
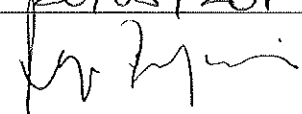


**CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**  
**AUTHORITY FOR ATTENDANCE**

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR COUNCILLORS (FOR ATTENDANCE BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE U.K.) AND FOR EMPLOYEES (OUTSIDE THE U.K. ONLY OR, IF ACCOMPANYING A COUNCILLOR, INSIDE THE UK)

<b>1. Title of Conference</b>	<b>The role of cities in the integration of migrants and refugees</b>		
<b>2. Organising Body</b>	City of Antwerp		
<b>3. Location</b>	KAVA, Consciencestraat 41, 2018 Antwerp, Belgium		
<b>4. Date(s)</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> June		
<b>5. Councillor(s) recommended to attend</b>			
<b>6. Employee(s) recommended to attend</b>	Peter Barnett, Sunairah Miraj		
<b>7. Cost per person, including travel, etc</b> (Note: If total cost is less than £100, formal Cabinet/Cabinet Member approval is not required)	Delegate Fee	0	
	Accommodation	500	
	Travel	300	
	Total	800	
<b>8. Is participation at this event as part of a group</b>	YES		
<b>9. If so, how many people IN TOTAL will be attending the event as part of that group</b>	2		
<b>10. Is there anyone travelling with the Member, officer or group in relation to whom any of the costs of travel, accommodation or any other expense will be paid for by a Member or officer? If "YES" please state number.</b>	No		
<b>11. Source of Funding (FIS Code)</b>	10569		
<b>12. What are the reasons for attendance and what benefits to the City Council are expected from attendance</b>	The City Council is the Main Urban Authority for the EU-funded MiFriendly Cities Project, co-ordinating the delivery of an innovative programme of initiatives facilitating and appreciating the contribution of refugees and migrants. In total the City Council has €720,000 (£642,857) of funding to build on existing capacity and infrastructure in the city. The total value of EU funding is €4,280,640 (£3,822,000) shared between 11 partners in total.		

	<p>Part of the Council's role is to facilitate knowledge transfer. The Council is expected to share its learning and to learn from other countries and projects supporting the integration of refugees and migrants. We are funded to visit at least 3 other countries to undertake this knowledge transfer, as well as hosting events in the City.</p> <p>The City of Antwerp have also been funded under the same EU initiative. They are now organising a workshop to share their experience and learning and have extended the invitation to ourselves and other cities. Participation will allow us to learn about a number of wider initiatives and the specific progress and lessons learnt from other EU funded project (in particular Vienna, Utrecht and Bologna).</p> <p>The focus of the event is the CURANT project in Antwerp with an interactive site visit included. Additionally, the programme includes opportunities for participating cities to share their experience and understand the success of various projects focused around integrating refugees and migrants into urban communities.</p> <p>The cost of attendance at this and any other associated events will be covered by the grant funding.</p> <p>Completed by: Sunairah Miraj Date:07/05/2019</p>
<p>13. Is this conference part of an overall project involving further visits in the future?</p>	<p>YES/NO Yes</p>
<p>14. Recommendation of Cabinet Member/ Cabinet/Chair of any other City Council Committee</p> <p>(a) Are you satisfied that there is a genuine reason for attendance and genuine benefit for the Council?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES/<input type="radio"/> NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES/<input type="radio"/> NO</p>

(b) Will Councillor attendance affect the decision-making processes of the Council?	YES/NO
(c) Is attendance recommended?	YES/NO Signed: Date:
15. Cabinet Member's recommendation	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES/ <input type="radio"/> NO Signed:  Date: 20/05/2019
16. Leader's recommendation	YES/NO Signed:  Date: 21/5/19
17. Person responsible for booking conference following approval of attendance	Name: Department: Telephone No:

**THIS FORM SHOULD NOW BE RETURNED TO  
THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PLACE) (Governance Services Room CH 79)**

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<i>Decision</i>	<i>Cabinet Member/Cabinet</i>
<i>APPROVED / NOT APPROVED</i>	<i>Date:</i>

<i>Notification to:</i>	<u>YES/NO</u>	<u>DATE</u>
(a) <i>Officer responsible for booking conference</i>		
(b) <i>Councillor attending</i>		
(c) <i>Member of Management Board</i>		
(d) <i>Members' Services</i>		
(e) <i>Committee Officer</i>		

<i>Date report back obtained</i>	
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<i>Date of meeting of Scrutiny to receive report back</i>	
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