



**STATEMENT OF INTENT BETWEEN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
AND THE CITY OF MELTON IN RELATION TO THE INTERCULTURAL CITIES  
PROGRAMME**

The city of Melton becomes member of the Intercultural cities network and participant in the Intercultural cities programme. The objective of the programme is to support cities in developing or revising intercultural strategies for the management of diversity and the integration of migrants and minorities. As a member of the programme, the city will review, with the participation of international experts, officials, citizens and peers from other cities, its policies and governance from an intercultural perspective, learn from successful practice in other cities, and identify a set of objectives, indicators and a plan of action which will form its (revised) intercultural strategy. An assessment of the implementation of the strategy will take place regularly.

In order to fulfil the above the Parties agree:

**POLITICAL COMMITMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*The City authorities undertakes to*

ensure the commitment of the local Council (or equivalent) to the principles and objectives of the Intercultural Cities' programme and its endorsement of the participation of the city in the entire duration of the programme;

announce publicly the city's commitment with the Intercultural Cities' programme and commit to work towards a local intercultural strategy and action plan;

engage the representatives of the local community, both elected officials on a cross-party basis and civil society members, in the development of the city's intercultural strategy and its implementation;

encourage and facilitate the participation of local media and civil society organisations in the process of preparation of the local intercultural strategy and its subsequent implementation.

*The Council of Europe undertakes to*

provide advice and support for the city's participation in the Intercultural Cities' programme;

enable the linking between the Intercultural Cities' programme and other related programmes at local, national and international levels;

ensure adequate communication and networking between participating cities;

carry out the INDEX review based on the city's replies to the INDEX questionnaire; organise the expert visits and prepare the Intercultural profile of the city; advise on the review of the city policies from an intercultural perspective and the development of the city's intercultural strategy;

organise thematic events and study visits according to the Intercultural Cities' workplan agreed with member cities.

### **RESOURCES**

*The City authorities undertakes to*

allocate the necessary staff time, political support and resources for the participative development of the city's intercultural strategy and action plan;

ensure the allocation of the necessary resources for the city's participation in the Intercultural Cities' programme and report to the Council of Europe regularly on progress made with the development of the strategy, its action plan and its implementation;

support and facilitate the local implementation of the Intercultural Cities' programme and of any supplementary activity agreed bilaterally with the Council of Europe in the course of the programme;

support and participate actively in the baseline assessment (at the beginning of the membership) and in the evaluation of the Intercultural Cities' programme's impact and results;

contribute financially, as the case may be, to the implementation of the Intercultural Cities' programme. This contribution will take the form of a specific agreement between the City of Melton and the Council of Europe.

*The Council of Europe undertakes to*

provide human and financial resources, within the limit of its appropriations, for the implementation of the Intercultural Cities' programme, in particular as concerns expert support, international co-ordination, expert's visits and international events;

ensure the contribution of experts and partner organisations in the implementation of the Intercultural Cities' programme;

ensure overall co-ordination and administration of the Intercultural Cities' programme.

### **VISIBILITY**

*The City authorities undertakes to*

mention the Intercultural Cities' programme and partner organisations, using an agreed formulation (cfr. the Intercultural Cities visibility guidance), whenever opportunities arise and circumstances justify it (in public documents and publications, hand-outs, press releases, public relations material, speeches, meetings, interviews etc.);

support the preparation of an Intercultural Cities exhibition;

support and facilitate the preparation of any other documentary and media material agreed in the course of the Intercultural Cities’ programme;

agree to the publication of its good practice examples and of any non-confidential material resulting from the local implementation of the Intercultural Cities’ programme, by any means and in any format deemed necessary for the adequate visibility of the programme and dissemination of its results.

*The Council of Europe undertakes to*

mention the cities participating in the Intercultural Cities’ programme, whenever opportunities arise and circumstances justify it (in public documents and publications, hand-outs, press releases, public relations material, speeches, meetings, interviews etc.);

provide visibility for the city’s efforts and achievements via the Intercultural Cities’ web site, social media, newsletter, events, and/or other means;

support and facilitate the preparation of any other documentary and media material agreed in the course of the Intercultural Cities’ programme;

seek to involve city representatives in good practice exchange and international events whenever this is deemed to be beneficial and practical.

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The Parties accept to periodically review and evaluate the progress in implementing the present statement of intent and may provide modifications to it by common consent. Focal points for the implementation of this statement of intent should be selected respectively by the City of Melton and the Council of Europe and communicated to the Party in due time.

Done in two originals in the English language,

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