



Lab 3: Equipped for the future
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Lab outline: What is the quality of life of immigrants and non-natives? Which services and measures in the municipality foster a quick integration for all types of immigration – from internal to forced migration? Interdisciplinary social planning attempts to answer these questions. A Social Planning Instrument (SPI) has been developed to enable such planning. Participants are given the opportunity to get to know the SPI and to share their experiences from their own community.

Total time available: 135 min

Language: English and Italian

Materials used: Flipchart, flipchart paper, maker pens, W-LAN, videobeamer.

Facilitators: Stefanie Bauer (AidA), Elke Klien (AidA), Francesco Pastorelli (CIPRA Italia)

Participants: Enrico Allasino, Ilaria Borri, Jakob Ebner, Massimo Gnone, Nana Heinberg, Antoinetta Izzo, Heidi Krischke-Blum, Giacomo Lombardo, Luca Oliva, Laura Pascolin, Mostafa Pourbayat, Piergiorgio Reggio, Elvira Reitshammer, Sergeja Praper, Daniela Thaler, Pablo Vilches

Number of participants and facilitators: 19

Structure of the workshop:

- 1) Introduction of participants and short presentation of AidA
- 2) Presentation of the SPI (process in the municipalities and online tool)
- 3) Discussion and feedback

1) Introduction of participants and short presentation of AidA

The workshop started with a round of short introductions of each participant.

The facilitators introduced AidA (<https://alpenallianz.org/de>). The network of alpine municipalities founded in 1997, with about 250 members from each alpine country, aim to the exchange of experiences, but also to the realization of common projects in the field of sustainable development.

2) Presentation of the Social Planning Instrument (SPI)

The facilitators introduced the SPI which supports mid and long-term social planning to take the interests of both the local natives and the new residents into account. The SPI encompasses the following parts: the process within the municipality, a questionnaire in the form of a user-friendly online tool, and a handbook. The prime focus lies on quality of life for the whole population. It is recommended to assess and improve the quality of life in a municipality within a working group with the highest possible degree of diversity. The questionnaire in form of an online tool allows an assessment of the quality of life in the community. It contains indicators relating to statistical data, the organization of the municipality, the services and offers available. These indicators are divided into ten fields of action. At the end of the whole process the results are presented in form of diagrams.

The participants were asked what “quality of life” meant to them. For many participants the quality of life is mainly linked to relationships, to human relationships and the possibility that everyone can have access to services. Municipalities often have many services, but these services are not accessible to everyone in equal measure. In addition to offering services, a municipality should be concerned that all citizens have access to these services.

The facilitators showed the online tool and at least one indicator in each field of action.

3) Discussion and feedback

Everyone agreed that the process in the municipalities is more important than the other parts of the SPI.

There was also a discussion which type of municipality is more suitable for this tool. It may not be ideal for very small municipalities that organize services together with neighboring municipalities (in this case, it would be better to apply the tool on the regional level).

Another point, that was discussed, was how to make the tool available to municipalities after the end of the project. It should be ensured that the developed process is followed.