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Dear resident of Tartu,

**The second joint meeting of CRISCO's Tartu stakeholders will be taking place on August 28, 2018.**

**Title of the event:** "The human view on factors, which promote or hinder integration "

**Time and Venue:** August 28, 3pm to 6:30pm at the seminar room of Domus Dorpatensis (Ülikooli 7, Tartu)

**The topic of the meeting:** Good people-to-people relationships expect understanding, mutual respect and trust. Especially if there are differences between language and culture. At the meeting of August 28, we want to focus on people's personal experience to find the obstacles hindering communication, and answer the question of how we together can make Tartu more friendly and coherent city.

**Aim of the meeting:** To provide an overview of the circumstances, stereotypes and possible risk factors, that encourage or hinder interaction between people and communities. By the end of the meeting, we want to come up with specific proposals that the city, organizations and individuals can use to make the urban environment safer and support the adaptation of people with different cultural backgrounds.

**Who is expected:** All interested people from city authorities, organizations as well as ordinary citizens who are interested in the better integration of different communities in the city and cooperation between them.

**Agenda:**

15:00-15:15	<b>Registration, introduction round</b>
15:15-15:25	<b>Summary of the current activities of the CRISCO project</b>
15:25-15:45	<b>Presentation: "Polarization and interpersonal relations - How do different nationalities and groups of society see their role in Estonian society?"</b> (Helina Maasing, Estonian Academy of Security Sciences)
15:45-16:00	<b>Presentation: "Attitudes of integration on the example of the citizens of Tartu"</b> (Kristjan Kaldur, Institute of Baltic Studies)
16:00-16:10	<b>Project „We are all Tartu“ - experiences of foreigners in Tartu</b> (Dan Prits, International House Tartu)
16:10-16:20	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:20-17:30	<b>Discussion in groups</b> (on topic "Interaction between people, barriers to communication and personal experience")
17:30-18:30	<b>Broader discussion, summaries and plans for the future.</b>

**NB!** Joint discussions will be held in English.

If you are interested in participating in the discussion of questions concerning the development of Tartu, and taking part in the meeting on 28th of August, please fill the registration form at the latest on August 22, 2018:

<https://goo.gl/forms/kPolOzEaKvOghVq1>

The number of seats is limited.

**NB !!** The second international event will take place from 26th to 28th September 2018 in Strasbourg, France. A delegation to represent the city of Tartu has 5 members, and we want to involve also enthusiasts who are actively participating in the 28th of August meeting. Travel expenses are covered by the project budget.

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**CRISCO:** *Crossroad of the Regions - fostering involvement of all citizens in local life to Improve Social Cohesion*

Alongside Estonians there are people from nearly 100 different nationalities living in Tartu, who have settled here mostly for the purposes of learning or working. The City of Tartu invites residents and institutions to participate in the international integration-themed project. The purpose of the CRISCO project is to make Tartu more coherent, so that communities living next to one another in the city would know each other, and everyone, regardless of origin, would have a voice in the events taking place in Tartu. With your help, we are hoping that the project will result in us being able to identify the technical aids or support systems required to do so.

Within the framework of the project, the **four** biggest topics will be discussed at international meetings:

- 1) **Cultural and Social Barriers to Integration** – March 2018, Bassano del Grappa (Italy);
- 2) **Prejudices and Precarious Individual Situations** – September 2018, Strasbourg (France);
- 3) **Language Barriers to Integration** – January 2019, Vejle (Denmark);
- 4) **Lack of (Public) Places for Inclusion Activities** – June 2019, Etterbeek (Belgium)

**Partners in the project (10):**

**Core cities**

Municipality of Etterbeek, Brussels Region, Belgium (Project Coordinator)

ALDA (European Association for Local Democracy), Strasbourg, France

Municipality of Bassano del Grappa, Bassano del Grappa, Italy

VIFIN (Videnscenter for Integration), Vejle, Denmark

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Municipality of Rezekne, Latvia

Municipality of Vlora, Albania

Municipality of Tartu, Estonia

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