



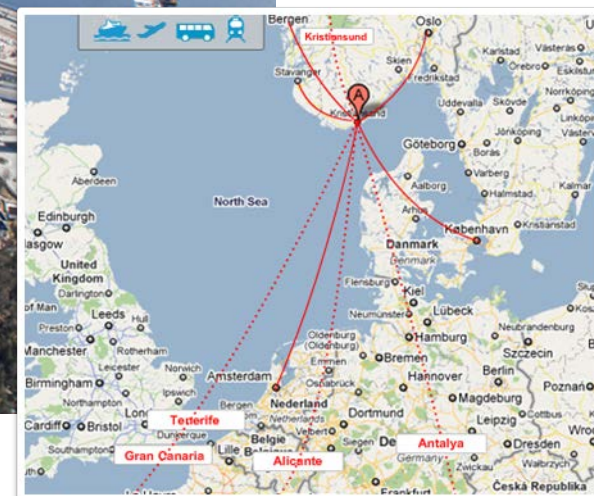
Reception Centers for Asylum seekers in Norway and Greece: Benefits and implications for local communities

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Electra Palace hotel, Thessaloniki

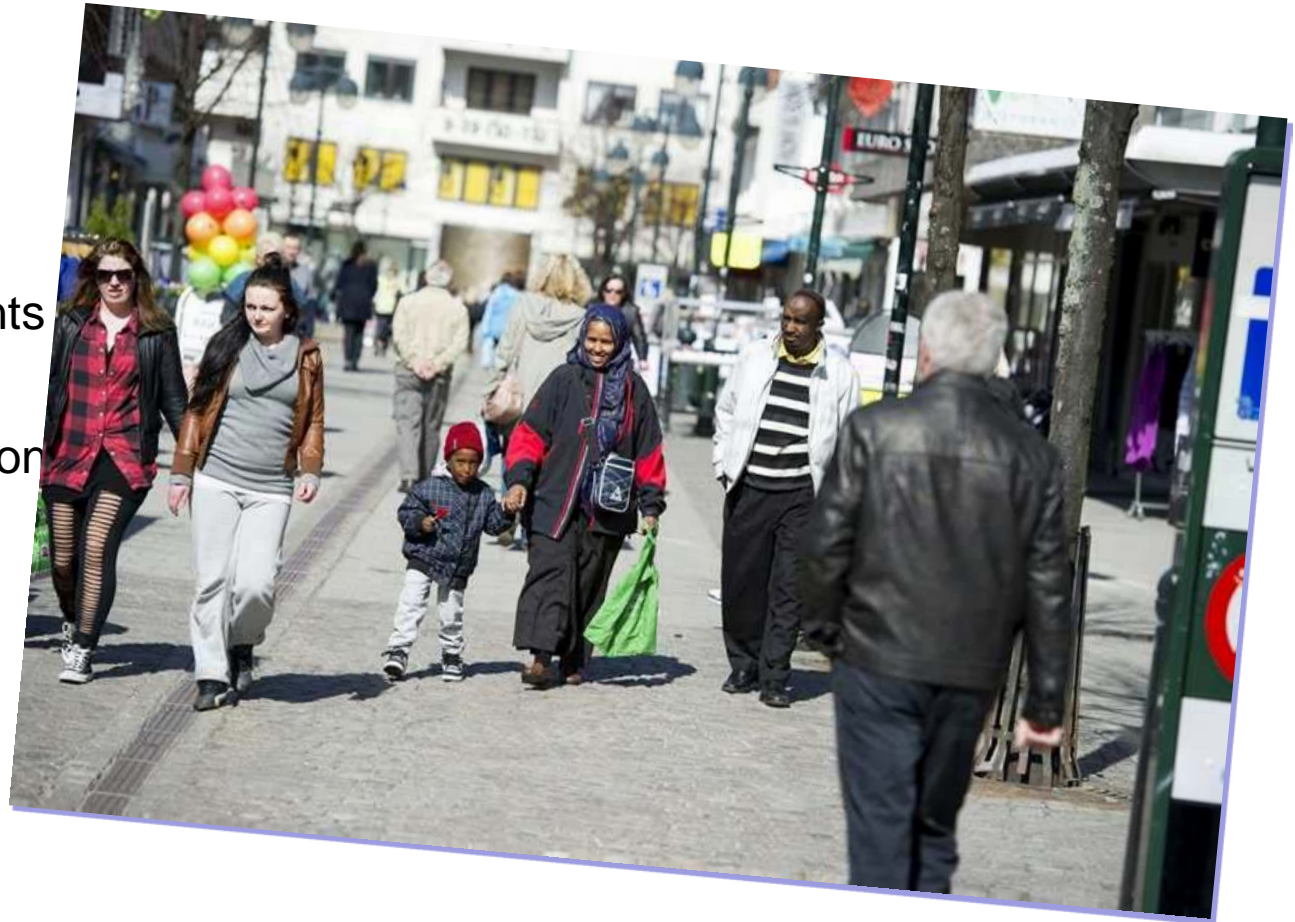
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- Population:
83.243 inhabitants
(01.01.2012)
- Migrant population
of 13%
Non-Western
Migrants 6,5%



Reception Centres

- Run by the municipality of Kristiansand since 1988 – *why?*
- Involving
 - local politicians
 - administration, other services
 - the staff of the centre
- By tender, according to EU-regulations, since 2001
- Up to 450 inhabitants
- Fluctuations – according to needs



Reception Centres

- Reception; yes, - but not necessarily a centre
 - In the neighbourhood
 - Ordinary housing
- Rapid mobilisation



Reception centre in he municipality of Kristiansand

- Migrant population of 13%,
Non-Western Migrants 6,5%
- More than 80 nations represented
- Network for most of the inhabitants of the reception centre
- Benefits and downsides?



How can local authorities ensure successful establishment of a reception centre?

- The role and responsibility of the local authorities hosting a reception centre. As mentioned earlier;
 - Collaboration with local politicians, administration centre staff
- Our experience with the imposed local services, some special to the task;
 - Child Welfare
 - Health services
 - Primary School, language education for adults
 - Interpretation services for the above mentioned



How can local authorities ensure successful establishment of a reception centre?

- Services;
 - Child Welfare
 - Health services
 - Primary School, language education for adults
 - Interpretation services for the above mentioned
- Professionalism
- Enthusiasm
- Engagement and involvement



How can local authorities ensure successful establishment of a reception centre?

- Police;
- Fire brigade; governed by Law,
- Health services;
- Reception centre staff, governed by UDI directives



How can local authorities ensure successful establishment of a reception centre?

- Thinking inside or outside of the box



- Thank you!