

Portuguese Intercultural Cities Network

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The Portuguese Intercultural Cities Network (RPCI), currently composed of 15 cities from all over Portugal, held several meetings and events concerning its current projects between April and June 2022. A general meeting was held on the 27th of April 2022, with the objective to launch the RPCI “Gender and Interculturality” project and present the annual activity plan, but also to share good practices.

The most significant achievement to be highlighted was the simultaneous launch of four projects, all of which will bring new resources and enhance RPCI’s capability to support the cities of the Portuguese network. The creation of links with many different partners who participated in two webinars held during the reporting accounts as another significant achievement.

Furthermore, the **podcast programme called “Portugal Plural”** launched one new episode featuring an interview with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) regarding the reception of Ukrainian refugees.

In total, around **eleven emails** were sent to all cities, providing them with information about and opportunities for involvement in RPCI and ICC events and campaigns. Two good practices were shared with ICC with a view to enrich the ICC’s good practice database.

In the framework of the RPCI project **“Gender and Interculturality”** three internal meetings and two webinars were held, one on “Health, gender and interculturality” which took place on the 30 May and another one on “Communication, gender and interculturality” held on the 27 June. The RPCI, in cooperation with partner cities, is currently working on the next webinar, to be held on the 26 September.

Two projects developed with the support of the RPCI cooperative and benefiting from two inter-city grants from the ICC programme are currently being implemented:

- **“Welcoming Ukrainians”** (Vila Verde, Santa Maria da Feira and Famalicão): two meetings were held among the partner cities, a Focus group Guide was developed and will now be implemented by the cities, and a practice sharing session was held on the 30 June. RPCI and partner cities are currently preparing the focus groups.
- **“Employability Networks”** (Loures and Lisbon): two meetings were held; an assessment guide was created and will be implemented by the city of Loures. A practice sharing moment was held in the frame of the project on the 22 June. The RPCI, in cooperation with its partner cities, is developing a training course for city officers, organising an event for employees, as well as the final event.

Regarding the **NET-IDEA project** (EU funding): a meeting was held with the cities of Santa Maria da Feira, Braga and Vila Verde with a view to addressing the project’s activities and the cities’ responsibilities. Through this project, it was possible to hire a part-time staff member for the

RPCI cooperative, who started in May. With her support, the RPCI has been preparing training proposals and supporting other project partners in developing a survey. A kick-off meeting with all partners was held on the 17 May, followed by another meeting with the participating cities which took place on 23 June. The RPCI and the partner cities are currently preparing a meeting to be organised in Barcelona in September and are developing an assessment survey application.

Furthermore, several one-to-one meetings, calls and emails were exchanged to solve specific issues faced by cities of the network. Those issues include for instance clarification of grants process, filling in the ICC Index questionnaire or joining the RPCI cooperative, as well as the ongoing evaluation process of the ICC programme.

Besides, the RPCI coordinator attended the “Cidades Educadoras” event which was held in Viseu on 3 June. During this event, the RPCI network was presented, and many cities showed their interest in becoming part of it, including Arroios, a parish of Lisbon, with which details of the adhesion to the network were discussed.

Regular feeding of the [RPCI website](#) and social networks ([LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)) was ensured. One original article regarding voting rights for migrants was published on the website and on social media in April.

The RPCI also attended the webinars organised by the ICC programme on [“Identifying and preventing systemic discrimination: the importance of data and evidence”](#) and [“Intercultural approach to Roma and Travellers inclusion for the local level”](#).

The Administration board of the RPCI has organised monthly meetings in order to discuss and take decisions regarding daily and administrative issues.