



Intercultural Cities Portuguese Network of Intercultural Cities (RPCI) 22 October 2020 9h30-12h00

Agenda

9:30 ACPI status point/ information

10h Presentation of Municipal Plans and/or intercultural strategies of cities (10 to 15 min each)

11:45 Debate and next steps

Presences

Andreia Santiago (CM Loures)

Ana Mendes and Rute Gonçalves (CM Amadora)

Paula Cunha (CM Albufeira)

Fernanda Santos, Patrícia Neves and Maria Miguel Martins (Viseu)

Cristina Ribeiro (Santa Maria da Feira)

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Participantes

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- Carla Calado Organizador
- Ana Mendes Fora da sua organização
- Cristina Ribeiro smf Convidado
- fernanda santos (Convidado) Convidado
- Patrícia Neves Convidado
- Patrícia Picoto Vieira Carriço San... Fora da sua organização
- Paula Cunha - CLAIM Albufeira Convidado
- Rute Gonçalves (Convidado) Convidado



Summary

1. Information

- a. Cities were informed of the campaign launched by the Council of Europe on the International Day of Migration (18 December). Cities wishing to participate must send photos or videos (10 sec.) of citizens saying in their languages or with banners "**Proud of my intercultural city**". (JPEG or MP4). Contributions should be sent by 1 December.
For sharing / dissemination of the campaign use the: #ICCities #WeTogether #MigrantsDay.
We have not had much Portuguese participation in these campaigns, it would be great to be able to have in this.
Amadora, Santa Maria da Feira, Loures and Albufeira showed willingness to participate. An email with more information will follow soon.
- b. Regarding the projects developed by the RPCI, the cities were reminded of the deadlines and activities planned for 2020. One of the activities is a webinar on December 2. To this end, there will be a preparatory meeting in November.
- c. It has also been mentioned that the course "step by Step" is currently being subtitled. As soon as it is available it will be disclosed.

2. Cities Presentations

Each city was given about 10/15 min to talk about its Municipal Integration Plans and/or its integration/inclusion strategies in the territories. These presentations followed the following topics:

- a) What do we do? - activities/projects in progress and/or planned
- b) How do we do it? - methodologies used, partners and consultants involved, etc. in the different phases
- c) Challenges and Opportunities - greater difficulties now and opportunities where they consider that the RPCI could be an added value/potential for collaboration with other cities

At the end of all presentations, questions were stimulated.

Amadora

Is developing the 2nd Integration Plan (PMIM) until the end of 2020 with ACM funding (FAMI) until August 2020. The plan for 2021 will be without FAMI support, and will be included in the Social Development Plan (PDS).

The PMIM has 4 areas of intervention:

- 1) Reception, integration and Solidarity services.
- 2) Employment, Education and Training.
- 3) Culture, citizenship, and civic participation.
- 4) Media and public opinion awareness

Activities:

- Integration services (2 CLAIM – local integration centers in the territory);
- Reception Guide for the Migrant Population of Amadora;



- Conducting training actions for technicians (with support from ACM trainers, with topics such as access to health, legalization and immigration law, refugees and prejudices/rumors)
- Commemoration of Diversity Week in May (cultural activities involving partners and the migrant community)
- Identification of undocumented children and young people attending school and their reporting to the border services (SEF)
- Articulation with the URBACT Program, project "Rumourless cities" - Campaign "Do not feed the rumor"

In terms of methodologies used, Amadora promoted the active participation of partners and the migrant community (focus groups, meetings, data collection sessions, etc.). One monitoring platform of the PMIM as created, consisting of partners who have intervention with the migrant population.

Articulation with CLAS (local social council) is permanent, PMIM is an integral part of the PDS and is monitored periodically by CLAS partners.

The articulation is also made with other community projects in progress: Escolhas, 4G CLDS, etc.

In terms of challenges and opportunities, **difficulties** were identified in engaging the migrant community's in the activities, as well as in complying with the implementation of the original Plan, as many partners develop various other activities and projects; difficulties of articulation with ACM with regard to the management of FAMI funding. The integration of refugees into the territory has been a challenge in the face of diminishing employment opportunities and increase in the price of housing.

As **opportunities**: the fact that the activities had to be adjusted and adapted for the coming years taking into account the Covid-19 pandemic, having led to the actualization of the diagnosis;

Santa Maria da Feira

The city has no PMIM, due to the low number of migrants in the territory. It has, however, an important Roma and Feirense community in the diaspora. The city presented the various responses from the "Espaço Migrações", namely the Migrant Support Office, the ALPE (local agency for employment) and the Local Voluntary Exchange. Support is provided to both emigrants and immigrants. In the employment agency are carried out tailored training and recruitment actions in partnership with large companies, taking advantage of the fact that the county is highly industrialized.

ALPE clubs also offer the possibility for residents to learn and teach languages through non-formal education methodologies.

The course "Citizenship, Culture, Heritage and Economic Development" (75h) aimed at migrant citizens has been developed using non-formal education methodologies.

The MIDAS project works with the Roma community, in close collaboration with the municipality.

The BIZFeira platform promotes networking between feirenses in the diaspora and feirensentrepreneurs/managers who function as ambassadors and support the promotion of



these businesses in the countries where they are located, also connecting with their local firense communities..

As **challenges**, the difficulties of achieving school equivalences, insufficient transport network and prejudice in access to the labour market were identified. The issue of rising house prices is also a concern.

As **opportunities** it has been possible to carry out the employment inclusion of qualified staff. Sometimes through professional requalification to other areas (given the difficulties of recognition of qualifications) and the sharing of knowledge and cultures. Also, it has been important to share knowledge, bilateral relations with host and home countries that have enabled business investment to be enhanced in those countries.

Viseu

Is developing its 1st PMIM, which is still in the implementation phase. Although the city has no financial partners, they already have many partners involved in the plan and are now entering the diagnostic phase. Partners: Caritas de Viseu, Polytechnic Institute of Viseu (where there is a CLAIM), professional schools, European Anti-Poverty Network, Ass. Adamastor, Casa Brasil. Throughout the diagnosis the city intends to create a monitoring platform and to involve more partners.

They city felt the need to make a PMIM because they did not yet have specific actions for this public, nor a specific diagnosis that would allow a real analysis of the number of migrants and their needs.

Loures

The city had developed a PMIM between 2015/202017 but are starting again with a new plan. The city wants to do it as participatory as possible. The continued involvement of actors, partners and citizens is essential. As partners the city has several entities from different sectors.

The county is very multicultural, with about 19,000 foreigners living (8% of the local population).

For the PMIM, there are already some guidelines:

- Reception (CLAIM that also works decentralized in partnership with local parishes);
- Mediation (which already exists)
- Training for autonomy: promoting the participation of people in activities / throughout the projects (e.g.in the area of employment)
- Intercultural dialogue: harnessing diversity through culture and arts (which often allows dialogue without using language)

The city is awaiting approval for Portuguese-speaking classes project.

It also intends to promote Cultural Diversity events and awareness and training sessions.

The city has been carrying out some activities to support migrants for some time, supports 2 Local Refugee Centers and have been developing the Gallery of Public Art/ Loures Arte Pública in the Quinta da Fonte neighborhood. This project, resulting from the festival "O Bairro e o Mundo" launched in 2013, initially aimed to overcome the negative image of the neighborhood bu has reached another level and it is now no longer circumscribed to this area. It was at the time performed the painting of some buildings. In 2014 it also moved to the Quinta do Mocho Neighborhood, articulated with the C4i project and came to have about 30 art works. Today it has about 140 works, and the county has more than 600 works in total. It had impacts on the image of the neighborhoods, the dynamic of local commerce and the



creation of jobs for local residents (who created guided tours companies). Some paintings may not be appreciated in the same way by all residents of the neighborhood, the new generations even begin to have different opinions (even due to the "invasion" of visits to the neighborhood), which may be a sign that the issue of the image of the neighborhood has changed positively enough not to be felt the need for the project in the same way.

As challenges, the city identifies the difficulty of involving migrants in the projects and the prejudice that remains among employers. The issue of rising house prices is also a concern. There is also a concern about including in the activities people who already have Portuguese nationality, but still face inclusion challenges, such as 2nd and 3rd generations. The continuity of people's involvement in projects is another concern.

As an opportunity the city designate the use of existing diversity, being able to value it and make others see that on it depends the sustainable development of the territory.

Albufeira

Albufeira has not developed a PMIM (never had). Recently, an instruction manual for legalization was carried out and sent by email to reduce the need for face-to-face services.

The priorities, according to the city, are:

1. Legalization: without documentation access to all support and benefits, employment and education is compromised
2. Language: courses in partnership with IEFP, particularly night courses. However, these courses leave out undocumented people.
3. Housing: there is little available, it is expensive what leads to overcrowding of houses.

Attached are the presentations of the cities of Amadora and Santa Maria da Feira.

3. Next Steps

Finally, we briefly discussed the holding of a **webinar** on 2 December and the creation of the reception guide.

A draft **Guide will** be sent within 1 week to all cities in order to get feedback. We also look forward to all cities sending documentation they consider relevant to the Guide as soon as possible.

An upcoming meeting will be **scheduled for November 17 between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm** **where** plans will be presented from cities that have not yet been able to do so and the organization of the webinar (with launch of products) will be discussed.

The coordination will also verify the possibility of having the Aga Khan Foundation at this meeting to present its products "Participatory Diagnostics" and "Community Innovation Projects" which can be interesting tools to promote the community engagement in the Plans.

It has also been reinforced the possibility for cities to participate in the Diversity@Work project, where they can have access to an online course + online face-to-face session on the benefits of Diversity for organizations/ awareness directed to employers. 2 people will be able to participate from each city, and cities can also mobilize local partners working on this theme of employment until October 30th. After testing the products, from January on, these tools will be available free of charge to be used by anyone and there will be a training of facilitators for those who wish.



*It was suggested that this webinar has the following alignment:

General session (2h)

- Presentation of RPCI (10m)
- Presentation of the products created (so far) - 15 m
- testimonies of 2 or 3 cities (10 min each) about their participation in RPCI
- Intervention of 1 expert (promotion of debate on intercultural strategies) - 30 min
- Debate/ questions and answers (30m)

Workshop (optional)

Workshop for facilitators (detailed description of products questions and answers) optional
frequency for field officers (1h)