

1st mentoring visit | Jelgava (LV) - Schaerbeek (BE) | 12 May & 14th May am.

The general objectives of this visit are to probe deeper into the mentee's needs analysis and to develop ideas for change and their potential obstacles. Over the last year we have developed a focus for this mentoring scheme on supporting formal and informal language learning opportunities for newcomers in Jelgava. A first step to this objective is to better understand needs and support gaps in language learning in consultation with stakeholders and migrants themselves. A key element of the current framework are language and integration courses offered by the national government (up to A2 level). From this background, we want to find out which needs are unmet, and what could Jelgava city council do to address these. A specific focus in this lies in exploring the potential of volunteering, which is a key responsibility of the city's Social Integration Department.

Agenda

12 May 2021, 9-17h CET

First part could include stakeholders if available, but their presence in the last part of the meeting is more important.

9.00-9.10 CET	Welcome by Maria Grazia Montella (Project Coordinator, CEMR) & Dirk Gebhardt (Facilitator, MigrationWork)
9.10-9.20	Welcome by Jelgava City Council (Rita Vectirāne , Councillor responsible for education board and social integration department) Latvian Association of Local & Regional Governments (Mudite Priede , Secretary General)
9.20-9.30	Welcome by Schaerbeek City Council (Vincent Vanhalewyn , Alderman and President BAPA VIA)
9.30-9.45	Introduction to the local and national context: local stakeholders, migration history, and current policies for integration and language learning support Elita Kresse (Latvian Association of Local & Regional Governments) Snezana Zenovjeva (Jelgava municipality)
9.45-10.30	Talk with Rita Vectirāne , Jelgava municipality (City councillor, responsible for education board and social integration department) - leadership & commitment <i>Format: 15 minutes entry statement and 30 minutes open discussion</i>

	<p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus of the mentoring scheme - support needs in Jelgava - Philosophy of Societal Integration, role of Latvian Language and relationship to national minorities and migrants - Perception of future migration on the side of the municipality and of the national government - is there a perception that - for economic or demographic reasons- more migration will be needed and will happen? - Commitment at local level to do more to support integration and in particular language acquisition? <p><i>Note taking: Grazia & Davide</i></p>
10.30-10.45	Coffee Break
10.45-11.25	<p>Talk with Ilga Antuža, Jelgava municipality, Director Social Integration Department, working with minority associations and Linda Vovere, Jelgava Social Integration Department, responsible for volunteering</p> <p><i>Format: 15 minutes entry statement and 25 minutes open discussion</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If necessary recap societal integration policy and role of minorities and migrants - What kind of volunteering activities are supported, and how are they usually initiated? - In how far do newcomers and minorities participate in such activities? (and if so, which profiles do they have, and which profiles are less present?) - How does the language club work? - What could be potential incentives for newcomers to increase the potential of volunteering in language acquisition? <p><i>Note taking: Dirk & Maria Giovanna</i></p>
11.25-11.40	Coffee Break
11.40-12.30	<p>Talk with Iveta Dembovska, Society "Shelter "Safe House" (NGO) - language learning needs of newcomers and support gaps</p> <p><i>Format: 15 minutes entry statement and 30 minutes open discussion</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall picture of migrants coming to Jelgava (which profiles, which dynamic?)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work of the centre - Cooperation with municipality and state - Gaps in language learning support for newcomers <p><i>Note taking: Grazia & Davide</i></p>
12.30	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p><i>Allocating note takers to parallel talks</i></p>
13.30-14.10	<p>Talk with Sarmīte Vīksna, Zemgale Region Human Resource and Competences Development Centre - lifelong learning municipal institution <i>Format: 15 minutes entry statement and 25 minutes open discussion</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall assessment of language learning support - Distinction national minorities and migrants - Gaps in language learning support for newcomers and the potential role of the municipality <p><i>Note taking: Maria Giovanna & Dirk</i></p>
14.10-14.25	<p>Coffee Break</p>
14.25-15.15	<p><i>note that here we might need to split up into a breakout room as one person speaks Latvian and the other English</i></p> <p>Migrant panel Mr. Bradost Mamoondy newcomer from Kurdistan (ENG) Mrs. Sintija Zhang newcomer from China (LV) <i>Format: 15 minutes short biographical presentation (arrival trajectory and life circumstances) and 35 minutes open discussion</i></p> <p><i>Guiding questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - perception of integration support - language learning support needs - potential of volunteering <p><i>Note taking: Grazia & Davide</i></p>
15.15-15.45	<p>Talk with Voldemārs Bariss, Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies - international students <i>Format: 10 minutes entry statement and 20 minutes open discussion</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any known cases of international students staying in Latvia after their studies? - Are international students seen as potential labour force, either by the university or by the national government - Segregation of international students and potential of volunteering? <p><i>Note taking: Maria Giovanna & Dirk</i></p>
15.45-16.00	Coffee Break (<i>interpreters, stakeholders & hosts can leave the meeting</i>)
16.00-17.00	Mentor team synthesising findings from the interviews (internal)

14 May 2021, 9-13h CET

With stakeholder groups if possible

9.00-9.30	Presenting and discussing findings from talks during the first day to the mentee city (Maria Giovanna Zamburlini , Schaerbeek & Dirk Gebhardt , MigrationWork)
9.30-10.15	Mentor presentation on good practice and what can be learnt from it - the CAMIM experience - <i>participatory needs analysis, and how this led to improved language learning support</i> . (Christophe Vivario & Chloë Angé , VIA) <i>Format: 20 minutes input and 25 minutes open discussion</i>
10.15-10.30	Coffee Break
10.30-11.30	Action planning: timeframe, methods and first exchange of ideas from the background of the input received during the visit (mod. Dirk Gebhardt , MigrationWork) <i>Discussing some first ideas for actions with colleagues from Jelgava municipality and stakeholders</i> <i>Note taking: Dirk & Christophe</i>
11.30-11.45	Coffee Break

11.45-12.15	Final presentation of conclusions from the visit to key city officers and stakeholders - findings and ideas for draft action plan (Christophe Vivario, Via & Dirk Gebhardt , MigrationWork)
12.15-12.45	Discussing next steps
13.00	Meeting ends