



# Utrecht Refugee Launch Pad

U-RLP

City of Utrecht

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# | City of Utrecht

*4th Largest City of the Netherlands*

## Population

2016 → 338,986

2030 → 406,885

2040 → 425,400

**159 Nationalities**



# Utrecht, Human Rights City

- Shelter City
- Local Human Rights Coalition
- Human Rights Based Policy Development
- Inspiring Global Goals City 2017



*Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home - so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in (...). – Eleanor Roosevelt (1958)*



# Polarisation & Tension in Society



Pictures in Newspaper: *Grimmige sfeer bij azc-bijeenkomst Overvecht*, Telegraaf, 11-01-2016

## **Urban Innovative Action 1st Call**

### *Integration of Migrants & Refugees*

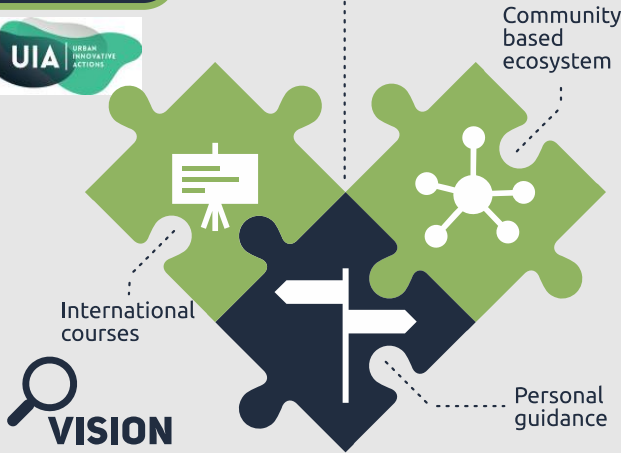
- EU Urban Agenda
- AMIF, FEAD, ESF, EASI
- 378 applications, 18 Projects
- Utrecht, Vienna, Bologna, Antwerp

**UTRECHT  
REFUGEE  
LAUNCH  
PAD**

**SELF-NARRATIVE  
RECONSTRUCTION**

**FUTURE-FREE  
APPROACH**

**CREATE A SAFE ECOSYSTEM FOR  
INTEGRATION AND RECONNECTION**

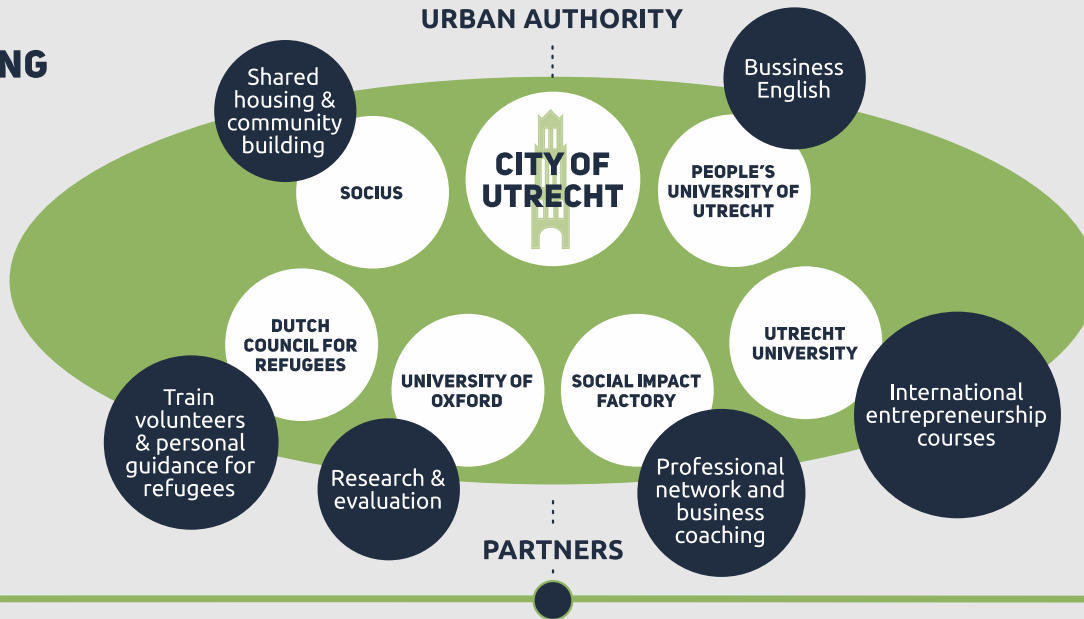


Asylum seekers start working on their future which could be in NL or elsewhere depending on their asylum procedure or personal circumstances/ country of origin/career developments.



**VISION**

**UTRECHT  
WELCOMING  
CITY**



**INCLUSIVE  
SOCIETY**

# The Building in the Beginning





## SOCIUS Youth

*Live Together, Learn Together*

- 1 November 2016
- 38 Youngsters
- Strong connection to the neighbourhood





## Plan Einstein, Smart Thinking



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