



Call for participants - Connective Cities Covid-19 Response Dialog Event

Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management

Virtual event, 28th September 2020 13-15:30h (CEST)

Connective Cities invite municipal practitioners to the **Covid-19 Response Dialogue Event on Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management** to be held **virtually on 28 September 2020**.

Thematic focus of the dialogue event: Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management

The exchange event brings German experts together with municipal actors from other countries to discuss how municipal administration can act in order to prevent further spread of the Covid-19 in cooperation with other actors and by utilizing available technologies. The overall topic to be discussed are principles of how to protect the non-infected population in the event of a disease outbreak will be discussed. In this field, tracking and breaking infection chains and protection against infection through quarantine measures will receive special focus. Experts will present practice examples from Düsseldorf, Essen and one international partner, the overall aim of the event is to achieve a joint exchange of experiences.

Objectives of the dialogue event

An involvement of experts from municipalities and practitioners in the field of health and public administration provides the right platform to pool experiences, discuss challenges and generate ideas to better respond to the challenges imposed by the pandemic.

The aim of the exchange is to get to know **good practice examples** from municipalities with different local conditions. Here, the interest is mainly in **pragmatic solutions and approaches that can be applied or adapted to the different regional contexts**. Furthermore, the event will offer a platform to discuss the challenges around the theme of crisis management and support municipalities in an open and interactive exchange of experience. **Ideas for concrete implementation measures can be further supported by Connective Cities through follow-up exchanges with relevant experts.**

Participation and contact

If you wish to participate and **actively contribute to the dialogue event with a good practice** that you are planning or implementing which fits in the thematic focus of event, **we warmly invite you to apply for a participant spot** at the event. If you are interested in getting actively involved in exchange of experience, we invite you to apply for participation, too. To do so, please send us an email with your function and organisation as well as with a short description of the experience you would like to showcase or describe your motivation to participate. We welcome the participation of **municipal actors and experts** respectively working in the **health, planning departments or emergency services** to present and to participate. While municipal practitioners are the main target group, a participation by urban actors from civil society, private sector or academia is welcome. Please apply as soon as possible – the event is limited to a maximum of 20 participants.

Background

The corona pandemic does not simply affect cities around the world; it affects them in a wide variety of areas and topics. In addition to public health care functions, municipal services must be maintained during the crisis and local government must ensure its own ability to function. The consequences of the crisis, e.g. in terms of economic development, must also be locally by local authorities. The crisis has shown that resilience is an important characteristic of municipalities: this applies to direct crisis management as well as to adaptative urban planning geared towards greater resilience.

From August to December 2020, the international city platform Connective Cities is organizing a series of events in cooperation with committed municipal stakeholders. The first virtual exchange will take place on August 26, 2020.

The series of events is aimed at German and international actors working on various aspects of the municipal strategy for coping with the corona crisis. The presentation of concrete good practice examples enables intensive professional exchange and collegial consultation among experts. There is also the possibility of developing individually tailored solutions in the future, which can be concretized and planned for implementation in the context of further cooperation.

Connective Cities at a glance

The international exchange platform Connective Cities has been bringing together international urban practitioners from city administrations, civil society, academia and the private sector since 2013. Connective Cities is a cooperation project between the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the German Association of Cities and Engagement Global with its Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW).

For more information on past and upcoming activities, please check: www.connective-cities.net

If you have any queries about the event and the participation process, we encourage you to contact us.

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Factsheet: All information at a glance

Date & Place	28 th of September 2020, virtual event
Duration	2,5h – 3h
Criteria for participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practical perspective and first-hand experience in municipal strategies and projects in the area of Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management - Presentation of a local good practice example in the response to the Covid-19 outbreak - Willingness to engage in an exchange about current needs and challenges in this thematic area
Thematic focus	<p>The event will focus on the following aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tracking and breaking infection chains - protection against infection through quarantine measures
Expertise	<p>German practitioners will present the experiences they have made on their way towards the establishment of policies dedicated to the pandemic, and the planning activities involved in this response. International participants will share their knowledge and practices on this topic. Both, German and international urban practitioners will also share and discuss their challenges.</p>
Objective	<p>Initiate a practice-oriented exchange between German and international practitioners active in the response to the Covid-19 pandemic</p> <p>Facilitate peer-to-peer learning</p>
Language	English

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