

# Atlas integration and social orientation



# STADSKLAP

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- Part of the social orientation course
- Stadsklap brings students social orientation (newcomers) and citizens of Antwerp together, to talk about life and work in Antwerp. On the basis of the own frame of reference, it's a discussion about norms and values.
- It is often a first (long) conversation with Belgians
- It's an opportunity for each participant to get to know more about other cultures and each others views.



# The aim of “Stadsklap”

The newcomer and the citizens of Antwerp go with each other in conversation about living in Belgium.

Stadsklap:

A methodology  
tailored to the newcomers  
and citizens/students

Closes in to:

- Learning questions
- interest
- Level of education
- ...



# Stadsklap: Why?

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It's difficult for newcomers to fully understand the society and culture in which they are now living.

It is not easy for citizens of the receiving society to understand the motivation and culture of the newcomer.

Cultures are multi-layered: traditions and external customs are easy to observe, but thoughts, social norms and underlying values can only be discovered by talking to others.

Exchange in a safe environment encourages openness and reduces fear for one another.

# How?

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The teachers create a safe environment for an intercultural exchange. Open communication is an essential part of this.



# Practically

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- In x languages, sometimes with translators
- 3 hours
- The teachers facilitate and stimulate thorough conversation between newcomers and people from Antwerp.
- Process: get to know each other, methodology 1, coffee break, methodology 2, evaluation and goodbyes.
- Not a casual conversation: methodologies are used for thorough dialogues.
- Space to discuss questions from newcomers.

# Thank you

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