Strengthening Social Cohesion in Mediterranean Host Municipalities

Peer-to-Peer technical workshop
10-12 November 2016, Sanliurfa, Turkey
Workshop Objectives

1. Enhance exchange and knowledge sharing by diving deeper into the topic of social cohesion and social inclusion

1. Strengthening local resilience capacities and social cohesion in communities hosting a large number of refugees by:

- Reviewing and refining current concepts and strategies
- Identifying innovative approaches and good practices
- Developing appropriate implementation, methodologies and tools to address the most urgent challenges
- Strengthening networks and establishing a Community of Practice among municipalities facing similar challenges
Workshop Sessions

1) Appropriate concepts and flexible strategies and tools to implement and measure social cohesion

2) Social Cohesion as a cross-cutting topic

1) Building inclusive communities for common welfare through networks
Expected Results

- Further exchange of experiences and innovative practices and solutions on how to strengthen social cohesion and to promote peaceful co-existence between refugees and host communities.

- Identification of potential mid- and long-term solutions, which could support host communities and refugees.

- Development of common methods and strategies from which both municipalities and other actors concerned with social cohesion can benefit.

- Selection of good practices and experiences to be added as a contribution for the Best Practices Compendium for Communities Hosting Refugees and possible input to the CMI annual Peer-to Peer Learning event for Host municipalities.
Session I: Appropriate concepts and flexible strategies and tools to implement and measure social cohesion
Objectives Session I

- Reviewing and reflecting concepts of social cohesion and their applicability in contexts with large movements of refugees

- Presenting experiences and practices on how to plan and implement measures to strengthen social cohesion in order to promote peaceful co-existence between refugees and host communities at local level. Planning on how to provide evidence for the effectiveness of such programs

- Identifying practical tools and solutions in order to enable municipalities to assess the level of social cohesion in their constituencies, plan for increasing it, and measure the results of their action
Session II: Social Cohesion as a cross-cutting topic (Housing, economic development, and service delivery)
Objectives Session II

- Reflecting on the interrelation and interdependence of social cohesion and housing, economic development, and service delivery

- Exchanging experiences and innovative approaches on how to integrate social cohesion in different sectors

- Developing recommendations on how to integrate social cohesion components into projects in other sectors
Session III: Building inclusive communities for common welfare through networks
Objectives Session III

- Reviewing and reflecting on formats and good practice examples of already existing networks and cooperation structures in Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon

- Discussing common challenges and cross-country differences in building inclusive communities and networks

- Developing recommendations for the format and design of networks that allow for effective cooperation and knowledge sharing and transfer within and between municipalities and other relevant actors, especially the central government