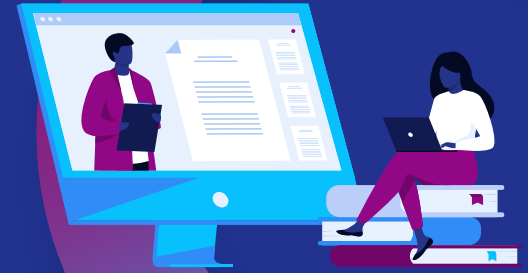




IcARUS

IcARUS series of web conferences

Co-producing social and technological innovations to address urban security challenges: Join the IcARUS web conferences and contribute to rethinking urban security approaches



Initiating transformation in urban security policies - About the IcARUS project

With the aim of supporting transformation in urban security policies, Efus launched the IcARUS project to integrate innovative methodologies and foresight into urban security approaches, mobilising socially and technologically innovative solutions and the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including citizens.

The IcARUS project, funded by the European Union and implemented in cooperation with 18 partners including universities and research institutions, local authorities, civil society and private sector organisations, draws on the accumulation of knowledge and insights from 30 years of urban security research, practice and policies.

Designing urban security approaches that are centred around citizens' needs

IcARUS' partner cities are developing tools which respond to their local urban security challenges and take citizens' needs into account. Accompanying the development of concrete tools, IcARUS seeks to enhance a strategic approach to urban security. To achieve this objective, Efus and its partners invite experts to support cities in integrating cross-cutting urban security issues in the development of their tools.

How? This will be done through the organisation of a series of web conferences, in which cities' experiences are at the heart of each session, covering diverse topics, including the integration of gender in security policies, the rethinking of urban security problems and solutions, and the involvement of citizens in the management of public spaces.

Are you part of a local authority? Join us and contribute to improving innovative approaches to urban security!

This will support the creation of tailor-made, comprehensive and inclusive tools, to make sure they are best adapted to the reality of local contexts.

AGENDA

Session 1 - How to integrate gender into urban security policies?

11th January 2023
(2pm CET)

Gender mainstreaming in urban security policies intends to integrate an equality perspective at all stages and levels of urban policies, security strategies and interventions.

Men, women and people of all genders are confronted with different security issues in urban environments. Men are more vulnerable to violence and robbery, while women are more likely to experience sexual harassment and gender-based violence. These differences concern a variety of issues, for example access to and control over power and resources. Unequal access to common goods and rights might equally concern the interaction with institutions and the justice system. The situations of women and men also differ according to country, region, age, ethnic or social origin, economic circumstances or other factors.¹

Gender mainstreaming in urban security policies should take into account these differences when designing, implementing and evaluating activities or interventions, so that they benefit both women and men and do not increase inequality but enhance gender equality.

During this session, representatives of the partner cities of the project (Rotterdam, Lisbon, Nice, Stuttgart, Riga and Torino) will share their case-study and exchange with the expert Barbara Holtman, Director, Fixed Africa, on the challenges they face, including such questions:

- What does gender mainstreaming in urban security policies imply?
- How to integrate a gender perspective into an urban security initiative? Who should be involved?
- What tools facilitate gender mainstreaming?
- What are examples of successful gender mainstreaming in urban security?

Registration Form

¹ <https://www.coe.int/en/web/genderequality/wh-at-is-gender-mainstreaming>

