



Is your city dealing with issues like integration policies, or multiple immigrant communities?
Are you interested in topics related to prevention, preparedness and disaster resilience??

AMARE-EU project is proud to launch this call for cities, to select 4 cities interested in implementing innovative and low-cost tools for the enhancement of urban resilience in a multicultural and inclusive perspective.

THE AMARE-EU PROJECT

Over the last few decades, European cities have been characterized by migrant flows that have resulted in the growth of multicultural societies and the creation and expansion of non-native communities. At the same time, cities are increasingly investing in strengthening their adaptation capabilities to climate change, learning how to live with the risk of natural or manmade disasters, developing policies, regulations and plans for resilience enhancement in the short, medium and long run.

In this new context, one of the most important things is to involve all the citizens in this process. Cities are made up of and by citizens, who need to be recognized as key actors so that results can be gained from the policies and investments.

When speaking of natural disasters, not being aware, not knowing who to call, how to act, where to look for updated info, is indeed a key reason for exposure to severe risk. This is particularly true for non-native people.

AMARE-EU is a 2-year European project aiming at **developing concrete, low-cost and easy-to-be-applied solutions** to increase risk awareness and promote a culture of prevention in particular within non-native communities, who are normally exposed to higher level of risk in case of disaster. Thanks to a strong, **multi-sector and multi-skilled partnership** that comprises organizations active in the field of disaster management, cultural cooperation, smart and resilient policies, city coordination, and migrant support and integration, **a dedicated toolkit for raising awareness and related communication campaign** is developed and implemented.

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WHAT CAN PILOT CITIES EXPECT FROM THE PROJECT?

The project will select 4 European cities for preliminary implementation of the AMARE-EU toolkit, composed by best practices and case studies on how to effectively communicate risk prevention and boost resilience through the integration of non-native communities.

Selected cities will receive **support from leading experts on Diversity and Inclusion, Disaster Preparedness and Risk Management** and will become part of a dynamic process targeted at increasing urban resilience through the following steps:

- ✓ Assessment of city priorities and challenges linked to resilience and protection enhancement through the involvement of non-native communities.
- ✓ Identification of key actors and creation of a city working group to be engaged in the integration of non-native communities.
- ✓ Development of a Local Action Plan to raise awareness to risk management and resilience among non-native communities.
- ✓ Conduct pilot activities to support the Implementation of the Local Action Plan.

Participant cities will be provided with:

- **Training sessions** concerning toolkit operation, engagement of key stakeholders, and the improvement of urban resilience strategies through a multicultural approach. A toolkit to increase urban resilience based using an inclusive approach, customized according to each city's organic needs and requirements.
- **An inclusive, customized toolkit for Urban Resilience, tailor made for each individual city.**
- **Mentoring and expert support**, both through on-site visits and in the form of remote assistance.
- Dedicated sessions to profile each city, its priorities and challenges. This will be done in order to develop and implement a **Local Action Plan** for effective inclusion of non-native communities in city resilience strategies.

By participating in the AMARE-EU toolkit test and validation process, **cities will benefit from:**

Enhancement of their capacity for risk prevention, in order to increase city resilience and protection of citizens, including non-native communities.

Interaction with experts in the fields of risk management and cross cultural management, with particular attention to how to effectively inform and involve non-native communities, organize campaigns to raise awareness, communicate risk etc.

Interaction with peers from similar and different sectors, enabling the exchange of ideas and partnership opportunities and becoming an active part of a European network of resilient cities.

Selected cities will be invited to participate in an official awarding ceremony to be held in Bonn on June 2019 during the ICLEI Resilient Cities – Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation.



WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM PILOT CITIES?

The 4 selected pilot cities, and in particular key actors involved in the project (i.e. representatives from local authorities, civil protection, immigrant organizations, cultural mediators, civil society, etc.) need to collectively commit to the test and validation of the AMARE-EU toolkit in their city, and account for its results.

This includes:

- ✓ To view urban resilience and climate change adaptation as a priority to be addressed through an inclusive and multicultural perspective.
- ✓ To participate actively in trainings, meetings and discussions.
- ✓ To make available information and data needed for implementation of the Action Plan, (city-level plans, initiatives, contacts, etc).
- ✓ To take full ownership of the process and drive the participatory process ahead through connections with local stakeholders and through active collaboration in the development and implementation of the pilot actions.
- ✓ To provide in-kind support for city-level project implementation, in the form of staff time, venues, and technical expertise of the local government and other involved stakeholder organizations (academia, NGOs/ CBOs, business etc.).
- ✓ To contribute to growing the visibility of the AMARE-EU project results and achievements, to be involved in project communication and dissemination initiatives, and to promote the AMARE-EU objectives through city national and international networks, neighbouring communities and institutions.

WHAT CITIES ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are looking for cities that:

- Are located in a member or associate member State of the European Union.
- Have at least 30.000 inhabitants.
- Commit to developing and implementing a Local Action Plan related to increasing resilience and protection through the involvement of non-native communities.
- Have a vibrant civil society, including organized communities, NGOs or local businesses interested in urban resilience, Civil Protection, multiculturalism, integration, and linked policies.
- Are able to assign personnel with working command of English and/or one of the languages of the partnership to take part in project activities (languages are: Danish, French, German, Italian).



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AND HOW?

Who: The complete Application Package can be submitted by city representatives, i.e. the mayor, a city officer, or any other person authorized to commit to taking part in the pilot activities in the city's name.

How: Applications should be submitted by e-mail to info@amareproject.eu using the following wording for e-mail subject: "AMARE-EU Call for Interest [Name of the City], [Country]". Please note that above recipient email addresses can only receive files of up to 10 MB. If your application package is larger (esp. if you are sending additional attachments), please use services such as <https://wetransfer.com> free of charge.

What: The Application Package is composed by the following documents, to be fully completed and sent to the above mentioned e-mail:

- I. Application Form
- II. Commitment Declaration
- III. Privacy Authorization
- IV. Response of the AMARE-EU Self-Assessment tool

When: Applications can be received from November 30th, 2018 to January 31st, 2019. Early submissions are encouraged.

For application-related clarifications or inquiries you can contact info@amareproject.eu.

CALL TIMELINE

Launch of the AMARE-EU Call for Interest	November 30th 2018
Submission Deadline	January 31st, 2019
Announcement of the selected 4 cities	February 28th, 2019
First meeting with selected cities (Vejle, DK)	April 2-3, 2019
Cities profiling and Local Action Plan preparation	April-June 2019
Awarding ceremony during the ICLEI Resilient Cities–Global Forum, plus International Training (Bonn, D)	June 26-27-28, 2019
AMARE-EU pilot activities implementation	July-December 2019