

**Cologne Human Rights City Initiative Webinar Series: Cities as a Driving Force for Human Rights**

## **WEBINAR 2 AGENDA**

### ***The rise of human rights cities in the EU: Why more cities should join in***

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 – 18.30 to 20.00

#### ***Technical introduction***

##### ***Opening***

- Andreas Wolter, Vice-Mayor of the City of Cologne
  - Welcome and opening remarks
  - Selected examples of Cologne's human rights engagement

##### ***Human rights cities in the EU***

- Geraldine Guille, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
  - What human rights cities are about
  - Rationale, objectives and core strands of the new *Framework for Human Rights Cities in the EU*
  - Using the *Framework* – Opportunities for local politicians, administration and civil society

##### ***Being an active human rights city: The example of Utrecht***

- Hans Sackers, City of Utrecht, Strategist for Human Rights and SDGs
  - Practical illustrations of why becoming a human rights city matters
  - Characteristics of the Utrecht human rights city approach
  - Key issues of the current human rights city discussion in the EU

##### ***Developing a human rights city vision for Cologne***

- Sebastian Bartsch, Cologne Human Rights City Initiative

#### ***Moderated Q&A session***

#### ***Wrap-up and closing***