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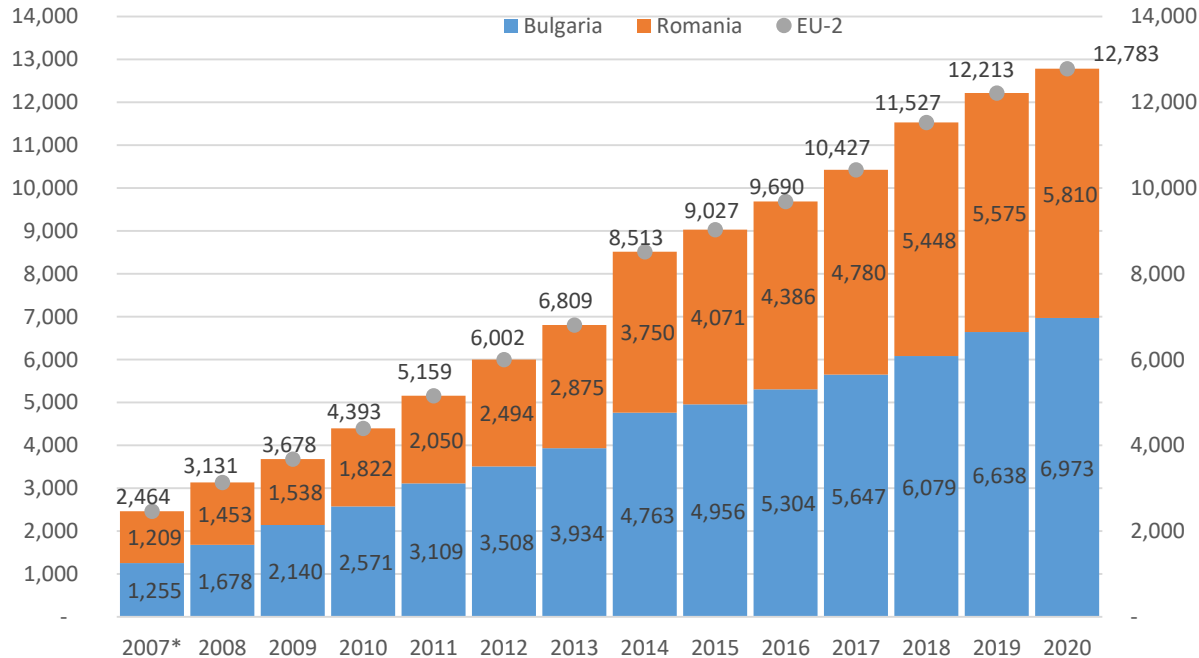
Integration of EU-2 citizens in Mannheim

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- **Circular migration** / higher fluctuation patterns of less skilled migrants
- **Highly concentrated** in a few areas of the city centre, arrival-districts (ca.40%)
- **Heterogeneous groups:** language skills, education, professional training
- **High share** of vulnerable and discriminated individuals
- **Poverty and** marginal social status
- **Endangered** by illegal employment and housing
- Archaic **gender** patterns, practices of child-marriages

ANIMA ground

TARGET GROUP: EU-2 citizens in Mannheim living in or endangered by poverty.

PROJECT GOALS:

Social integration of the mentioned migrant groups through access to established (social) support structures.

ANIMA CONCEPT

Involves a holistic approach, established on the basis of mutual trust with the client. Evaluates prospects and opportunities. Fosters empowerment and self-help promotion.

EU-2 Integration in Mannheim

- **Municipal networks and working groups:** core actors within the city administration (departments for: education, social support, registration, youth, security and order), external authorities (health insurance companies, public housing, language schools, charities, family counselling)
- **Additional personnel with migration background for key municipal duties** (education, juvenile system, security and order)
- **FEAD** funded social work project ANIMA – Getting settled in Mannheim! 2016-2022, Cooperative project between the city administration, charities and neighbourhood management. 300.000 € p.a. Family and individual-oriented consulting for social integration
- **City's budget funded integration programme:** Mannheimer Integration Funds 2013-2019. Calls for projects with the annual subsidies at 300.000 €.
- **Land of Baden-Württemberg** funded Project "Integration guides for Bulgarian and Romanian newcomers". The Integration guides provide group-based workshops on general orientation in the city, on questions like housing, school and child education, language training and many others. (120,000 € p.a.)

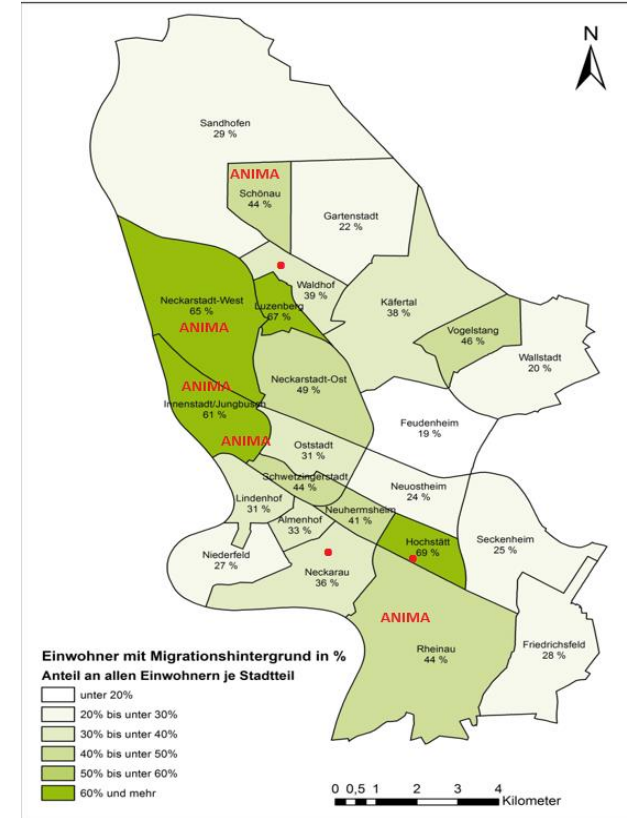
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ANIMA: Getting settled in Mannheim!

City of Mannheim: Project coordination (practical and financial)

Social counselling is provided at **5** locations by cooperation partners such as:

- Caritas Mannheim
- Diakonisches Werk Mannheim
- Mannheim's District Management



Cooperation between the Integration Bureau within the City of Mannheim, local district management, Diakonie and Caritas

1. **“Client’s interest first”**: counselling based on to client’s needs and problems
2. **Complementarity**:
 - Know-how transfer between the ANIMA counsellors
 - Using traditional structures of social work maintained by the charities throughout Mannheim
 - Close work with city’s authorities
3. **Transparency**:
 - Regular communication of current changes in relevant legal or organizational frameworks

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ACCESSING TARGET GROUPS THROUGH COOPERATION/ OUTREACH

- Cooperation with several **municipal departments**: social department, youth protection, education, security and order, public legal and registration services, etc.
- Cooperation with **other public and charitable** institutions in the respective neighbourhood (kinder gardens, schools, language schools, political bodies, etc.)

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ANIMA interim project data

- The ANIMA social workers team is set up from professionals with native language skills, higher education backgrounds and project work experience in a social counselling field.
- ANIMA-team has been profoundly active within the first project phase and has established a strong network with municipal bodies, public institutions and other authorities or actors throughout Mannheim.
- After 5 years in action, ANIMA project receives a constant stream of clients both from Bulgaria and Romania. Over 55% of those have spent less than 2 years in Mannheim so far. 75% of clients have children, and over 20% of those clients have 3 or more children. ANIMA clients look for counselling due to complicated personal situations and lack of German language knowledge.
- 25-30% of total counselling time consists of common visits to relevant institutions and mediation (for example schools, hospitals and doctors offices, debt reduction counselling, courts etc.)
- As of 31 December 2020: over **5000** completed consultations for over **3.200** clients and their dependants.

Lessons learned from the cooperation between Mannheim and NGOs

- Coordinated efforts of the actors are time-consuming, require additional personnel
- Different interests and aspects of the cooperation can be accounted for through the participative process
- Extra value is added to the single project steps (setting up consulting sites, joint personnel training, accumulating a stable client base)
- Better channelling of decision-making process (transparent and fair)
- Comparable, reliable data-management and project evaluation

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