some cities’ settlement and housing capacities. Meanwhile, many urban areas experience an increased pressure on the housing market by other dynamics including the movement of citizens from rural to urban areas as well as demographic changes in the host populations.

**Topic 3: Enhancing cities’ administrative capacities and supporting evidence-based integration policies (managing migration):** Many initiatives, policies and actions have been undertaken to support integration processes in European urban areas, both to be able to handle emergency situations as well as long-term migration flows. However, difficulties exist in sharing information, results, knowledge and experiences of such initiatives to inform evidence-based urban policy making in Europe. Furthermore, there are insufficient tools for evidence-based integration and cross-country comparability of integration indicators in urban areas. Building an EU-wide knowledge base on integration measures and research results at city and regional levels can help to enhance policy learning and build an evidence base that can inform the translation of good practices into different urban contexts and support policy learning.
The 8 awarded projects are all supported by consortia that include a mix of researchers from universities/higher education institutes and large companies, small and medium enterprises, non-profit research organisations, research institutes, municipalities or cities and other public organisations.

### Statistics

**PROJECT PARTNERS PER TYPE OF ORGANISATION**

- Universities/Higher education institutions: 30
- Small and medium enterprises: 1
- Non-profit research organisations: 1
- Public research organisations: 3
- Other public organisations: 8

**PROJECT PARTNERS PER COUNTRY**

- Austria: 7
- Germany: 12
- Latvia: 2
- Sweden: 9
- United Kingdom: 13

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- Austria
- Germany
- Latvia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

**FUNDING ORGANISATION**

- FFG
- DLR (on behalf of BMBF)
- IZM
- Formas
- AHRC
- ESRC
Eight projects have been selected in the Urban Migration call. The projects consist of transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral communities of researchers and practitioners. The projects will create projects that align, synthesise, or consolidate already existing knowledge on urban migration across disciplines on national and local levels. Participating countries in this call are Austria, Germany, Latvia, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

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The projects
The **EMPOWER** project: Empowering Cities of Migration: new methods for citizen involvement and socio-spatial integration

The Empowering Cities of Migration Project (EMPOWER) will empower citizens to work with migration, housing and urban planning specialists to co-design and co-deliver new gender-aware approaches for housing and integration in urban areas. Through innovative mixed-method collaborative research, approaches in three European cities – Bochum (Germany), Gothenburg (Sweden) and Birmingham (UK), Community Researchers will be upskilled to co-create new knowledge on the housing challenges and needs of hidden groups and communities. EMPOWER will also explore the impact of COVID-19 on housing governance issues and establish a new Community of Practice for migrant integration.

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April 2021 - March 2022

**Budget:**
290899 Euros

**Interim webpage:**
https://www.keele.ac.uk/gge/research/theempowerproject/
Inclusive Housing: Inclusive Housing policies: Housing is the beginning

The project “Inclusive Housing” aims to deal with the obstacles refugees but also other disadvantaged groups in the context of urban migration are facing in terms of access to long-term housing. The project partners from Austria, Germany and Sweden share their extensive expertise in the field of migration, integration and potentials of the housing market. By focusing on three topics – “housing market”, “housing governance” and “special types of housing”, the consortium aims to present in detail challenges for refugees with regard to housing. In cooperation with local stakeholders, the consortium will elaborate housing policies and practices to enhance the housing situation and access to housing.

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The project aims to explore: 1) forms and conditions in which residents of socially mixed neighbourhoods share spaces and resources in housing and public space, and 2) the potential and limits of sharing for bringing diverse populations together. Partners will first exchange results on previous/ongoing research. Then, as a continuation of the StadtTeilen project, they will conduct participative action research in different neighbourhoods across eight European cities and implement ‘Practices-of-Sharing-Labs’, a form of urban real-world experiments, in which to test different practices of sharing. Results will be circulated to the scientific community, stakeholders, and the general public.
MAPURBAN: Migrant Mobility and Access to Public Urban Resources

MAPURBAN brings to light differences in access to urban resources across the socio-economic and ethnic profile of three major cities. By comparing migrant arrival and settlement in Stockholm, Berlin and London, the project integrates existing data on spatial inequality and urban segregation, and shows how these affect migrant mobility and integration. MAPURBAN uses interdisciplinary research findings to produce new knowledge to inform government policy towards urban migration, re-framing immigrant integration as a multi-scalar (national, urban and local) process that contributes to sustainable urban development.

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276,991 Euros

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The aim of the LoReMi project is to map and to strengthen local strategies to address the exclusion from essential services of migrants with precarious residential status. It will explore the challenges migrants face, including barriers to access services such as healthcare and shelter, and the particular issues faced by women. Within contrasting legal frameworks, case studies in Cardiff, Frankfurt and Vienna, in partnership with city councils, will explore differing municipal approaches and their rationales, including collaboration between public services and civil society. Knowledge exchange with other European cities will inform and enhance future practice.
MICOLL: Migration and housing: meeting refugees’ housing needs through collaborative housing programmes

MICOLL addresses the difficulties for migrants and especially refugees to access affordable and quality housing. Through test beds in Austria, Sweden and the UK, potential and barriers of collaborative housing (CH) solutions for the long-term integration of refugees will be identified and engaged with, leading to enhanced knowledge and increased capacity among stakeholders. The project is action-oriented with close involvement of local residents and actors, but is also committed to learning across the three countries and beyond to better identify relevant actors, processes and institutional systems for support and upscaling of collaborative housing for migrants and provide recommendations for cities, municipalities, local public bodies, middle agents and third sector organisations.

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2021-2022
Budget
175,244 Euros
Website:
http://micoll.org
**HOUSE-IN: The Housing-Integration-Nexus: shaping exchange and innovation for migrants’ access to housing and social inclusion**

The HOUSE-IN project sees housing as an important element of migrants’ social inclusion within urban neighbourhoods. The project seeks to cooperatively identify remaining gaps at the housing-integration intersection. It assesses the impact and potential of innovative housing strategies and stimulates co-creation and co-design processes for local integration using the Urban Living Lab approach. In cooperation with multiple local and European stakeholders, HOUSE-IN creates comprehensive knowledge and applicable solutions to achieve better social inclusion through and within housing in European cities.

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326,346 Euros

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[www.ufz.de/house-in](http://www.ufz.de/house-in)
Cities across Europe have increasingly become destinations for young forced migrants. This project brings together city leaders, artists, and researchers to promote integration and increase social participation in communities affected by migration. Participation in the arts can enhance place-making and encourages social belonging, and this project will develop, implement, and evaluate arts-programmes for migrants in case-study cities in England, Germany, and Sweden. It will understand barriers to social integration amongst refugees and host communities. This will lead to knowledge translation from the study to develop sustainable solutions to social integration and citizenship.

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