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- Bring this strategy to its next level for 2022-2024

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- engage**: ensure that the City of Montreal influences and has a strong, constant strategic position as an immigrant metropolis, committed to inclusion and to the creation of a concerted approach promoting migrants' professional inclusion among members of the business community
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THE VISION

- Working with the business community in Montreal and workers from the city to create a real transformation in workplaces
- Raising awareness on the diversity of the city contrasting with little inclusion strategies
- Fostering changes in perceptions through our research-based initiative: including awareness-raising and communications strategies
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- Create **opportunities and self-empowerment** spaces for individuals from the communities to act
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THE CHALLENGE

- Restricted access to the social security safety net, largely based around employment status
- So-called **bridging benefits**: as only 'support' a loan of travel costs to return to the country of origin
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THE VISION

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- Targets groups range from locals to potential employers, purveyors of social security benefits, healthcare providers and housing associations, among others
- Encouraging to design more efficient ways to interact with newcomers in which all stakeholders benefit

THE AIMS AT SIS

- Local perspectives on endeavours of newcomers - and vice versa
- Interaction within Germany and internationally while working on specific issues at a local level
- Step outside the mindset of the Leipzig way of 'doing things' to consider alternate ways of approaching issues



GERMANY | Augsburg – Bavaria

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THE PROJECT

- Develop approaches for action that can serve as a **guide for media makers** in Augsburg and Germany
- The Independent Media Council Augsburg** (to people, multiple perspectives) founded by Tür an Tür ensures the sustainability of the project as one of its committees
- Collaboration** between:
 - Local media makers and their confessional reporting
 - Municipal representatives (25-30 people from different organisations)
 - Representatives of the independent scene (freelancers, graphic designers, etc.)
 - Other social organizations like the young dialogue of religions augsburg in order to work closely with Augsburg's religious communities

THE CHALLENGE


- Public perception in Augsburg (50% immigrants) is dominated by a divisive perspective
- People are othered on the basis of supposed ethnicity/nationality, religion, sexual identity or physical impairment
- The media plays a key role but newcomers, their religions nor the linguistic diversity in Augsburg are represented

THE VISION

- Develop digitally accessible information on the individual holidays as a set of greeting cards
- Make these available in local stores
- Organise an event at the Peace Festival 2022 about the material and our process
- Sensitise local media makers about discrimination and racism and increase their diversity competence

THE AIMS AT SIS

- Sustain the already convened Media Council
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Aiming to influence several stakeholders: organisations from different sectors employing newcomers, professional business networks and networks of newcomers with a 5-Step approach:

- Mapping CSR initiatives**: companies committed to non-discrimination in their HR policy
- Identify interested employers**: shortlist companies which will benefit from awareness workshops on cultural diversity and co-design a new charter
- Co-creation of an inclusive recruitment charter**: organise focus groups with employers to co-create a reference charter on the inclusion of newcomers and co-design an action plan for the adherence to it
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- Insufficient dialogues in the Moroccan private sector on the business case of cultural diversity
- Awareness of companies of the advantages of cultural diversity e.g. the added value that newcomers' talents bring to companies
- Some specific sectors recruit more newcomers, but they lack a mature, solid business case for it
- CSR initiatives have yet to include cultural diversity and the inclusion of newcomers

THE VISION

- Create more awareness on the importance of recruiting newcomers and so more connections between them and local employees
- Representation of newcomers from different Sub-Saharan countries amongst stakeholders like heads/HR managers of companies and the Moroccan business association mainly

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- Grow our network, share and connect with other like-minded individuals and organisations
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- Connection**: build up meaningful connections between local- and newcomer-entrepreneurs and create an inclusive entrepreneurial community
- Motivation**: create an environment in which both local- and newcomer-entrepreneurs are motivated for inclusion and collaborative actions
- Collaboration**: Bring these entrepreneurs together to co-create and launch inclusive start-ups as well as income generating activities
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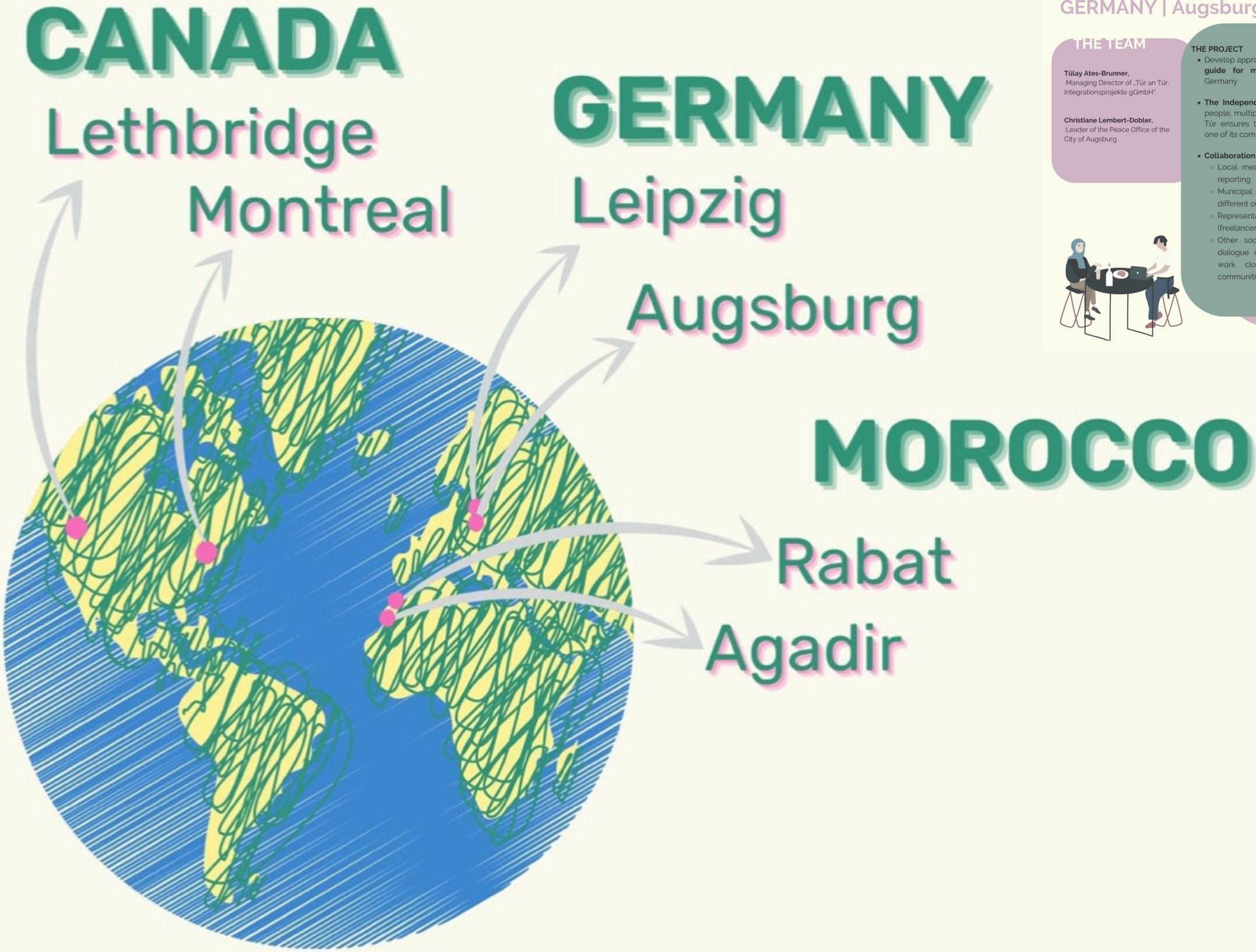

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