



RECI – Red de Ciudades Interculturales

Report of 4th Working Session

Sabadell, 20th, september, 2012

Summary of the meeting

The fourth RECI working session was held in Sabadell, and began with a welcome by Quim Carné, Councillor for Civil Rights and Citizenship of Sabadell City Council, who remarked the migratory path of the city of Sabadell and the work done to create a transversal discourse on interculturalism in the city.



Following the agenda, **Ricard Zapata-Barrero** pointed out the need for intercultural indicators, to assess and understand the impact of intercultural policies developed up to now. It is necessary to provide programs with coherence (between discourse and action) and do not forget to measure the results. These practices were already raised in the Inter-Ministerial Conference on Integration held in Zaragoza in April, 2010.

After that, **Gema Rubio**, coordinator of DIVERSITY Project GRITIM-UPF, presented the research, which links immigration and local world. Combining Diversity Project with RECI, Rubio presented her chapter of the *Manual for designing intercultural policies*, under the title "The RECI intercultural programs. A structural and discursive Comparison" which provides a description and a comparative analysis of the various plans of RECI intercultural cities.

Then, **Olga Jimenez**, Officer of the Department of Civil Rights and Citizenship of Sabadell City Council, presented the good local practice called "Building Citizenship", which wants to stop ignorance about interculturality and promote solidarity in neighborhoods through interaction, interactivity, information and circulation of knowledge, as the key elements.



Gemma Pinyol, the RECI coordinator, presented the results of her chapter "An approach to intercultural city: The ICC index" of the *Manual for designing intercultural policies*.

The subsequent discussion focused on the need to search for useful indicators, emphasizing the need to define a methodology (social participation, political commitment ...) and the



minimum requirements needed (diversity, existence of xenophobic parties, number of conflicts ...) to establish these RECI indicators . It was agreed that **Ricard Zapata-Barrero** would send an initial proposal with indicators to be discussed on RECI network.

The session concluded with the discussion about RECI continuity. **Ricard Zapata-Barrero** and **Daniel de Torres**, expert of the Council of Europe, informed the cities that the continuity of Intercultural Cities project by the Council of Europe and the European Commission is expected, and emphasized the desire to maintain and strengthen the current RECI network. It was announced the new structure of the RECI's team, where **Daniel de Torres** would be the new director and **Ricard Zapata-Barrero** would become the academic director. RECI's cities expressed their commitment, together with ideas and projects, which show the interest of the participants in the project and its future viability.

Participants

- **Marifé Calderón**, Immigration and Intercultural Services, Barcelona City Council
- **Isabel Compte**, Civil Rights and Citizenship Council. Sabadell City Council.
- **Claudia .Emmanuel**, Officer of Immigration, Bilbao City Council
- **Rosa. M. García**, Immigration Coordinator, Fuenlabrada City Council
- **Santi Horcas**, Officer of Civil Rights, Sabadell City Council
- **Ikram Rich Ibn Alilou**, Officer of Civil Rights, Sabadell City Council
- **Olga Jiménez**, Council of Civil Rights and Citizenship, Sabadell City Council
- **Concha Jimeno**, Cooperation and Intercultural Coexistence, Parla City Council
- **Carme Lázaro**, Officer of Civil Rights, Sabadell City Council
- **Santiago. Plaza**, Officer of Civil Rights, Sabadell City Council

- **Gemma Pinyol**, RECI coordinator
- **Cristina Puente**, Officer of Civil Rights, Sabadell City Council
- **Alexandra Puntas**, Officer of Civil Rights, Sabadell City Council
- **Julio Ramallo**, Economic Development and Trade, Tenerife City Council and Immigration Observatory
- **Rodrigo Rodríguez**, Officer of Civil Rights, Sabadell City Council
- **Gema Rubio**, DIVERSITY Project Coordinator, GRITIM-UPF
- **Daniel de Torres**, Expert of Council of Europe
- **Nani Valero**, Officer of Cohabitation, Sabadell City Council
- **Vicente Manuel Zapata**, Professor of Human Geography, University of La Laguna. Tenerife City Council and RECI expert
- **Keizo Yamawaki**, Visiting Professor from the Nissan school of Japanese Studies, University of Oxford
- **Ricard Zapata-Barrero**, RECI Director and Expert of Council of Europe.

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