



Call for participants - Connective Cities Covid-19 Response Dialog Series Final Event of 2020 - Experiences from the Covid-19 Response Dialog Series

Virtual event, 9th of December 2020, 13h to 15:30 (CET)

Connective Cities warmly invites municipal practitioners to the **Final event of 2020 in the Covid-19 Response Dialogue Series** to be held **virtually on the 9th of December 2020**.

From August to December 2020, the international platform Connective Cities organized a series of virtual response dialogues on measures, challenges and solutions to overcome the corona crisis in cooperation with municipal actors from Germany and all over the world. The objective of the series was to provide a venue for improving the responsiveness and resilience of local actors through exchange and peer-to-peer learning.

The **final event of 2020** will provide an overview of the communal experiences in facing the Covid-19 crisis. It will focus on the exchanges that happened in the year of 2020 and present some highlights from the diversity of the thematic exchanges and the participating regions. Besides taking stock of the response dialog series, the event will also bring a representative of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division of the OECD to present their experience with good practices in response to Covid-19 in municipalities of the OECD countries. The overall aim of the event is to discuss the lessons learned and the next steps for 2021.

Objectives of the event

The involvement of experts from municipalities and practitioners in the dialogs of the Covid-19 series provided a rich pool of experiences that enabled the discussion of shared challenges and generated ideas to respond to the challenges imposed by the pandemic at the municipal level. The objective of the **Final event of 2020** is to consolidate the experience and to provide an overview of experiences and examples. It will be an interesting event that will condense the experience of over 20 exchange dialogs in the last 4 months **and present concrete example of successful practices by municipalities in the response to the Covid-19 crisis**.

Selected learning experiences from the Covid-19 series will be presented in a condensed form to enable a moderated Q&A session with all participants. The authors of the course on Crisis Management at the Academy of Public Health Services in Düsseldorf will also present the free e-learning course and the book translated into English with the support of Connective Cities. The event will be simultaneously translated into German, English and Arabic.

Participation and contact

If you wish to participate, **you are warmly invited to register using the following link:**
<https://skew.engagement-global.de/connective-cities-covid-19-response-dialog-lessons-learned-during-the-covid-pandemic.html>

Do not hesitate to send us an e-mail in case you have any questions.

The event has already confirmed the participation of experts from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Association of Cities (DST) and the Academy of Public Health Services in Düsseldorf (ÖGD) who will present their perspective on the strategies in response to the Covid-19 crisis;

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 the provision of public services as well as to adaptive planning geared towards greater resilience. This fast changing environment requires a dynamic way of managing communications with the population and with other actors in the municipal, regional and federal levels.

From August to December 2020, the international city platform Connective Cities organized a series of events in cooperation with committed municipal stakeholders. The **final event of 2020** will take place on December 09, 2020 from 13h to 15:30 (CET).

The series of events was aimed at German and international actors working on various aspects of the municipal strategy for coping with the corona crisis. Collegial consultation and the presentation of concrete good practice examples enabled intensive professional exchange among experts. In this sense, there was also the possibility of developing individually tailored solutions in the future, which could be concretized and planned for implementation 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	09 th of December 2020, virtual event
Duration	2,5h – 3h
Objectives	<p>The event will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consolidating the experience with the Covid-19 series - Providing an overview of experiences and examples, including from municipalities in OECD countries - Presenting the online course and the book - Discussing thematic focuses for 2021
Language	German, English and Arabic

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