

The Equalcity project has entered its final year with many activities to report on!



Our project partners in Brussels, Luxembourg, Rome and Gothenburg are currently completing the piloting of their **trainings of frontline workers** and are finalizing the content of their **4 toolboxes**. These will be made available to trainee cities and organizations and the wider public at the end of the project in November 2021.

WHAT IS EQUALCITY?

- This project aims to **build capacity of cities and local governments** to better reach **migrant communities** & to **improve identification, referral, protection and recovery of survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)** within these communities.
- And to **empower migrants and frontline services**, by raising awareness on SGBV and migrants' rights.

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

In June, Equalcity invited all trainee cities and organizations accros Europe to attend 3 online thematic workshops. During each workshop, project partners were given the floor to explain the **development process behind the creation of their toolbox and the step-by-step process to follow for its use**.

The trainees gave their feedback on the current version of the toolboxes which they received a few weeks before the event, and **reflected together on the implementation of the tools in their local context during** an interactive discussion.

As all toolboxes are undergoing finalization, the thematic workshops play a vital role in assisting project partners to **tailor their tools to their intended target audience**.

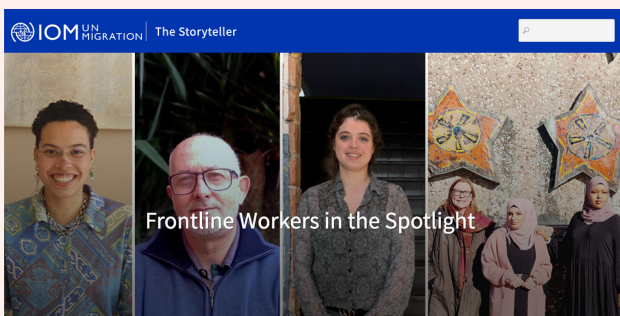
Equalcity would like to thank our project partners, trainee cities and organizations as well as esteemed guests Ms. Frida Tånghag (Gothenburg) and Mr. Maurice Bauer (Luxembourg) for their collaboration.

What are your expectations for this Thematic Workshop ?



- 11/06: migrant women & girls
- 17/06: migrant parents
- 24/06: LGBTQI+ people with a migration background
- 09/09: Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC)

SPOTTED! FRONTLINE WORKERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Have you ever wondered what **being a frontline worker** entails? We asked 9 workers from across Europe to participate in our "Frontline Workers in the Spotlight" campaign and share their experiences in providing services to **SGBV survivors in migrant communities**.

Read all about our Frontline Workers in the Spotlight Campaign on [IOM's Storyteller](#) or read the full interviews [here!](#)

OUR PROJECT PARTNERS



EQUALCITY'S TRAINEE CITIES

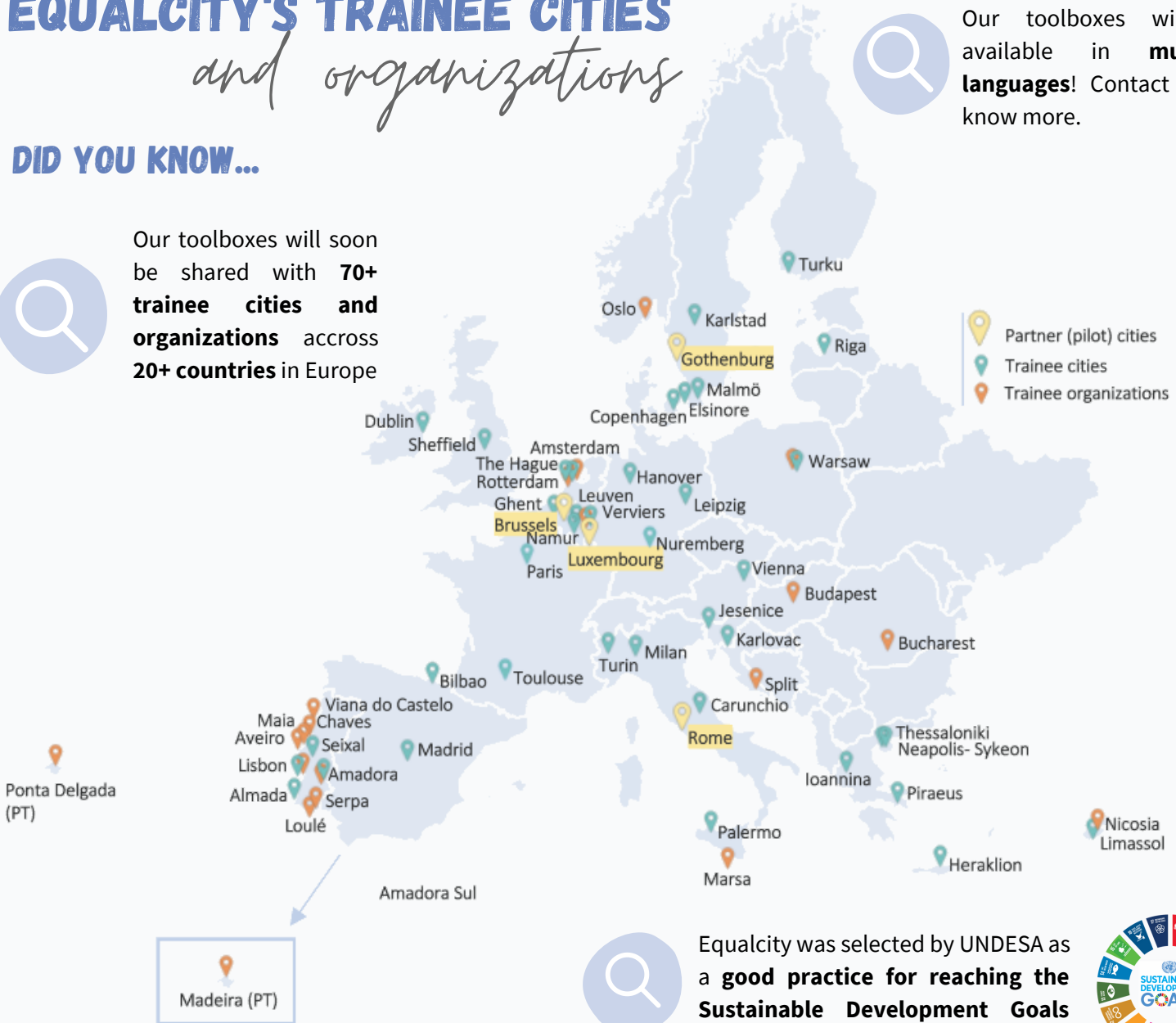
and organizations



Our toolboxes will be available in **multiple languages!** Contact us to know more.

DID YOU KNOW...

Our toolboxes will soon be shared with **70+ trainee cities and organizations** across **20+ countries** in Europe



Equality was selected by UNDESA as a **good practice for reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**! Click [here](#) to read more.



INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA (IDAHOBIT) 2021

For IDAHOBIT 2021, Equality proudly invited RainbowHouse, our project partner developing the **toolbox on safe(r) spaces for LGBTQI+ people with a migrant background**, to speak on the importance of creating these safer spaces. In this podcast, Project Manager Aïda Yancy explains the importance of understanding the intersection of race and gender within our cities. Aïda explains how the layers of your identity can greatly determine what spaces (and interactions) are considered “safe” and how they foster a sense of belonging. Listen to this episode on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) or [Spotify](#). To listen to the other podcasts for IDAHOBIT 2021, click [here](#).



Aïda Yancy, RainbowHouse Brussels



Are you interested in other topics that are related to the work our Country Office does? Check out the other podcast series on the IOM Belgium & Luxembourg Spotify channel [here!](#)

OCTOBER TRAINEE CITIES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Just as the Frontline Workers in the Spotlight campaign, we would like to highlight trainee cities in Belgium that engage in providing assistance to migrant communities. Find out about **what trainee cities do to better understand and tackle sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) in migrant communities** via our social media channels.

OCTOBER CLOSING CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 22ND

The closing conference that will take place in Brussels on 22 October will be the place where it all comes together: project partners, experts, and trainee cities will take the floor and showcase how the **Equalcity project can support stakeholders in their endeavour to tackle SGBV**. By participating in thematic workshops, trainees will have another opportunity to learn about **how to use the toolboxes** and **how to adapt them to their context**. Contact [Elisabeth Palmero](#) if you wish to attend this hybrid event!

OCTOBER NOVEMBER THEMATIC WEBINARS

IOM, together with its project partners, will present each toolbox over a series of 4 thematic webinars. The webinars will be **accessible to the broader public**. Stay tuned for more information!

NOVEMBER FINALIZING AND TRANSLATING THE TOOLBOXES

We are currently at the final stretches for the finalization of the toolboxes which will be available in November 2021. Are you a city service, a frontline service or frontline worker, and are you **interested in Equalcity's toolboxes**? Contact us for more information on how to access the toolboxes once they are out! The toolboxes will be available in **multiple languages**.

This project supports the implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#):



Parenting in a new country - How to engage in trust-building dialogue with migrant parents.



Safe(r) spaces for LGBTQI+ people with a migrant background - How to set up safe(r) frontline services.



SGBV against migrant women and girls - How to provide tailored services as a frontline worker.



Working with Unaccompanied Migrant children - How to provide tailored services as a frontline worker.