

Municipality of Weert
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Weert, 27th of February 2024

Onderwerp : Statement of Support 'Inclusive Cities and Urban Wellbeing'
Ons kenmerk : 2382673/2382719

Dear sir/ madam,

I write on behalf of the municipality of Weert in support of funding for the proposal "Inclusive Cities and Urban Wellbeing", submitted by Universidad San Jorge (as the applicant organization) and Aalborg Universitet and Stichting Zuyd Hogeschool (as partner organisations), to the Erasmus+ programme, *Cooperation partnerships in higher education action type (KA220-HED)*. We strongly support this application and its focus on promoting inclusive cities and enhancing wellbeing in society by delivering evidence-based best practices.

As an organization we are committed to create a green (living) environment for our residents and entrepreneurs. Our strategic vision focuses on five values, such as good housing for every target group, participation for everyone, natural and scenic quality, sustainable and innovative entrepreneurship and living and interconnectedness with the region. These values form the starting point for our actions in which we are committed to an inclusive society, vital communities and pleasant living environments.

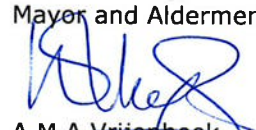
In the neighborhoods 'Keent' and 'Moesel', for example, we have been working for the last two years with our social partners and residents on a climate-proof public space, strengthening the level of facilities, the renewal of housing and increasing social cohesion and resilience of residents. Our cooperation with Hogeschool Zuyd goes back several years with the aim of knowledge development and knowledge sharing on social and urban issues. The cooperation for the coming years focuses on strengthening the train station area and the neighborhoods 'Biest' and 'Groenewoud'.

The present application is an opportunity for the municipality of Weert to develop specific local knowledge for both spatial and social domains. Major spatial and social challenges can be analyzed and tackled on a small scale. These include social cohesion, vital communities, redevelopment of industrial estates, etc. The input from partners and residents is also

important. That is why we opt for a participatory approach. The collaboration between employees of the municipality of Weert, the students and the residents and partners provide new insights and gives an impetus to our policy.

In the event this proposal is funded, we would expect to collaborate in the implementation of measures to promote dissemination of results to reach society and maintain them after the end of the EU funding.

Yours sincerely,
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Weert



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