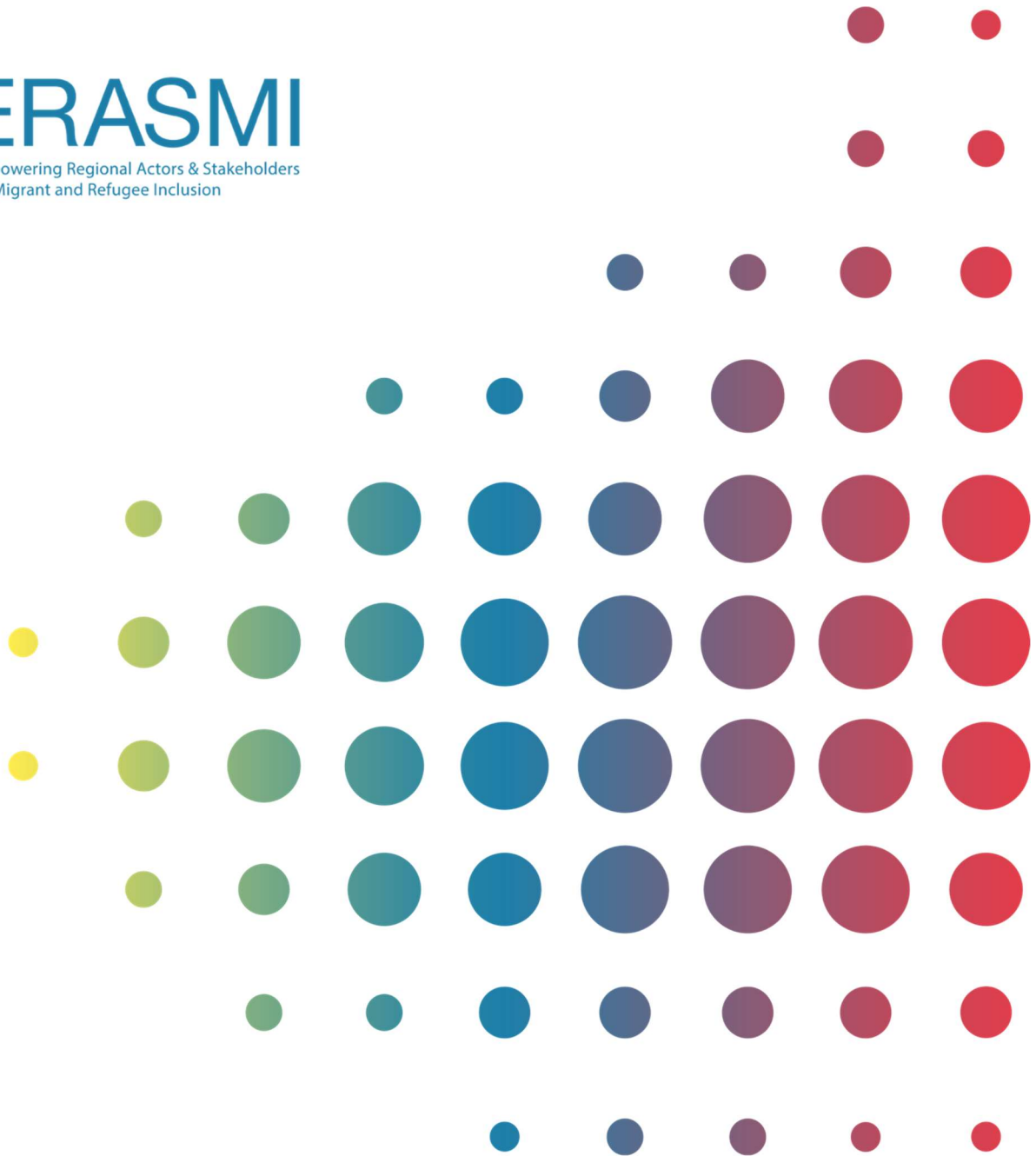




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Good Practice: NETZWERK FÜR INTEGRATION ERFURT

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the network	Netzwerk für Integration der Landeshauptstadt Erfurt
Founding year	2004
Location	Erfurt / Thuringia / Germany
Coordinating Organisation	Internationaler Bund - IB Mitte gGmbH (a social NGO) on behalf of the city of Erfurt
Degree of formalisation	Formal cooperation agreement
Members	Circa 80; represented are amongst others administrative bodies, associations, institutions, migrant organisations
Field(s) of action	Inclusion / Integration in general
Target group(s)	Public administration; NGOs; Volunteers; Companies; Training providers etc.
Type of network	State-integration network

2. NETWORK PROFILE

Brief description	<p>Since 1999, the “Netzwerk für Integration der Landeshauptstadt Erfurt” serves as an association of migrants, public bodies, welfare agencies as well as other organisations, institutions and individuals involved in the integration of migrants in the city of Erfurt. Specific objectives are the interconnectedness of local offers, the creation of complex practical and demand-oriented integration assistance, the promotion of self-help forces among migrants and the strengthening of the local population’s readiness to receive and accept migrants and newcomers. The network is located at and cooperates closely with the Centre for Integration and Migration (ZIM) of the city of Erfurt, which is an advisory and cultural centre with multicultural offers for migrants and locals</p>
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of rooms, materials and infrastructure of the Centre for Integration and Migration (ZIM) of the City of Erfurt • One network coordinator financed by the City of Erfurt • Special expenses in coordination with the ZIM
Internal Communication & Facilitation techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network meetings for all members (5x per year) with topic-specific panels, lectures, discussion groups, network café with information tables • Thematic meetings of the 8 working groups (2-6 meetings per year) • Two-monthly calendar of events • Regularly updated homepage
External Communication & Event formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific member management, which includes the organisation of network conferences with topic-specific panels, lectures and network café • Monthly info mail



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-monthly calendar of events • The offering of further training and events on the topic of integration as required
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3. SUCCESS FACTORS AND MAIN CHALLENGES

Success factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular exchange of experience and open discussion culture among members • Exchange in the working groups is oriented towards concrete projects and goals • Appreciation of the network by federal authorities that regularly attend conferences • Clear and well-structured information flow • The members' realisation that they can mutually benefit from the experience and expertise of other members • The network is flexible and has a high willingness to change
Challenges & Lessons learnt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive behaviour (e.g. among language course providers) • Partial loss of information (due to a lack of a uniform communication platform and a high fluctuation of members and staff) • Lack of input from volunteers and migrants
Evaluation & Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular surveys among members and adjustments in the network based on the results • Annual report, which forms the basis for next year's target figures
Impact, Innovation & Transferability	<p>The network has been successfully functioning as a link between the city and local actors for more than two decades and has expanded in the wake of the sudden increase in refugee migration in 2015 and 2016. The model of coordination by an NGO on behalf of the city is innovative and could be applied in this way in other municipalities.</p>

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Website, Social Media	Website: www.integration-migration-thueringen.de/netzwerk
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