

Third General Conference of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism

Call for Papers

From 19 to 20 November 2009, the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR) will organize its third annual conference in Toulouse (France) under the theme:

*“Cities against Racism:
New Challenges - New Partnerships: Shaping our Future”.*

The Conference is intended to identify best strategies that cities can adopt to counteract racism and discrimination on the basis of the “Ten-Point Plan of Action” of ECCAR and also by taking into account the international economic and political context. In order to present examples of strategies and actions implemented by European cities and in order to share experiences and stimulate discussion the following four working groups will be organized during the General Conference.

**Working Group 1 Implementation of the Ten-Point-Plan of Action against Racism
Presentation of Practical Examples: Combating Discrimination in
Employment and Housing**

**Working Group 2 Implementation of the Ten-Point-Plan of Action against Racism
Presentation of Practical Examples: Greater Vigilance against
Racism - More Participation and Better Informed City Dwellers**

**Working Group 3 Promoting Social Cohesion in the Context of State Policies on
Security: A Contradiction?**

**Working Group 4 The Global Economic Crisis and the Rise of Right-Wing
Extremism**

In preparation to these working groups, ECCAR is launching a call for papers to European cities (councillors and administrators) and researchers working with cities. Contributions (in English or French) should respond to one of the aforementioned workshops and take into account at least one of the following elements:

Working Group 1 and 2:

- **Strategy/local action in the field of the selected workshop**
- **Target group(s) of the strategy/action**
- **What are the problems that have led to the elaboration of the strategy/action**
- **Partners involved (including victim groups)**

- **Positive and negative experiences in the elaboration and implementation of the strategy/action**
- **Tools of evaluation and monitoring for the implementation of the strategy/action**

Working Group 3 and 4:

- **How do you see the relationship between state policies on security and social cohesion or the economic crisis and right-wing extremism?**
- **Can you define the role of local authorities in this relationship and with regard to the promotion of social cohesion/counteracting right-wing extremism?**
- **Can you provide recommendations for action and strategies local authorities can take or implement?**

The deadline for submission of papers is 30 June 2009.

If you require some financial support for travel and accommodation please contact the coordinators of the relevant working group.

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<http://www.citiesagainstracism.org> (English)
http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php-URL_ID=10629&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html (English and French)

Ten-Point Plan of Action

<http://www.citiesagainstracism.org/Ten-Point-Plan-of-Action.9.0.html> (English)
<http://portal.unesco.org/shs/en/ev.php->

[URL_ID=6530&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html](#) (French, English, Spanish)