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Project title

Welcoming Neighbourhoods – Sustainable Migration in North and West African Cities

Thematic focus

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Project location

North and west African Cities

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Description

The interdisciplinary project "Welcoming Neighbourhoods: Sustainable Migration in North and West African Cities" seeks to understand the dynamics of inclusion and exclusion dynamics among mobile people (internal and external migrants, circular migrants, commuters) in specific neighbourhoods characterised by diversity (in terms of the life histories, and particularly the mobility experiences, of the people who live there) and their contribution to social, economic, and cultural innovation.

WelCit includes the organisation of five workshops, four of them in selected North and West African cities (Addis Ababa, Fez, Dakar, and Abidjan). We plan to use innovative methods to improve workshops outcomes, in particular the inclusion of site visits to innovative projects in specific neighbourhoods.

Development relevance (Agenda 2030)

With our focus on innovation, we wish to contribute to several of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development's goals, in particular Goal 11 (inclusive, safe, resilient and, sustainable cities), Goal 3 (healthy lives and wellbeing), Goal 16 (peace, justice, and strong institutions), Goal 12 (sustainable consumption and production), and Goals 8 and 9 (economic performance and work).

Image 1
Cameroun community self-organised housing project in Fès

Image 2
African food shop in Fès