

# Science engagement as a tool for social inclusion

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science and education ”

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# Aim

provide spaces and opportunities

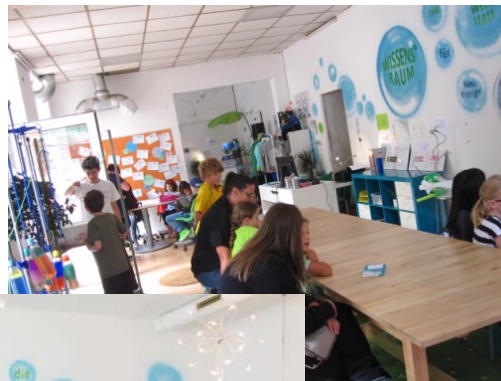
for meaningful encounters

between various groups of society

through science engagement activities

# Knowledge°rooms in Vienna

- 8 Mini-Pop-up Science Centers (30-150m<sup>2</sup>) since 2013
- Open for 2-3 months, 2.5 days/ week
- Per venue appr. 1300-1800 visits, many regular visitors, long stay
- All ages, ca. 50% children between 6 and 13 years old
- Very mixed audience (educational, cultural, social background)
- Visitors speak over 30 languages



# Spaces



- use empty shops in underserved urban districts
- temporary mini-science-centers
- improvised design





# Spaces



- free access

- low threshold



- workshop / living-room atmosphere

# Opportunities



- drop-in
- free-choice
- regular guests





# Opportunities



- workshop
- discussion game

# Opportunities –Encounters



- event

„walk & talk with  
refugee scientists“



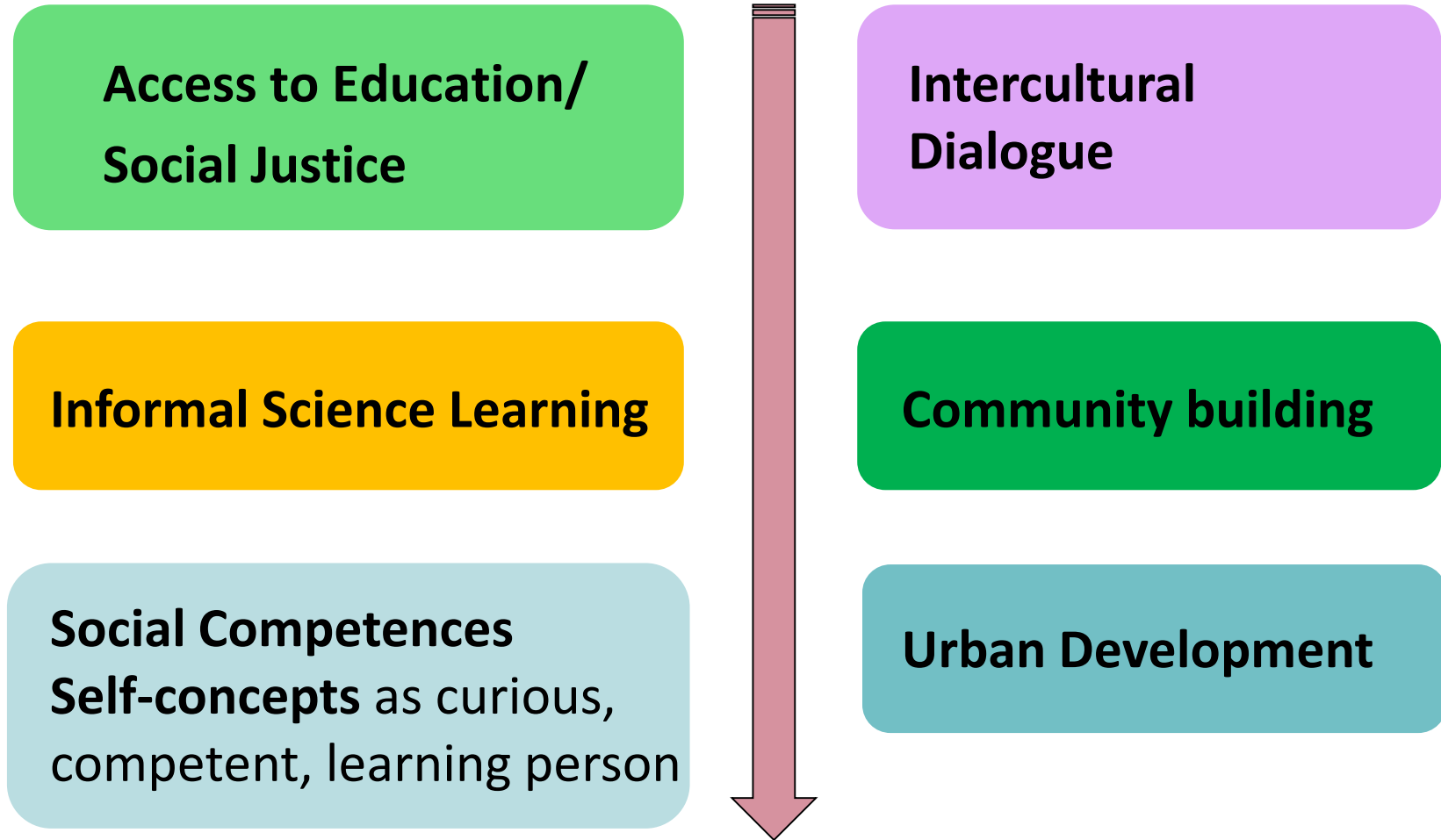


# Encounters

- culture & language
- role models
- topics



# Areas of Action & Outcomes



**Social Impact of the Knowledge°room**

# Mobilising communities

- **Local** stakeholder & multiplier
- **Austrian** science communication & cultural institutions
- **European** science center community



# Networking with local multipliers

migrant  
organisations

district  
coordinators

educational and  
training organisations

local  
administration



schools  
kindergardens

youth  
centers

cultural  
initiatives

learner cafés

Vienna shopping  
streets management

# Mobilising the Austrian community

- Focus on „social inclusion“ within the Austrian ScienceCenter-Network
  - Seminars, invited experts
  - Working group → new offers, web platform („Let’s go there!“) with offers for socially and educationally vulnerable people
  - Projects inviting participation
- Networking with migrant communities
- Raising awareness among educational and political stakeholders

# ECSITE community

working towards a framework for diversity, equity & social inclusion



ad hoc session

pre-conf workshop

pre-conf workshop



June 2016  
Graz

June 2017  
Porto

June 2018  
Geneva





# Thank you!

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