From May 2011 to April 2013, the cities of Berlin, Botkyrka, Graz, Madrid and Växjö are implementing the European cooperation project ECAR – European Cities against Racism – Responsibilities of Cities in Counteracting Racism Sustainably. The project aims at a transnational exchange on concrete results and good practice examples in the fight against racism. In this conference the results of the European project will be presented. Challenges in the transnational fight against racism will be discussed. The aim is to support other cities in their commitment to fight against racism and to foster European dialogue. Conference languages will be: English, French and German.

9:00 – 9:45 am | Opening Addresses

Dilek Kolat,
Senator for Labour, Integration and Women’s Issues, City of Berlin

Marcello Scarone Azzi,
Senior Specialist for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Jean Paul Makengo,
President of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR) and Deputy Mayor of Toulouse

Moderator: Nina Amin, Berlin

9:45 – 10:15 am | The Idea behind the European Project “ECAR – European Cities against Racism”

Sonja Dudek and Stanislawa Paulus, Berlin State Office for Equal Treatment – against Discrimination, Project Lead

Christian Prange, BGZ Berlin International Cooperation Agency, Project Coordinator

10:15 – 10:30 am | Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 am | Participatory Approaches against Racism

Research Circles as a tool for improving cities’ fight against racism through neighbourhood participation (Botkyrka/Växjö)
Ahmad Azizi, Municipality of Botkyrka, and René León Rosales, Multicultural Centre of Botkyrka

Community Development Programme: Fighting against racism and xenophobia within public spaces (Madrid)
Cristina Vivanco Calderon, Madrid City Council, and Hilde Daems, Spanish Commission for Refugees (CEAR – Madrid)

Empowerment and Local Action Plan against Racism (Berlin)
Sonja Dudek and Stanislawa Paulus, Berlin State Office for Equal Treatment – against Discrimination (LADS), Angelina Weinbender, Migration Board Berlin Brandenburg, and Halil Can, HAKRA Initiative, Berlin

Discussion with the audience
Moderator: Thomas Gakire, Graz
12:00 – 1:00 pm | Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 pm | Monitoring of Anti-Racist Activities

The ECAR monitoring scheme: Lessons learnt and recommendations for European cities
Markus Möstl and Klaus Starl, European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC), Graz

Discussion with the audience
Moderator: Marcello Scarone Azzi, UNESCO Paris

1:45 – 2:45 pm | Public Campaigning against Racism and its Transferability

Campaining against racism: words and images
Anja van den Durpel, Integration Office Gent

Racism can hurt without fists
Thomas Rajakovics, Municipality of Graz
Thomas Gakire, Graz

Have you ever thought about racism?
Stanisława Paulus (Berlin): Berlin State Office for Equal Treatment – against Discrimination

Discussion with the audience
Moderator: Suzana Mocevic, Municipality of Växjö

2:45 – 3:15 pm | Coffee Break

3:15 – 4:30 pm | Responsibilities of Cities in Counteracting Racism Sustainably

Introduction: Central conclusions and recommendations of the ECAR Project
Hilde Daems, Spanish Commission for Refugees (CEAR–Madrid)

Final panel participants:
- Barbara Loth, Berlin State Secretary for Labour, Integration and Women’s Issues
- Jean-Paul Makengo, President of ECCAR and Deputy Mayor of Toulouse
- Jens Sjöström, Deputy Mayor of Botkyrka
- Detlev Eisel-Eiselsberg, City Councilman for Education and Integration, City of Graz

Moderator: Nina Amin, Berlin

4:30 pm | End of the Conference

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