



INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

## Municipal Context of Integration of Refugees in Germany

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# Municipal Competences and Municipal Services for Refugees

## FEDERAL STATE OF GERMANY

Principle
Decision-making;
Asylum process
(Distribution Key)

#### **STATE**

- Initial reception
- Registration (State)
- Supply (State)
- Identification (State)
- Language course (VHS)

Assigns Refugees

Financial Support

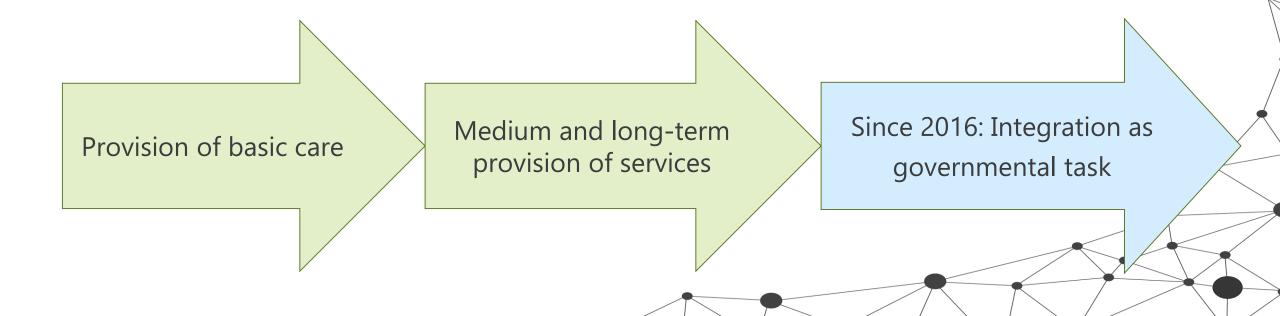
#### **MUNICIPALITY**

- Housing and provision of services for subsistence
- Support during asylum process
- Integration of children into day-care centers and schools

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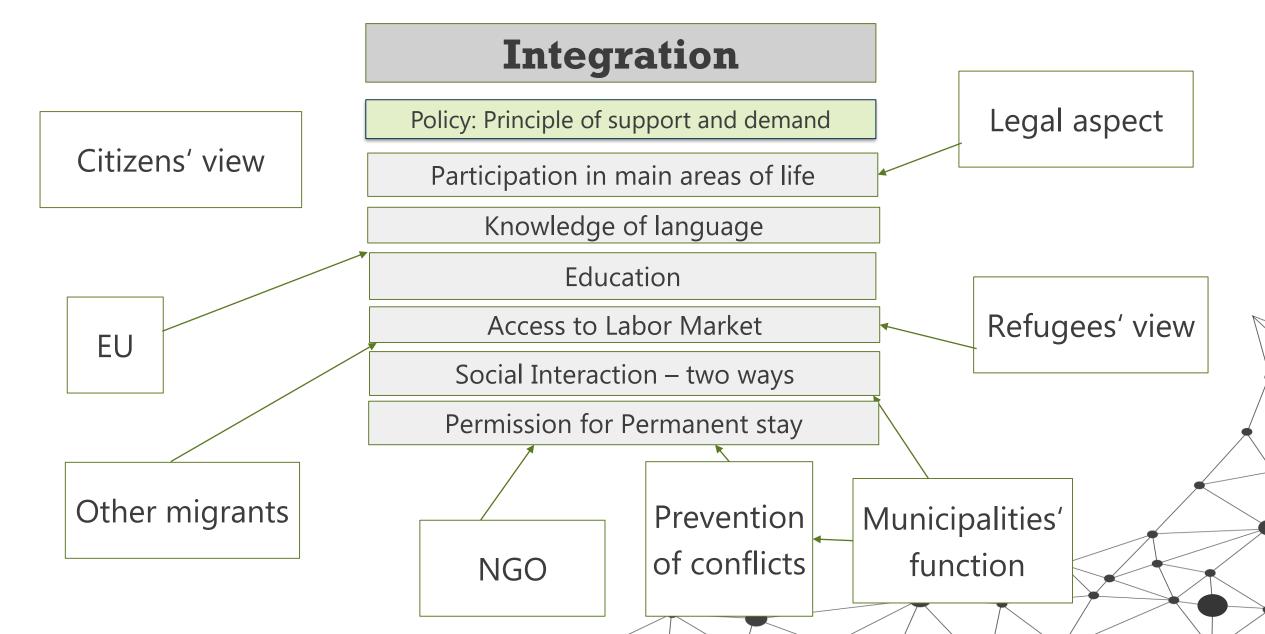
### **Municipal Tasks and Obligations**

Tasks			
•	Accomodation / Housing	•	Child care
•	Food & Household utensils	•	Youth programs, Education
•	Health	•	Labor market
•	Mobility	•	Security



Municipalities Mobilizing Ressources through **Coorperation and Coordination** Adult **NGOs** Education Others Within the **Institutions Sport Clubs** administration Other governmental offices Business Social Care organisations Volunteers **Institutions** /Network

## What is the Meaning of Integration?



## **Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities**

#### **Achievements:**

- Management of municipal recepcion and services for high number of new arriving refugees in 2015 and later
- Strong cooperation among different stakeholders
- Creative solutions to cover municipal tasks
- Coordinating role to use other ressources for municipal tasks and other services
- Strong engagement of citizens and organized civic society

#### **Challenges:**

- Social interaction and integration in city societies
- Long-term integration strategies and policies
- Integration of refugees into the labor market
- Professional training for refugees in needed professions
- Long-term integration of refugees' children into school system
- Language-learning for professional needs

#### **Opportunities:**

- Needs of certain professionals in the labor market
- High motivation of refugees to work
- Age structure of refugees
- Engagement of volunteers in services for refugees
- Learning from good practices
- Guidelines and lobbying of municipal associations



### Flüchtlinge vor Ort in die Gesellschaft integrieren

Anforderungen für Kommunen und Lösungsansätze

Beiträge zur Stadtpolitik

Example for Support Document of German Association of Cities:

- Publication of Good Practices
- Support brochure on Integration of Refugees into Local Society

http://www.staedtetag.de/fachinformationen/integration/079617/index.html



## Thank you for your attention!

