



Portuguese Network of Intercultural Cities

Summary Report

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The Portuguese Network of Intercultural Cities (RPCI), now composed of 15 cities covering the whole country, held several meetings and events during the third quarter of the year within its current projects.

The most significant achievement was the advance in most of the activities predicted within our four projects.

Our **podcast program called “Portugal Plural”** launched two new episodes with an interview with Paula Cardoso, a journalist of colour, and activist. The interview, divided into two parts, shows a very interesting conversation about gender, racism, communication, and education in the Portuguese society.

In total, seven **emails** were sent to all cities of the national network, with information about RPCI and ICC network events and meetings as well as several requests (for example, about the intercultural competence webinar, intercultural communication training, the study visit to Pontevedra, and the ICC programme evaluation). Support was given to the evaluation team to be able to reach cities to be interviewed. As a result, one city attended the study visit, another two attended the webinar and all the invited cities took part in the evaluation process.

The annual RPCI **project “Gender and Interculturalism”** promoted two internal meetings and the webinar “Education, gender, and interculturalism” on the 26th of September. Based on this the RPCI and our partner cities are preparing a practical guide with recommendations.

The two intercity grants developed with the support of the RPCI cooperative are under development:

- **“Welcome Ukrainians”** (Vila Verde, Santa Maria da Feira, and Famalicão): two meetings were held with the partner cities, focus groups were promoted in all three cities, and three welcoming guides were translated and/or created (Vila Verde). The RPCI and our partner cities are currently preparing the final event (3rd of November 2:30pm in Famalicão) and practice guide. The outline for the video with practice is finished, and the video will be filmed at the event.

- **“Employability Networks”** (Loures and Lisbon): three meetings were held; the assessment guide was adapted to online surveys and will be implemented by Loures. The RPCI and our partner cities are preparing the training for city officers to be held during October, the event for employers, and the final event that will happen between 8th November (2:30 pm in Marvila Library, Lisbon). The outline for the video with practice is finished, and the video will be filmed at the event.

Regarding the **NET_IDEA project** (EU funding): A survey was translated into Portuguese and conducted in all participant cities. A meeting was held with the partners to prepare for the meeting in Barcelona, which was held

on the 19th and 20th of September. This was the first meeting with all the cities engaged in the project (15 in total) and Portugal was represented by six persons, two from RPCI, two from Santa Maria da Feira, one from Braga, and one from Vila Verde. During the meeting, RPCI presented the training proposals and the proposals for the Community of Practice, and these were discussed.

In addition, several one-to-one meetings, calls, and emails were exchanged to solve specific issues of each city, for example, to clarify issues around grants, filling the INDEX, or joining the RPCI cooperative, as well as on the evaluation process the ICC is undergoing. Additionally, the RPCI coordinator held a meeting with a potential new volunteer.

Regular feeding of the [RPCI website and social networks](#) (LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram) was ensured, and one article was published on the website and social media about the webinar “Communication, gender and Interculturalism” (July).

RPCI was also present at the ICC webinar “Intercultural Competences”.

The Administration board met every month to decide on daily and administrative issues.