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#01 ACTIVITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ICC-COE PROGRAMME

A) Participation in the annual coordination meeting of ICC and national networks

On 4 February 2022, the ICC team and network leaders from Spain, Italy, Portugal, Ukraine and Canada met to discuss the results of the [ICC Survey 2021](#), as well as to coordinate actions and activities for the new year. The occasion was used to take stock of good practices and to comment on the [ICC 2021 annual report](#) and the areas for improvement identified during the past year.

The national coordinators shared their plans for the current year, seeking synergies with their counterparts. The summary report of the meeting is available [here](#).

The next meeting took place on 16 and 17 November in Reggio Emilia, in person. The meeting was attended by 38 coordinators of the Intercultural Cities network for intercultural dialogue. On this occasion, an assessment of the results obtained and the presentation of new operational proposals were made. Among the main objectives of the meeting is to further develop the network of intercultural cities and the model of intercultural policies. The news about this event is available [here](#).

Finally, RECI is participating in the evaluation of the ICC programme through interviews.

B) More RECI cities review their public policies with the ICC Index

RECI has given a boost to the completion of the ICC Index, reviewing which cities have yet to complete it and offering the necessary support to those that have not yet started. Specifically, during this period, the [Barcelona](#) report has been updated (published in May 2022) and [Valencia has sent the completed questionnaire to ICC while waiting to receive the report with the results.](#)

C) ICC funds two projects driven by RECI cities

In April 2022, the ICC programme launched a call for proposals aimed at cities participating in the ICC network or national networks. The call aimed to fund projects led by member cities of the network that address priority themes of the ICC programme.

The [DIVERSITOURS](#) project, funded by ICC in 2021, and implemented by Bilbao and Valencia presented its different routes with the guides, in a series of pilot visits in each of

the territories, one of them with all the RECI cities in the meeting that took place in Bilbao in November 202 and in the RECI meeting that took place in Valencia in April 2022.

In the second call launched by ICC in March 2022, another project promoted by RECI cities, in this case Fuenlabrada and Castelló, has been selected with the aim of promoting new narratives on diversity among young people, using and adapting the Intercultural Cities Travelogue. The project, "An Artistically Necessary Journey", is aimed at young people in order to promote their critical thinking and to analyse the existing social discourse from an intercultural perspective. Subsequently, the young people worked on the production of alternative narratives that have materialised in an awareness-raising artistic product designed by them. More information in [this news item](#).

The project also generated a methodological guide for the adaptation of the notebook to the youth population, an artistic product, which in the case of Fuenlabrada was "A Living Museum" and in Castelló de la Plana "A Forum Theatre", and a video documenting the whole process.

D) Working group on intercultural integration

In early 2020, the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CD-ADI) was established, which includes a working group on intercultural integration (WG-ADI-INT). This working group is composed of ten countries represented by state and local authorities.

The fourth meeting of the CDADI on 7-9 December 2021 in Strasbourg approved the draft text of the **Recommendation on Policies and Multilevel Governance for Intercultural Integration** and decided to submit it to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

On 6 April 2022 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted [Recommendation CM/REC \(2022\)10 on Policies and Multilevel Governance for Intercultural Integration](#). While it is a Recommendation for States, it provides a framework for intervention for all public administrations and can be useful in justifying programmes, interventions and approaches to work at local level.

With the approval of this document, the WG-ADI-INT becomes a stable working group within the framework of the Council of Europe, and the RECI cities of Bilbao and Fuenlabrada have been selected to participate in it.

On 14-15 June, the Committee of Experts on Intercultural Integration (ADI-INT) held its first face-to-face meeting in Strasbourg. The ADI-INT takes up the work of the former Working Group (WG-ADI-INT), with a mandate covering the years 2022 to 2025. It also includes representatives of regional and autonomous administrations, together with representatives of Council of Europe member states and local authorities that are part of the *Intercultural Cities* programme.

More specifically, ADI-INT is tasked with completing the following deliverables

- Develop a training programme and tools for integration to support the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)10 on policies and multi-level governance for intercultural integration at national level.
- Prepare a feasibility study and a possible new legal and/or benchmarking instrument on comprehensive inclusion strategies.

E) RECI participation in intercultural events:

- Intercultural dialogue session in Vitoria-Gasteiz, with the participation of Gemma Pinyol-Jiménez, on 25 March 2022.
- ICC Webinar "Intercultural policy: conflict and displacement. Notes on the situation in Europe", 21 April 2022.
- Training on alternative narratives and anti-rumour approach on 22 March in Limassol, in the framework of the project to promote regional intercultural networks in Limassol, with the participation of Dani de Torres.
- Session 'Interculturalism today between populism and reflexivity', with Dani de Torres, 12 May 2022.
- Webinar 'Identifying and preventing systemic discrimination: the importance of data and evidence', with the presentation of the Barcelona City Council OND, 23 May 2022.
- Lecture 'The contribution of Intercultural Cities to intercultural policies at local level' in the framework of the Final Conference of the European Pact of Integration project, 30-31 May 2022.
- Presentation of the 'Women, Health and Violence' Programme of Bilbao in the framework of the cycle of webinars of the 'Gender and Interculturality' project, 30 May 2022.
- Conference 'Proud Cities Summit, with the participation of Gemma Pinyol-Jiménez, in Vilnius, Lithuania, 3 June 2022.
- First meeting of the Committee of Experts on Intercultural Integration (ADI-INT) in Strasbourg, with the participation of Bilbao, 14-15 June 2022.
- ICC Webinar "Intercultural competences training for local officials - Why and how", with the participation of Marta Pérez and the practical experience of Bilbao, 7 July 2022.
- Virtual Forum 'Mexico City, building an #InterculturalCity', with a presentation by Gemma Pinyol, 29 July 2022.

- International seminar in the framework of the research project "International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study" (Erasmus +) with the participation of Gritim - UPF and the city of Sabadell, 21-22 September 2022.
- ICC study visit: Sustainable cities: inclusive green infrastructures, Pontevedra, 27-30 September 2022.
- Second meeting of the Committee of Experts on Intercultural Integration (ADI-INT) in Skopje, with the participation of Bilbao, 18-19 October 2022.
- ICC training session 'Communication and media training for mayors : promoting intercultural narratives in difficult times', European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 27-28 October 2022.
- Barcelona 2022 Interculturality Conference. "12 years of intercultural perspective. Present and future challenges". Opportunity to present some projects from other cities that can serve as a source of inspiration for local intercultural policies. 10 and 11 November 2022.
- Forum of reflection: Mexico and Interculturality, between dialogue, good practices and the importance of its implementation. 14 November 2022.
- Intercultural Cities Conference, local intercultural policies today, perspectives and challenges in Spain and Italy. "Interculturality in Spain: an approach through the work of intercultural cities". University of Valencia. 16 December 2022.

F) A framework for reception from an intercultural perspective: a new challenge for the reception of Ukrainian refugees

One of the consequences of the war in Ukraine has been the need to take in refugees from the war. ICC is carrying out a series of actions. For them, two meetings have been organised:

- A first meeting to share possible actions to be carried out: ICC has prepared a web page with practices related to the hosting of ICC cities, documents from international institutions, and an institutional declaration to which many city councils in the Network have subscribed.
- The second meeting focused on the needs of some Polish cities. These include: lack of reception structure, lack of detailed information on the people affected, communication needs and lack of coordination, among others. ICC hopes to be able to match ICC experts and ICC cities with Polish cities according to the needs identified. In addition, the possibility of hosting or inviting some Polish cities to a RECI city to work outside the crisis environment is being assessed.

In addition, ICC is adapting and translating into English the document "[Rethinking Reception from an Intercultural Perspective](#)", developed within the framework of the RECI intercultural reception working group and which was presented in the webinar "Rethinking Reception from an Intercultural Perspective", organised by RECI with the support of ICC in June 2021. The new document will have a more international perspective, and aims to collect good practices from different ICC cities on the subject.

Finally, at the RECI meeting that took place in Valencia in April 2022, a space was dedicated to sharing this information and cities explained how they were responding to this situation. A list of the actions carried out by RECI territories for the reception of refugees from Ukraine is shared (Annex 1).

G) RECI cities contribute to ICC campaigns

- **Refugee Day**

To mark Refugee Day on 20 June, a virtual campaign was developed to recognise the 'city-to-city' support we have seen across Europe in recent months, as well as the welcome cities give to refugees. The theme of this year's joint campaign was solidarity. RECI cities shared filmed testimonies, statements and stories of refugees under the hashtags #Cities2Cities and #WithRefugees. This was the result of the campaign: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/interculturalcities/world-refugee-day-2022>

- **International Migrants Day**

Promotion of the participation of cities in the commemoration of International Migrants Day on 18 December and in the framework of the joint ICC campaign.

#02 WORK PLAN RECI

A) RECI working meetings

On 27th and 28th April, the 23rd RECI Working Day took place in Valencia. The conference began with the Diversitours and was followed by two days of working sessions with the participation of more than 30 representatives of the RECI territories. On this occasion, the city of Manlleu took part in the meeting, as they have started the process of joining the Network.

The conference served to review the RECI work plan and the ICC work plan. In addition, some specific topics were discussed, such as actions related to the invasion of Ukraine, the relationship between interculturality and the SDGs, impact assessment indicators and the RECI communication campaign #unviajenecesario.



On 19 and 20 October, the 24th RECI Working Day also took place in Logroño. The cities shared their initiatives in the development of the awareness campaign of the RECI campaign #Unviajenecesario.



The progress made in the working groups on communication, indicators and SDGs was shared, as well as the experiences in the different European projects in which RECI cities and territories participate, which address issues such as skills, the fight against racism through sport or citizen participation in the construction of intercultural policies, among others.

B) RECI visits

Within the framework of the ICC, expert visits to cities are carried out, which consist of two or three-day visits to a city by two experts who meet with political representatives, municipal technical staff and different representatives of the city's civil society. The following visits have taken place during this period:

In the first half of 2022 the RECI visit to **Cartagena** took place. We had the opportunity to learn about good practices with the group 'Cartagena Libre de Rumores', the Religious Diversity Group and the main social entities of the city. In addition, a meeting was organised with the heads of different areas of the city council and a working session with the technical team of the Immigration Unit, which served to identify challenges and propose some lines of action.

In the second half of 2022, the RECI visit to **Manlleu** took place. A space for reflection and dialogue was opened on the incorporation of the intercultural perspective in the different policies and public actions of the City Council.



The meeting made it possible to highlight the different initiatives that are already being developed in the municipality with an intercultural perspective, and the will to continue working to strengthen the mainstreaming of the intercultural approach.

C) Alternative narratives and RECI campaign #unviajenecesario (#anecessarytravel)

The alternative narratives working group, formed by Fuenlabrada, Bilbao, Santa Coloma de Gramenet, Castelló de la Plana and Salt, has focused mainly on the validation of the design and elaboration of the materials for the first RECI communication and awareness-raising campaign.

The main objective of the campaign is to disseminate the approach and principles of interculturality. In addition, the campaign aims to promote reflection, the creation of intercultural narratives and to strengthen the visibility of RECI.

The campaign's promotional materials have been:

- **Travelogue:** It was decided to expand the initial content of the booklet illustrated by Miguel Gallardo to give it a more global perspective and to highlight the importance of networking. The booklet has been translated into English, Catalan and Basque and 150 copies have been printed. More copies are expected to be printed before December 2022.
- Production of an **animated video** about the Travelogue that works as a synthesis of the key ideas of the intercultural narrative of the notebook and that has been very positively valued because it can be used in workshops or training sessions. The video is available in Spanish and English.
- **Animated communication pills.** Another resource that has been developed as planned are the animated pills in the form of short dialogues between the two main characters of the booklet, Mila and Melo, on issues related to diversity and interculturality.

In addition to these materials, a specific space has been created on the RECI [website](#) dedicated to the campaign, where all the materials produced are available, as well as news on the activities that are being implemented.

At the RECI working meeting in Valencia, a space was dedicated to inform the cities about the evolution of the work on the campaign and so that they could work in groups to generate ideas and to concretise possible activities to be carried out in the different cities in the framework of the campaign. In addition, at the Valencia meeting it was agreed that the launch of the campaign on social networks would take place on **21 May**, in the framework of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

To strengthen RECI's capacity to promote a campaign of this nature, the team has been reinforced with the support of an external person responsible for designing and implementing the communication dimension of the campaign on social networks. The impact of this reinforcement has been evident in the last two months, improving the dissemination and visibility of RECI on social networks.

The cities are currently designing and starting to implement various activities within the framework of the campaign. The approval of the ICC project promoted by the cities of **Fuenlabrada and Castelló** with the collaboration of the Diversit team is a great opportunity to start testing the use of the notebook as a tool for raising awareness among young people through various artistic activities such as theatre, drawing or the creation of a museum on intercultural narratives.

For its part, the city of **Valencia** has established a framework of collaboration with the museum of pre-history to re-read the permanent exhibition from an intercultural narrative. To this end, they are going to introduce pills by Mila and Melo with modifications of the text through a QR in some of the works. In addition, they will convene a group of experts to

review the catalogue of socio-educational activities of the *Xarxa Apuja el Tó* within the framework of the campaign #unviajenecesario.

Bilbao, within the framework of the pilot project linking the CaixaProinfancia programme and the city's Anti-Rumour Strategy, a participatory training and awareness-raising process was developed for young people on the promotion of coexistence in diversity, the prevention of prejudices and stereotypes and the identification of the key elements of the Intercultural city through the use of new technologies, Virtual Reality works and the Intercultural Cities Travelogue.

Sabadell and many other cities are now in the process of making some animated pills aimed at council workers, both in the 'starter pack' and for current council workers.

Finally, the working group on narratives is working on the elaboration of a **practical guide for the construction of intercultural narratives** with the aim of providing tools for the elaboration of communication strategies in city councils from an intercultural perspective.

D) 10 years of RECI

Since its creation in 2011 in the framework of the *Intercultural Cities* programme of the Council of Europe, the RECI has established itself as a key space for cooperation between different territories of the State in the promotion of Interculturality. Last November 2021, the 10th anniversary of the Network was celebrated in Bilbao.

During this period, a publication '**RECI (2011 - 2021): a decade of interculturality**' has been prepared, which covers the history of the 10 years of RECI in eight chapters. The document talks about the ICC programme, the beginnings of RECI, the implementation of intercultural actions and the ICC-RECI tools for this purpose. Finally, it sets out a series of challenges for this second intercultural decade.

See draft in Annex 2.

E) Intercultural Competences and the NET-IDEA Project

The Intercultural Competences working group held its last meeting in May 2021. Within the framework of this group, the document "**Intercultural competences for technical and political positions in local administration**" was elaborated and after an exercise of reflection and conceptualisation, a training module was designed as one of the necessary tools for the improvement of intercultural competences designed for a virtual modality. Subsequently, a pilot training was carried out. The Cabildo de Tenerife contracted the services of Diversit - ACI to deliver a training based on this pilot to its technical staff in October 2021.

Although the group has not met again, there is still a commitment to follow this issue closely at RECI meetings and elsewhere. For example, in the framework of the ICC, during 2021 work has been carried out together with other ICC experts on the **development of materials**

for a training course on intercultural competences. This tool, which will take the form of online training, will be available on the ICC website.

In order to present this training and to deepen the subject, ICC organised a webinar in July 2022 under the title '*Intercultural competences training for local officials - Why and how*'. After an introduction on why intercultural competences training in public administration is necessary, several cities presented their experiences: Bilbao, Vila Verde and Camden.

Likewise, at the end of 2021, the NET-IDEA project was submitted to the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) and specifically to the 'Network of Towns' call. The project stems from the ICC expert working group on Intercultural Competences and the idea of seeking funding for the design and implementation of training in intercultural competences. The ICC city networks of Portugal, Italy and Sweden have been joined by the cities of Erlangen (Germany) and Lublin (Poland). 5 RECI cities participate in it, those that from the beginning were part of the Intercultural Competences working group: Barcelona, Bilbao, Castelló de la Plana, Donostia and Tenerife.

During the months of June to September, an online survey on intercultural competences was carried out in the 15 cities of the project, with more than 100 responses. On 19 and 20 September, the first face-to-face meeting took place in Barcelona with the project partners and the participating cities. At the meeting, the results of the survey were presented and the first contents of the training that will take place in the coming months were validated. The opportunity was also taken to exchange good practices in youth work and the cities were able to learn about the Non-Discrimination Office.

F) Diagnosis, monitoring and evaluation of intercultural policies

One of the most complex issues faced by RECI cities and territories is to be able to elaborate good diagnostics to identify priorities for the design of intercultural strategies and policies, and to be able to evaluate their impact.

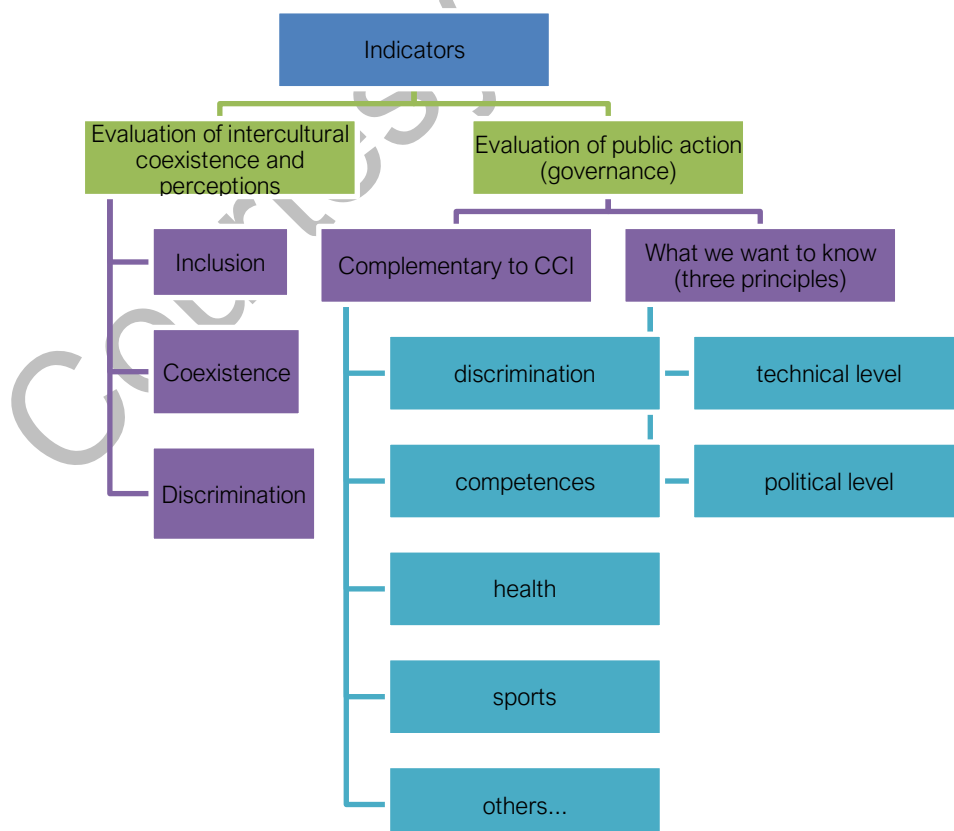
The ICC index is a good tool that allows cities to obtain a snapshot of the situation at a specific moment in time, both of the reality and of the set of policies, and to compare the evolution over time. In addition, it allows, in a very practical way, to identify strengths and weaknesses of the set of municipal policies. However, it does not allow for a more detailed monitoring of the impact of intercultural policies, and it has been shown that it is necessary to go into this issue in greater depth and to provide other complementary instruments.

In coherence with the need to reinforce the intercultural approach and its principles, RECI has promoted this line of work that aims to complement the ICC index with the definition of a common framework that facilitates cities to carry out these diagnoses and evaluate the impact of their policies, with a system of indicators based on the principles of equality, diversity and interaction.

In this sense, an initial compilation and analysis of existing indicators has been carried out. To this end, the work of Sabadell City Council in this field was taken as a reference, as well as the work carried out by other city councils and territories such as Barcelona, Logroño

and Tenerife. The complexities related to the collection of information on interculturality (municipal competences, data that do not exist or cannot be obtained, etc.) have been assessed.

- On 9 December, a meeting of the Working Group formed by Bilbao, Tenerife, Sabadell, Logroño, Barcelona and Donostia was held, at which a work plan and next steps were drawn up for the identification and definition of a set of agreed indicators in the areas of public action and coexistence through the available information (both quantitative and qualitative).
- Another meeting was held in February 2022 to discuss the main dimensions and issues on which to develop the indicators. It was decided to follow a two-pronged approach. On the one hand, the identification of policy indicators (intercultural development of actions and instruments). On the other hand, coexistence indicators (which also include questions of discrimination).
- This structure was continued at a meeting in April 2022, and was proposed as a working dynamic at the RECI meeting in Valencia. In this process, the group proposes a reflection session on the information required at the political and technical level. The idea comes from the concern about the planning and development of strategies at the technical level without it being useful for politicians. The importance of the participation of civil society and citizens in general in this process is also highlighted. To this end, the group is divided into different working groups according to the profile of the participants (political/technical).



The following are some of the key issues that have emerged from the group work:

Technical considerations:

- It is seen as a great opportunity to establish a common way of planning and evaluating strategies in RECI.
- In order to be able to evaluate the impact of the actions we carry out, it is necessary to identify from the outset the effect we wish to obtain with this action. It is necessary to involve citizens in the participatory processes to find out their needs, as well as in the identification of the desired effect and to listen to what results are expected from the people.
- It is proposed to assess indicators in the field of equality of outcomes that can measure how demographic diversity is represented or not in the use of services.
- It is necessary to take the three principles of interculturality as a starting point and reflect on which indicators allow us to measure progress in these areas. For example, in the field of equality, most of the initiatives that can be activated at local level are related to anti-discrimination, but this requires an alliance with the political level because if anti-discrimination is not a priority it is difficult to create initiatives in this field. In terms of interaction, it is proposed to consult proximity services in order to assess whether the activities or services offered are accessible to everyone.
- One of the most obvious methodological challenges in the field of impact indicators for intercultural policies is that we do not have information on diversity beyond nationality.

At the political level, the following questions arise:

- It is expected that a battery of indicators can be developed at the technical level and then validated at the political level in order to assess and take advantage of their use in public policies.
- It is recognised that there is a high degree of difficulty in developing indicators.
- The importance of training technical and political decision-makers to interact with citizens, the transversality of actions, as well as the importance of the figure who communicates political processes, are highlighted.
- It is important to reflect on how we measure interculturality plans, with inclusion being one of the most difficult elements to measure.
- In addition, it is necessary to assess the follow-up of second or third generations of migrant origin and to measure the interaction between migrants and their families.

G) RECI Dialogues

In the framework of the RECI meeting in Valencia, the dialogue "**Interculturality as a tool against populism**" took place with the participation of Albert Mora, professor at the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology of the UV and researcher at the IDHUV, Ángela Nzambi, head of Participation and Volunteering at CEAR PV and Dani de Torres, director of the RECI. The debate reflected on the concepts of populism (and populist discourse) and interculturality as a public policy approach in order to try to identify how we

can confront the former from an intercultural perspective and where to start. The summary of the key points of the seminar can be found in Annex 3.

In November, the second RECI Dialogue took place in online format. The topic chosen for the RECI meeting in Valencia was "**The right of foreigners to vote**". It was led by David Moya, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Barcelona and Director of the IDP- Observatory of Public Law.

H) Participation in the European project 'European Pact for Integration'.

In 2019, the European Commission approved the '**European Pact for Integration**' project. The project officially started in January 2020.

After almost two years of work, 7 cities have analysed their public integration policies from an intercultural approach thanks to the CCI Index and have developed, in a participatory manner, their respective local integration plans. During the period covered by this report, two transnational meetings have taken place: Dietzenbach (November 2021) and Cartagena (March 2022) and a Final Conference of the project: Milan (May 2022).

The last semester of the project has been dedicated to sharing the project results, to the evaluation of the implementation of the different Action Plans (by a group of academics) and to the transfer of good practices.



#03 COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY RECI

A) Newsletter

The RECI-Antirumours newsletter has been published every four months. Throughout 2022, we aim to send the newsletter more frequently and with less content. During this period, four newsletters have been sent: in March, May, September and December 2022.

This internal communication tool has made it possible to share the acts and events in which both the Association and the cities have participated, the documentation published on issues relevant to the cities or the upcoming meetings and activities programmed. In addition, a direct subscription channel to the newsletter has been created for those who wish to subscribe to it through our [website](#).

The Newsletter currently has 172 subscribers.

With regard to social networks, throughout this year we have managed to increase the frequency of publications, with an average of 7 posts per month on Facebook RECI, 5.5 on Facebook Antirumores and 10 on Twitter. In addition, 115 new followers have been gained on Twitter, bringing the total number of followers to 611.

B) Communication campaign #anecessarytrip

C), this year RECI has launched its first joint communication campaign with the aim of disseminating the approach and principles of interculturality, promoting reflection, the creation of intercultural narratives and strengthening the visibility of RECI. To this end, a series of materials have been created (travel booklet, pills and an animated video) and a section within the RECI website where the materials, the objectives of the campaigns, as well as news related to the actions of the campaign that the RECI cities are developing, are collected.

The campaign was launched on social media (Facebook and Twitter) on 21 May, International Diversity Day.

In addition, we have had the support of a *community manager* for the launch and monitoring of the campaign.



#04 COORDINATION AND INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

A) Management of agreements and quotas

During this period, those agreements that were due to expire in 2021 were renewed.

In addition, the cities of **Manlleu** and **Valladolid** have joined RECI in 2022. Both cities have signed the MoU with the Council of Europe and the **agreement with the ICA**.

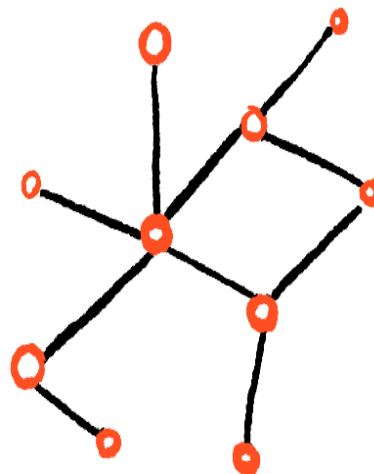
B) Search for resources and new projects to strengthen RECI's operation and activities.

In the framework of the search for other finalist and non-finalist resources to reinforce RECI's operation and activities, the following actions have been carried out:

- Application for a **grant from the ICC programme** of the Council of Europe to implement a work plan that, on the one hand, complements the current one and, on the other hand, strengthens internationalisation and the commitment to networking with ICCs from both Antirumores and RECI. The approved grant has a period of implementation from June to December 2022.
- Participation in the presentation of European projects (pending the outcome):
 - **Debate Schooling** (AMIF programme). The project, coordinated by the Swedish Intercultural Cities Network, aims to create an open and effective tool to counteract the growing polarisation and disengagement of young people through debate and play. Diversit has participated in this proposal with Santa Coloma de Gramenet, with whom it will implement elements of the anti-rumour approach.
 - Approved European projects involving Diversit - ACI and RECI cities:
 - **Towards the implementation of an Anti-Racism Strategy for Malta'**, a project led by the Government of Malta to support the design of its Anti-Racism **Strategy**. Diversit - ACI will provide training and advice for the design and implementation of an Anti-Racism Strategy at state level.
 - **NET-IDEA** (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme -CERV), a network of cities, mostly represented by the ICC city networks of Spain, Portugal, Italy and Sweden. Bilbao, Tenerife, Castelló, Donostia and Barcelona are the RECI cities that will participate in the project.
 - **SCORE**, which aims to create a coalition of European cities and local authorities for the promotion of inclusive sport, as well as the prevention and fight against racism, xenophobia and related intolerance in the field of sport. Three RECI cities

are part of the consortium: Getafe (consortium leaders), Sabadell and Bilbao. Other project partners include the cities Limerick (Ireland), Botyrka (Sweden), Ioannina (Greece), Graz (Austria) and Rennes (France), as well as the Spanish Observatory against Racism and Xenophobia (OBERAXE), and Cidalia, a diversity consultancy.

- The **FAST-LISA** project aims to reduce online hate speech among young people. The project involves the city of Santa Coloma de Gramenet. Although Diversit-ACI is not a 'formal' partner of the project, it will participate in the training on the formation of stereotypes and prejudices and their impact on hate speech.
- The **Divercities** project aims to promote an effective *bottom-up* approach to foster citizen participation in intercultural local policy-making. In order to create the conditions for a more inclusive policy-making process, the project will strengthen the competences and methodologies of local public administrations and support the active engagement of people from different backgrounds in this process. The RECI cities of Castelló de la Plana, Logroño and Zaragoza are project partners.
- Diversit, together with *Intercultural Cities*, is part of the Advisory Committee of the recently approved European project **EU-Belong**, which aims to develop regional integration strategies based on an intercultural perspective. Other members of the Committee are the IOM, the Gritim-UPF and the Mondinsieme Foundation, among others. The project is led by the Assembly of European Regions and involves two Spanish regions: Catalonia and Navarra.



Awareness-raising campaign with the Atenea Foundation

We signed a collaboration contract to be part of the working group for the design and dissemination of an awareness-raising campaign on youth and migration in the framework of the project "Awareness-raising for tolerance and social cohesion in Spain" funded by the Ministry of Labour, Migration and Social Security.

Intercultural education training Castelló

In the framework of a training on the intercultural approach in the educational field for teachers from schools in Castelló, two sessions were offered on the anti-rumour strategy as a creative approach to deal with coexistence and its implementation.

Counselling Reception Esplugues de Llobregat

Support has been given to the Esplugues de Llobregat City Council by carrying out a diagnosis of the situation of the reception of the foreign population through the redefinition of the current Reception Plan. To this end, we have carried out a demographic study of the profile of the foreign population in the municipality and an analysis and evaluation of the current reception model.

Counselling Reception Granollers

A meeting was arranged with the working team on 21 December to discuss the start of the diagnosis of the plan for the reception of the foreign population.

Urban Agenda and diagnosis of coexistence in Santa Coloma de Gramenet

A diagnosis of coexistence and diversity in Santa Coloma has been carried out, with a twofold objective: to know the current situation of the city and its evolution, and to identify the main present and future challenges of the city in this area, which will contribute to the design of its Action Plan for the Urban Agenda.

Advice Fuenlabrada #unviajenecesario

Advice has been offered to Fuenlabrada and Castelló in relation to the project "An artistically necessary journey", financed by ICC. In addition to the advice, training has been given to technicians from both town councils and organisations that work with young people in relation to the intercultural approach.

Counselling regional intercultural networks in Cyprus

In the framework of a European project led by the Council of Europe to promote the creation of regional intercultural networks in Cyprus, this process is being advised and a training on narratives and anti-rumour approach has been carried out in Limassol for representatives of the networks from the different regions of the country. A visit has been made to 5 Cypriot cities: Famagusta, Larnaca, Limassol, Nicosia and Paphos offering them support in their intercultural strategies and action plans.

Anti-rumour training in Limassol

The Cypriot city of Limassol has been supported to design an Anti-rumour Strategy in the city in the framework of a European project of the *Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund*

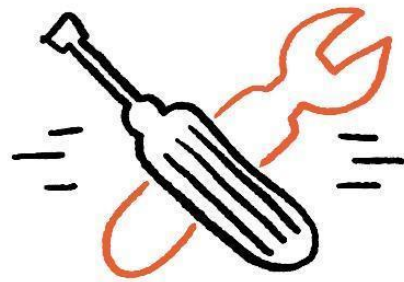
programme. The support is mainly focused on technical training for both key actors in the city and city staff on anti-rumour strategies.

Roomours Escape Workshops

Two face-to-face Escape Roomours workshops were held in Sabadell and Santa Coloma with groups of technicians working with young people in their respective Anti-Rumour Strategies and Networks. The workshop, which lasted 3 hours, combined the game tool with dynamisation and the promotion of critical thinking.

Inclusion strategies in Lithuania

A visit has been made to 6 Latvian cities with the aim of supporting them in the design of their integration and inclusion strategies. The consultancy has been complemented with good practices and experiences of RECI and ICC cities.



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