




2020 has been a particularly challenging but very fruitful and inspiring year with great progress in the Equalcity project. After months of research, interviews and surveys with frontline workers and migrants, the project partners successfully developed 4 toolboxes that aim at tackling sexual and gender-based violence against migrants. The tools have all been carefully reviewed by a panel of thematic experts who contributed to making them sustainable, comprehensive and duplicable to various EU contexts ([read more](#)).

The 4 EU partner cities included in this project — Brussels, Luxembourg, Rome, Gothenburg — will continue their efforts in 2021, with key moments ahead, in particular the thematic workshops with the 35 trainee cities of the project ([see map](#)).

This project update focuses on the activities in Gothenburg where the City of Gothenburg develops a toolbox that focuses on migrant parents and frontline workers in the context of parenthood. For information on the other toolboxes, click below: 

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TOOLBOX ON MIGRANT PARENTS AND FAMILIES

The aim of the toolbox developed by the City of Gothenburg is to develop and strengthen preventive and promotive approaches to work against violence in a family context, including honour-based violence. This is carried out by enabling trust building dialogues between migrant parents and front-line workers who meet in urban or civil society services.

One central part is to provide knowledge to parents about their rights to receive support from frontline welfare services, especially their rights to parental support.



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“... to strengthen the local authorities’ collaboration with civil society to support migrant parents’ transition into parenthood as well as to increase frontline workers intercultural competence to engage in value-based dialogue...”

“...promote healthy child development and work to prevent SGBV, especially violence in the home and honour-based violence.”

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City of Gothenburg

WHAT DOES THE TOOLBOX INCLUDE?



The toolbox on migrant parents and families includes a practical **training manual** for frontline workers and **awareness raising material** for frontline workers and migrant parents. The awareness raising material

includes a set of images that can be used when communicating with parents.

The training manual contains 5 modules:

1. Parenthood in transition, migration and identity
2. Cultural awareness
3. Children’s rights
4. Roles within the family
5. Honour-based violence

DID YOU KNOW... that just one year ago, [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) (CRC) became Swedish law? The basic principle in the CRC is that children are individuals with their own rights. By giving CRC the status of national law, the intention is to support the acceptance of the legal rights of the child in practice. How do you, in your work as a teacher, police officer, or a nurse, make sure that children’s rights are a reality for the child concerned, and help them participate in any decisions being taken? Collaboration between all relevant actors in the interests of the child are vital – especially when it comes to vulnerable children.



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THE EXPERT PANEL

Each toolbox developed in the project has been carefully reviewed by a diverse panel of thematic experts. The experts brought a wide variety of expertise and insights on the comprehensiveness, duplicability and practical use of the tools in other EU contexts.

The experts involved in the project include field specialists, activists, academics, and specialized city services. Their expertise and perspectives has contributed to more rights-based tools in terms of accountability, empowerment, participation and non-discrimination.

Through this project update, we would like to **warmly thank** all of the Equality experts for their involvement in the project!

Consult the experts' profiles per toolbox on our [website](#).

Meet the Experts

Migrant Families

ROLL-OUT OF TRAINING

2021

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

At the start of 2021, the City of Gothenburg will launch the piloting of the training tools across frontline services in the city. Trainers and frontline workers will be trained on topics linked to parenthood and migration, including intercultural communication, children's rights, gender equality, and will include the topic of violence prevention. Participants will be asked to evaluate the tools created. This evaluation will help to tailor the tools further and to ensure that they are adapted to the beneficiaries' needs before publication.

This summer, the thematic workshops will take place and will gather the project's 35 trainee cities/organizations around the table to discuss the project toolboxes! This event will be interactive and insightful and will allow for trainee cities to network and provide feedback on the toolbox developed by the City of Gothenburg.

Trainee cities indeed play a crucial role in this project! Based on their feedback, the tools will be fine-tuned before translation.

FURTHER READING



- [Scaffolding Developmental Transformation Among Immigrants in Order to Facilitate Self-Directed Integration](#): Practices and Theories of Change (Thomas Jordan, 2020)
- [Parenthood in transition](#) – Somali-born parents' experiences and needs for culturally sensitive parenting support programmes (Fatumo Osman, Marie Klingberg-Allvin, Renée Flacking & Ulla-Karin Schön, 2016)

TRAINEE CITIES—MIGRANT FAMILIES

- Bilbao (ES)
- Copenhagen (DK)
- Ghent (BE)
- Hannover (DE)
- Heraklion (GR)
- Karlovac (HR)
- Karlstad (SE)
- Local Councils' Association (MT)
- Madrid (ES)
- Namur (BE)
- Neapolis-Sykeon (GR)
- NGO Dona Daria (NL)
- Paris (FR)
- Piraeus (GR)
- Turku (FI)



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