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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of lead organization	European Commission
City and country where lead organization is based	Brussels, Belgium
Title of the event	Protracted Displacement in Urban Settings
Date of Networking Event	10/18/2016
Networking Event room number	10
Number of participants	60
Percentage of women participants	60%
Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).	<p>In the context of global displacement due to conflicts, natural disasters and climate change, progressively larger numbers of people are forced from their homes for longer periods, resulting in protracted displacement situations. Increasingly, refuge is sought in urban areas, where access to services and (informal) employment opportunities are more prevalent than in rural settings. However, unplanned and rapid urbanisation in many cities exacerbates the vulnerability of urban populations, in particular the more marginalised including displaced persons and migrants, and puts pressure on often already strained services. In this context, the recent EU policy on Forced Displacement and Development stresses that managing urban displacement is a combined human rights, development and humanitarian concern, for which the needs of refugees and internally displaced persons need to be balanced with the needs of host communities. This event outlined the specificities of humanitarian crises in urban settings and stressed the importance of an appropriate and effective response to protracted displacement in urban contexts.</p>



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<p>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</p>	<p>The 2-hour networking event on protracted displacements in urban settings brought together a high-level panel of speakers including H.E. S. Halaseh, Jordan Minister of Public Works and Housing; Y. Daccord, ICRC Director General; A. Soliman, World Bank Practice Manager; L. Pupulin, IMPACT Executive Director; L. Earle, Member of the Global Alliance for Urban Crises Secretariat, DFID / IRC; and Member of the European Parliament B. Wenta as discussant from the floor. The session focused on key themes around protracted displacement in urban settings, such as need for inclusiveness and non-discrimination, context-specific and multi-sectoral approaches, and the need for urban planning to take displaced communities into account. Experiences from Jordan were shared, underlining the social impacts of refugees to cities particularly in border regions to Syria – 'in crises, people get smart ideas' – as well as the importance of access to education and the role of private investors. Speakers underlined the need for resilience of vital urban services and the need for empowerment of the local level; lessons from Syria pointed to the need to respect IHL and for humanitarian aid to understand existing systems at city and local levels – people focused approaches are too often forgotten.</p>
<p>Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .</p>	<p>Challenging suggestions were made on possible needs to rethink the existing functioning of the humanitarian system deemed unfit to respond in urban settings: moving from a sector-based approach to an area/multi-sector based approach, through a common understanding and shared tools. Finally, the wealth of activities and projects ongoing on local capacity building should be tapped into and built on, with a role to be played by the Global Alliance for Urban Crises.</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</p>	<p>HE Sami Halasa, Minister of Public Works and Housing for Jordan</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</p>	<p>Mr Yves Daccord, International Committee of the Red Cross, Director General</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker</p>	<p>Mr Luca Pupulin; Executive Director at IMPACT</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker</p>	<p>Dr Lucy Earle, Urban Adviser for the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) Humanitarian Policy team</p>
<p>Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker</p>	<p>Ms. Ayat Soliman, Practice Manager, World Bank</p>



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Full name, title, and organization of
the 6th speaker

Moderator: Mr Jean-Louis de Brouwer, Director, DG ECHO, European
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