

## Current Affairs Committee

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### **Guidance for Municipalities on Migrants with Irregular Status**

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Reflecting the interest that the Current Affairs Committee has taken in refugees' and migrants' access to essential services, and more broadly in the role of local and regional authorities in relation to migration (as in [Recommendation 394 \(2017\)](#)), we draw attention to new Guidance for municipalities on managing the challenges posed by the presence of migrants with irregular immigration status ('undocumented').

The City Initiative on Migrants with Irregular Status (C-MISE), a Working Group of 11 cities chaired by Utrecht and facilitated by the University of Oxford, has published the first Guidance for Municipalities on how to respond to the presence of migrants with irregular status (<https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/2019/migrants-with-irregular-status-in-europe-guidance-for-municipalities>), and an accompanying short-video documentary: "*Migrants with Irregular Status: How to respond?*" available at: <https://youtu.be/bdohxNnIN-M>.

The Guidance sets out the reasons why municipalities facilitate access to services, and provides practical information on current practices across Europe in areas such as legal advice, healthcare, education and shelter. It provides advice on handling personal data (referring to [ECRE's General Policy Recommendation 16](#) on non-discrimination against irregular migrants) and on providing services with or through NGOs.

An executive summary is translated into Greek, Spanish, French and Italian, with further languages forthcoming. The Guidance, summary and video, as well as access to background research reports, can be found on the project website: <https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/project/city-initiative-on-irregular-migrants-in-europe-c-mise/>. The separate links are provided below:

## Guidance

Guidance for municipalities: <https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/2019/migrants-with-irregular-status-in-europe-guidance-for-municipalities>

Executive summary

- [Ελληνικά](#)
- [English](#)
- [Español](#)
- [Français](#)
- [Italiano](#)

Main Project page: <https://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/project/city-initiative-on-irregular-migrants-in-europe-c-mise>

## C-MISE short videos

*Irregular Migrants in European Cities: How to Respond?* <https://youtu.be/bdohxNnIN-M>

5 short clips on individual cities taken from the main video

- Amsterdam <https://youtu.be/j3JSx84r3u8>
- Barcelona <https://youtu.be/Umk0gUHeGzA>
- Frankfurt <https://youtu.be/3GGCPenibvE>
- Ghent [https://youtu.be/\\_M96PI2dVXs](https://youtu.be/_M96PI2dVXs)
- Utrecht <https://youtu.be/Xazu6BvPrZc>

## Reports and Webinar recording

[The European Union and migrants with irregular status: opportunities and limitations in EU law and policy for European local authorities providing assistance to irregular migrants](#)  
Report | [Nicola Delvino](#) | 2018

[European Cities and Migrants with Irregular Status: Municipal initiatives for the inclusion of irregular migrants in the provision of services](#)

Report | [Nicola Delvino](#) | 2017

[Inclusion of Migrants with Irregular Status: a Role for Cities](#)

Webinar with Cities of Migration | 12 April 2018

As coordinator of the C-MISE initiative, I would welcome any enquiries from municipalities that are interested to engage in future workshops or visits on this issue; that have information to share on current practices; or feedback on the Guidance that we have prepared: at [sarah.spencer@compas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.spencer@compas.ox.ac.uk)

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