Integration of foreigners in the city of Brno

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- 27 000 of foreigners with temporary and permanent residence (50 000 JmK) from 144 countries
- 10 % growth compared to 2015

• 1500 - 2000 of them threatened by soc. exclusion

or socially excluded



Policy making and the problem of data:

- What data we have?
- What data we need?



- 2015: cooperation of the city with Agency for social inclusion →
- 2016 Strategic plan for social inclusion → **city projects** on integration of foreigners

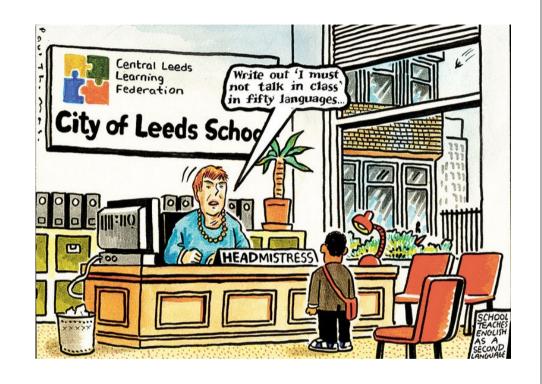
SWOT with actors of integration in the city – problems:

- functional coordination of integration
- strategy of integration missing (need of coherent local policy)
- **barriers** on the side of foreigners and public institutions, which disable foreigners from solving their life situations
- limited knowledge among foreigners on services, rights and obligations
- xenophobia, stereotypes, conflicts

 Data gathering for local strategy for integration (+ small projects on direct support): march 2017 - spring 2019

 Lowering of intercultural barriers in public institutions (intercultural workers): october 2017 - september 2019

- Assimilation -> positive discrimination -> diversity management
- Intercultural work, political participation of migrants



EUROCITIES platform

http://nws.eurocities.eu/MediaShell/media/Forums_and_workinggroups_2016-2017.pdf

Integration in Gdansk

Diversity management

- = equal acces to rights and obligations of all city ihabitants:
- top-down process inside institutions
- intercultural opening of institutions and services in the city
- intercultural mainstreaming as a cross-section criterion for all policies

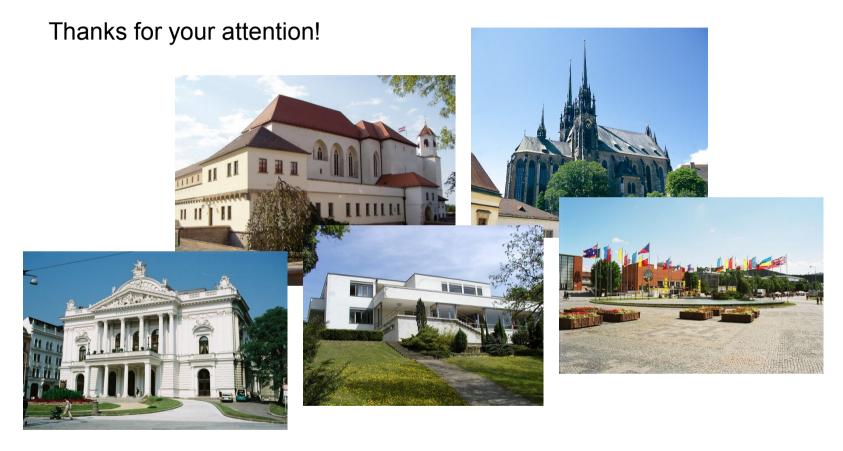
Intercultural barrier – WHAT?!

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- No knowledge on integration of foreigners at all (politics, officers, public, media)
- Fear (foreigners as "hot potato"), xenophobia
- Invisibility of foreigners (problems virtually do not exist)
- Refusing of responsibility for integration
- Political abuse of migration agenda
- Innovative approach in czech context
- not enough experience
- Legitimity of social policy generally





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