



WORKING TOGETHER FOR LOCAL INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

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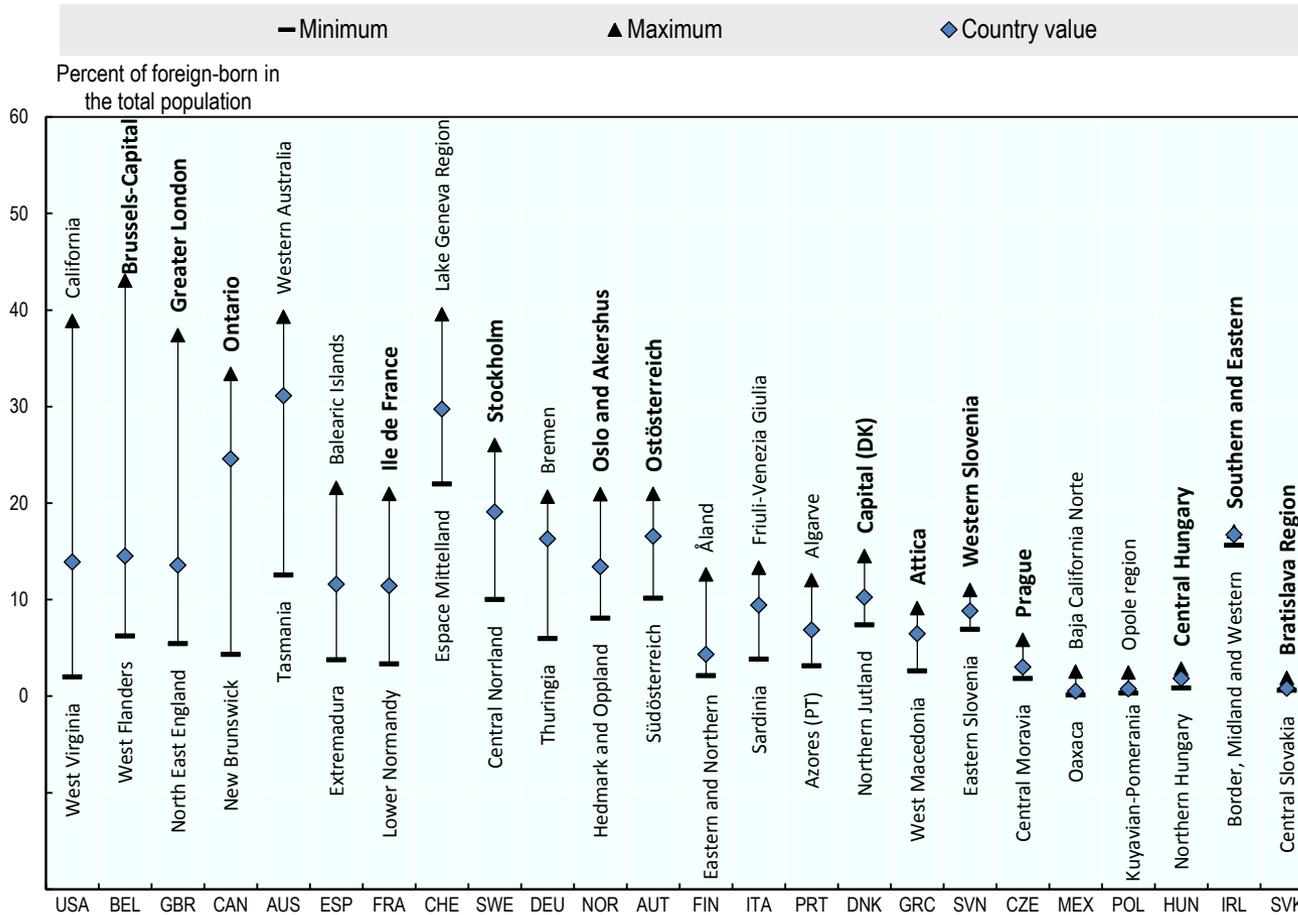


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- 2 main results:
 - Place matters
 - Need for Multi Level Governance to design and implement integration policies
- Based on:
 - statistical data: *Data analysis of 318 Regions for 29 OECD Countries*
 - 10 city case studies (*Amsterdam, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Glasgow, Gothenburg, Paris, Rome, Vienna and Altena*) /survey of 62 local authorities



In most countries the highest share of migrants is observed in metropolitan areas and in particular in capital-regions



- On average, close to two thirds of the foreign-born population live in mostly metropolitan regions
- High concentration of migrants in metropolitan and capital-city regions
- Shares above the 20% in the capital-city regions of NOR, AUT, FRA, CHE, SWE, AUS, CAN, GBR and BEL.

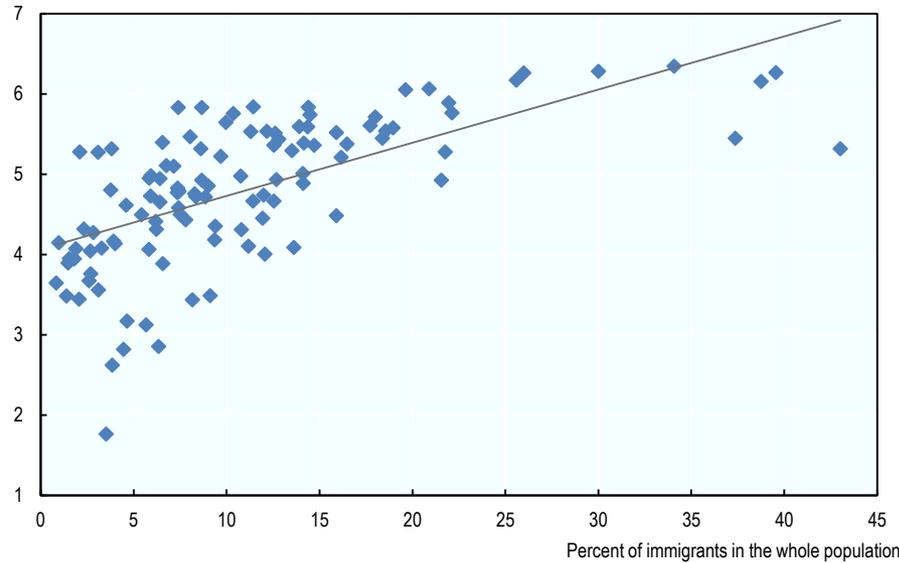
Regional disparities in the distribution of foreign born, 2014-2015

Source: OECD database on migrant integration at the regional level

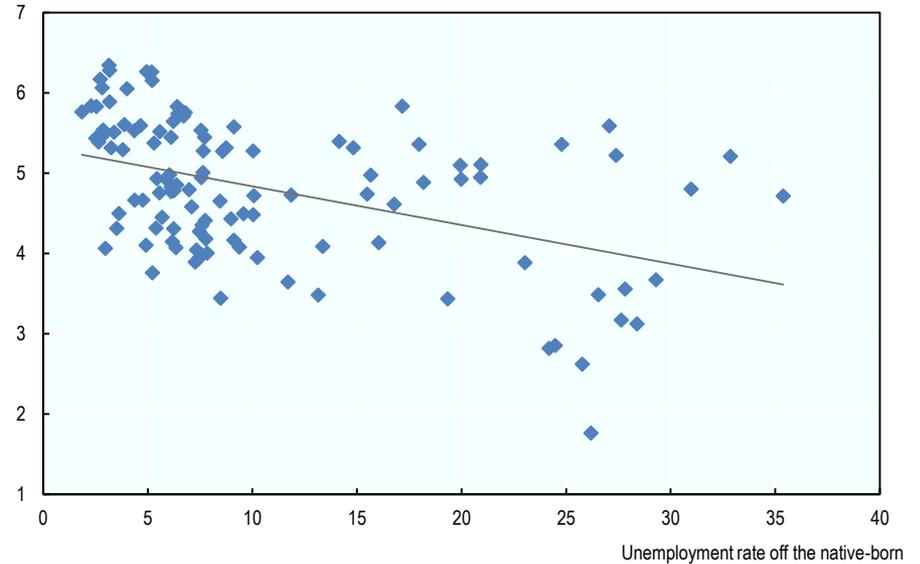


People in regions with large migrant communities show on average more positive attitude towards migrants. Low unemployment rate of native born population goes hand in hand with positive attitude.

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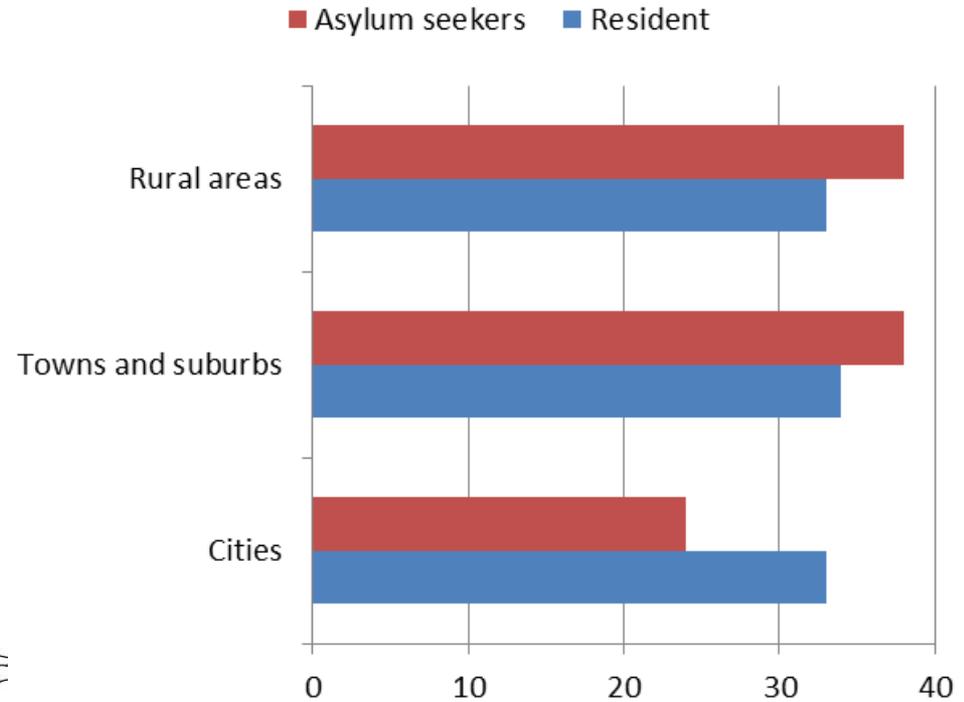
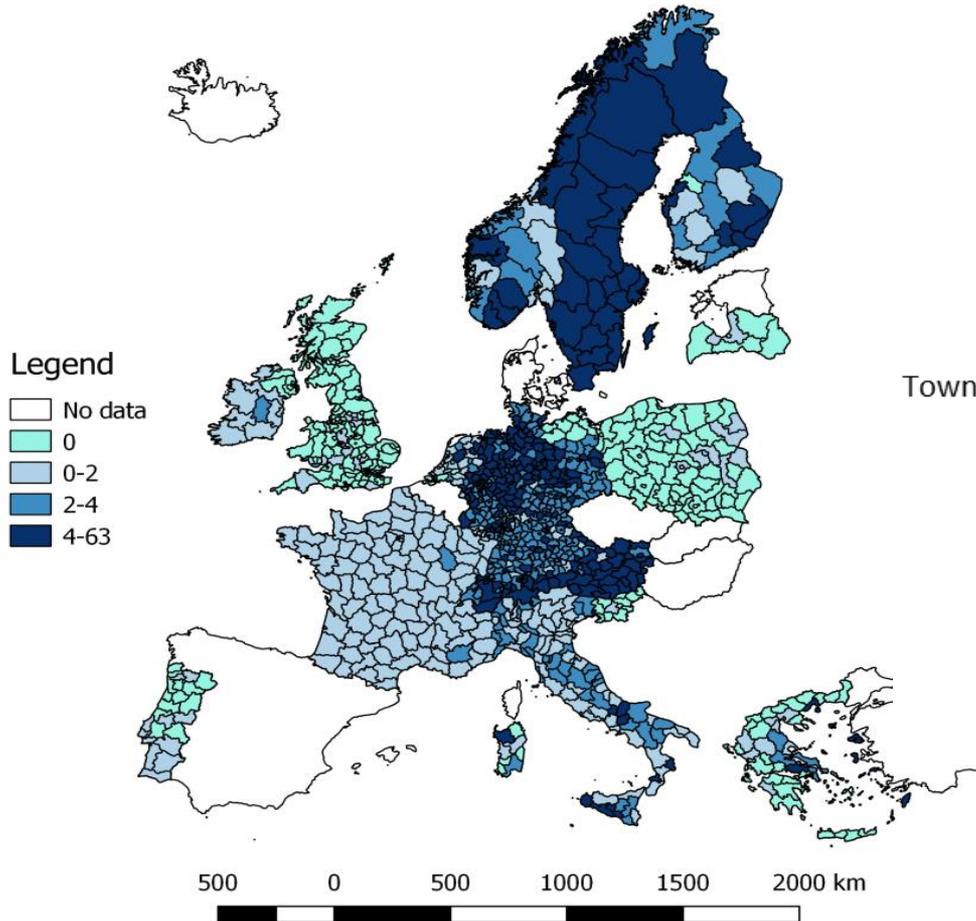
Level of belief that migrants are good for the economy vs migrant population size and native-born unemployment rate, circa 2012-2014 in Europe

Source: Authors' elaboration based on Labour Force Surveys and the European Social Survey



Asylum seekers are more evenly distributed across regions than resident population and foreign born

Number of asylum seekers in reception system per 1,000 inhabitants, 2016



NUTS3: 17 countries
Municipality: 6 countries



To integrate people it is needed to integrate policies at the appropriate scale

Examples of Governance Challenges

Information Gap across levels of government:

- With **88%** of the responses this gap is the **most important** governance challenge

Policy Gap for cross sectoral cooperation (housing, education, health, labour, etc.)

- Is second most important policy gap **for large cities**

Financing is not the first concern

- Ranked **fourth most important concern** with 80% of responses considering it

+ *Housing for migrants and refugees*

- *Is a significant **concern for large cities**, while only 16% of the total sampled cities recognize emergency reception facilities as critical lacking*



Checklist for public action to migrant integration at the local level

1. Enhance effectiveness through improved vertical co-ordination and implementation at the relevant scale.
2. Policy coherence in addressing multi-dimensional migrants needs and opportunities
3. Access to and effective use of financial resources adapted to local responsibilities for integration

I: Multi-level governance

4. Design integration policies that take time into account throughout migrants' lifetimes and evolution of residency status.
5. Create spaces where the interaction brings migrant and native-born communities closer

II: Time and space

6. Capacity and diversity of civil service, mainstream services for migrants and newcomers
7. Co-operation with non-state stakeholders, including through transparent & effective contracts.
8. Assessment of integration results for migrants and host communities and their use for evidence-based policies.

III: Policy formulation and implementation

9. Match migrant skills with economic and job opportunities.
10. Secure access to adequate housing
11. Provide social welfare measures that are aligned with migrant inclusion.
12. Establish education responses that address segregation & provide path to professional growth.

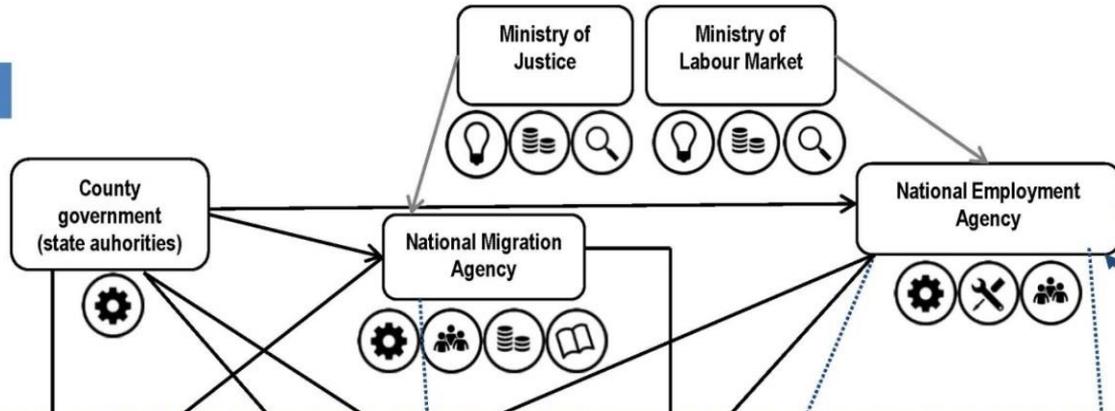
IV: Sectoral policies

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Who does what? Institutional mapping of integration policies in Gothenburg

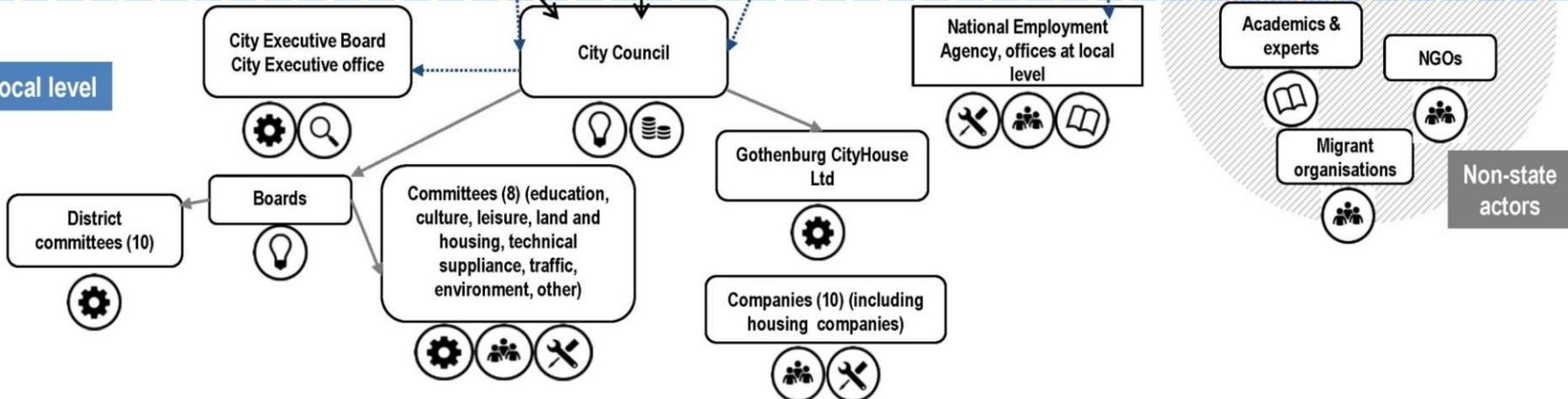
National level



Regional level



Local level





Some good practices in Gothenburg:

Tools	Gothenburg
Including migration in urban and housing planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Älvstranden project: new housing programme for 80000 units
Inter municipal collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Gothenburg metropolitan association for services to migrants- Regional collaboration in Västra Götaland, i.e Validering Väst, to facilitate competences validation• .
Inter-sectorial approach for social inclusion, which also benefits to migrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management Group for a socially sustainable city: “Equal Gothenburg”



Next Steps

- **Publication of the synthesis report, and Diffusion of Case Studies (18th Apr 2018)**
- **Follow up with local, regional and national governments (i.e.):**
 - ❑ **To enhance dialogue for sustainable local hubs for integration**
 - ❑ **To design and operationalise indicators that relate to integration-issues**
 - ❑ **To link integration to economic development strategy**
 - ❑ **To enhance capacities of small and medium size municipalities for integration and development**



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