



III Portuguese Intercultural Cities Network Workshop

Amadora, Fernando Piteira Santos Municipal Library, Av. Conde Castro

Guimarães, 6-A, 4º, November 3, 2016

(SUMMARY)

Opening Session

The opening session was conducted by António José da Silva Moreira (Amadora Culture and Tourism Deputy-Mayor) who, after greeting all participants, made some brief remarks about the historical development of Amadora, namely in terms of the increasingly relevant presence of migrants and diversity in its territory. Furthermore, he also highlighted the fact that Amadora has lots of experience in managing networks similar to the RPCI and is fully available to assume a coordinating role in its future associative configuration. In sum, Amadora has the know-how and the willingness to assume a more consistent role within the RPCI.

Opening session, António José da Silva Moreira



Cultural Diversity Potential in Local Development - Training

Susana Rosa (High Commission for Migrants) facilitated a training session about a theme of utmost relevance for RPCI members. After presenting some general remarks about the development of the ACM, the main goals of the session were pointed out: i) understand different approaches to cultural diversity - socio-political models; ii) acknowledge the contribution of migrants to territorial development; iii) grasp different perspectives of local economic growth; iv) acknowledge the importance of interculturality and integrate it in local development strategies.

Susana Rosa, training session facilitator



Afterwards, some practical exercises were carried out in order to rehearse ways to move from “crazy” ideas to creative ideas, i.e. innovative methodological devices to promote creative thinking and policy-making. A number of empirical evidences were provided to support the whole exercise.

Next, some general ideas about Municipal Plans for Immigrant Integration (MPII) were presented and discussed, focusing on how participants could improve their own practices in this field. A practical exercise focused on the identification and prioritization of problems/challenges, and the articulation between the strategic dimension (macro level) as well as the operational dimension (micro level) of MPII, was also carried out.

During the afternoon, Ana Paula Tomás (Amadora Municipality) presented the Arrival Cities Project, currently developing under the URBACT III Programme. As lead-partner, Amadora coordinates a Network that includes cities from all over Europe (Val-de-Marne, Oldenburg, Dresden, Riga, Vantaa, Thessaloniki, Patras, Messina, and Roquetas de Mar) aimed at dealing with one of Europe's most urgent issues, namely the management of new migration flows, specially in a geopolitical situation heavily marked by the humanitarian crisis.

Ana Paula Tomás, Arrival Cities Project



The workshop ended¹ with a participated theatrical performance involving all participants. It sought to challenge racism, xenophobia and prejudice, disrupting common misconceptions about cultural difference and diversity. In this sense, it clearly supported the diversity advantage agenda, one that has been put forth by the ICC Programme during the last couple of years.

“Cultural Diversity Potentiality” Debate Theatre



¹ Unfortunately, due to some difficulties in managing the theatre debate performance duration, André Carmo was not able to make his closing intervention about the RPCI next steps.

ANNEX I - PROGRAMME

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Av. Conde Castro Guimarães, 6-A, 4.º, Amadora,

9:30h – Reception and registration

10:00h – Opening session

Carla Tavares, Amadora Mayor

10:00-13:00h – *“Cultural Diversity Potential in Local Development”* Training

Susana Rosa, High Commission for Migration

13:00-14:30h – Free lunch

14:30-14:45h – *Arrival Cities Project*, URBACT III Programme

Ana Paula Tomás, Amadora Municipality

14:45-16:00h – *“Cultural Diversity Potentiality”* Debate Theatre

Theatre and Community MA students, Theatre and Cinema Higher Education
School of Amadora

16:15-16:30h – RPCI Next steps

André Carmo, RPCI coordinator

16:30h – Closing session

Amadora Municipality

