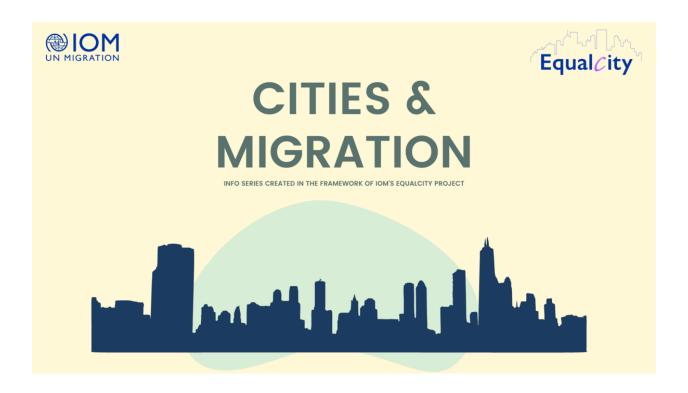
## **Cities and Migration**

Have you ever wondered what role cities can play to ensure social inclusion, greater equality, access to services and opportunities for migrants? But also how migrants shape cities and contribute to their developement? Here it is mapped out for you, in a concise and easy-to-read manner! We have included some additional interesting reads via the links below. Scroll down and happy reading!



Migration in the 21st century is an urban phenomenon.

People from all over the world are migrating to the city in search of better opportunities in work, education, health and services.

55%

of the world population lives in cities.

It is projected to go up to 68% by 2050.

of the foreign-born population live in mostly metropolitans regions

Approximately
1/5 international
migrants
are estimated to live in just

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Beijing, Berlin, Brussels, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Hong Kong SAR, China, London, Los Angeles, Madrid, Moscow, New York, Paris, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Vienna and Washington DC



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While rapid human mobility can be a challenge, it also brings substantial opportunities for cities and migrants alike.



Migrants are a source of innovation and drive of (economic) development



Migrants can bring new skills and new perspectives to workplaces

The Sustainable
Development Goals
recognize that the
inclusion of vulnerable
groups in cities is
essential for sustainable
urbanization.



Migrants contribute to social cohesion and community well-being, by building bridges, sharing of information and acting as mediators in intercultural exchanges

Diaspora can bring transnational economic assets, i.e. trade and transfer of goods and knowledge



Migrants bring opportunities to tackle demographic and labour market challenges



The Global Compact for Migration commits to the implementation of strong integration policies and recognizes that fully integrated and empowered migrants can contribute to prosperity.

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Moving to a new city and community presents its own unique set of opportunities and challenges.

For migrants, this experience can exacerbate feelings of isolation and insecurity.

It is important for frontline workers and the host society to be well equipped to assist migrants in all areas of their integration process.

Trained frontline workers can reduce barriers migrants face to access services.

### Who are these frontline workers?

Local authorities, even when not directly tasked with migrant integration, can do a lot to assist in this process.

### How can cities promote migrant integration?

### Institutional

- integration: language courses, civic orientation, arrival information

- transport employment
- entrepreneurship social care legal support

### Community

- Provide migrants with information on their rights, on available services
- Equip migrants with skills (for ex.: language)
- Promote good community relations: inform the host community on how to deal with and benefit from changes in their community.
  - Combat intolerance and discrimination
    - Create enabling environments for newcomers and locals alike



### AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

Build towards a shared local identity irrespective of a residents' place of origin through:

- Public awareness-raising campaigns
- Cultural festivals
- Local fairs

#### ON A PERSONAL LEVEL LEVEL

- Breaking down harmful stereotypes fosters a more positive image of immigration and cultural diversity.
- Be aware of false narratives that are associated with migrants.



## MATTER.

### BUILD COLLABORATION WITH:

- AT THE INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL
- Open constructive public debates about migration related issues
- Raise awareness amongst host communities and local services to combat intolerance and discrimination
- Diaspora and migrant organizations
- Local media
- Community centers
- Universities
- and other related organizations

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### WHO WE ARE.

### **EQUALCITY**

Equalcity aims to build capacity of frontline services in cities to better reach migrant communities.

Equalcity specifically aims to improve identification, referral, protection and recovery of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) within migrant communities.

Equalcity will
develop practical
training and
awareness raising
tools targetting
local authorities
and their frontline
workers

# Equal city

### WHERE WE ARE.

4 partner cities

Brussels, Luxembourg, Rome & Gothenburg

+ 30 trainee cities

Equalcity's project partners focus on 4 topics

- Safe spaces for LGBTQI+ migrants
- SGBV against migrant women and girls
- Wellbeing of unaccompanied migrant children
- SGBV in a family context

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## Read more



- Migration Data Portal, Urbanization and migration
- OSCE, Local Authorities' Migrant Integration Guide
- IOM, Migrants & Cities in the SDG Agenda
- OCDE, The integration of migrants in OECD regions
- IOM, World Migration Report 2015: Migrants and Cities: New Partnerships to Manage Mobility
- IOM, Conference on Migrants and Cities
- Equalcity : <a href="https://belgium.iom.int/equalcity">https://belgium.iom.int/equalcity</a>