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ABOUT US

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Rede Sem Fronteiras (RSF) is a non-profit civil association created in April 2008 during the II Iberoamerican Forum on Migration and Development (FIBEMYD) in Cuenca, Ecuador.

Headquartered in São Paulo (BR) and Cascais (PT), it currently has 18 civil society organizations affiliated in several countries in South America as well as Portugal and Spain.

RSF was created from the perception of the need for integration between organizations working in the defense of migrants, the urgency of greater participation in migration policies, and the fight against the increase of xenophobia and discrimination in the world.

Our mission is to politically influence decision-making bodies at local, regional, and international levels, proposing public policies for cooperation for sustainable development and for overcoming asymmetries and poverty, based on the protection and promotion of human rights, the right to migrate, and to migrate with rights.

Rede Sem Fronteiras participates directly or through its members discussing migration governance, promoting social participation and social control policies, and proposing an alternative governance model involving alliances between different social actors operating in the territories.

THE PROJECT INICIATIVE

The Project initiative has the central objective to create networks of solidarity cities through the research of good practices and to promote networks of solidarity cities based on 4 fundamental principles:

1. Interculturality
2. Transversality
3. Migrant Protagonism (Participation)
4. Sustainability

These principles are part of a broad process that involves the Alliance Migrations initiative, which has been carried out since 2018 in Europe and Latin America.

OBJECTIVE

Contextualize and systematize local policy models.

Identify, highlight and replicate good practices.

Analyze best practice models and recommend actions that guarantee the four fundamental principles: interculturality, transversality, migrant protagonism(participation), and sustainability.

Encourage the formulation of joint commitments and dialogues for networking between cities.

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WHY THESE CITIES

Some assumptions were considered for the choice of cities, for example, the existence of initiatives that involve the participation of civil society in the development of public policies. In addition, consolidated processes - or under construction - of institutionalization of local policies, such as Councils for Migrants and Municipal Migration Laws, as well as other initiatives that aimed to guarantee migrant participation in local policies.

ACTIVITIES

Mostly carried out online, the initiative includes the following activities:

Territory overview: Conducting interviews with government representatives, civil society organizations, and migrant leaders

Presentation of the panorama, discussion, and common basis in a Working Meeting with representatives of civil society and local authorities of the 3 cities

An international debate on migration governance in a virtual learning exchange meeting with European cities - pilot experiences of the Migration Alliance

A Report publication (by city and a common base)

PROJECT DURATION

The project lasts for 6 months, between November 2021 and April 2022.



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CUIABÁ

Recently, Cuiabá launched the Migrant Week - a proposal that originated through the Haitian community.

The initiative resulted in the approval of Law No. 6691/21 that instituted the Municipal Policy for Migrants in Cuiabá. This law provides, in addition to the creation of a center of reference for assistance to migrants, a Municipal Council for Migrants.

To create these legislative initiatives, public hearings were held with several stakeholders. Among them, representatives of Haitian, Venezuelan and African migrant associations, members of municipal and state secretariats, the academic community, human rights councils, social movements, and non-profit organisations.



SAN FERNANDO DEL VALLE DE CATAMARCA, ARGENTINA

CATAMARCA

Capital of the province of Catamarca in Argentina and located on the border with Chile, the city receives a large influx of migrant population.

The city participated in the Americas Social Forum on Migration (FSAM) 2020, with other cities such as Montevideo and São Paulo, a reference city with a consolidated migrant policy, which had social participation in the structuring of this migrant policy.

In this context, Catamarca has presented projects and implemented the Municipal Council for Migrants, currently managed by migrant leaders and social movements.



RECIFE

Capital of the state of Pernambuco in Brazil, it is the most populous metropolitan region in the Northeast of the country, historically a place for receiving migratory flows.

It has stood out for the reception of transnational migrations, where there is an effort by the government, together with social organizations that provide assistance to the migrant community, in the construction of cooperation networks for the inclusion of the migrant community

A Law proposal Nº 198/2020 was recently presented to the City Council that creates the basis for a "Municipal Policy for the Promotion of the Rights of Migrants and Refugees". It is a Law inspired by the São Paulo model, creating the basis for a municipal policy and establishing principles for the action of the local government with the participation of civil society.



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