



City to City
An innovative proposal
for the immigrants'
integration in Europe

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MEDIACIÓN SOCIO - SANITARIA E INTERCULTURALIDAD

PROGRAM:



It is obvious that Spain has become a multicultural country. From this reality we make the following question: How can we administrate this multiculturalism?, Nowadays there is a wide line of thinking about efficient and well done basic services to the migrant population and its administration, which takes place in the central, autonomic and local governments , ONG's and users' associations.

The increasement of the cultural diversity in the societies is a reality that makes necessary to re-think about which society we want to live in and how is the society we want to build.

CEAR PV thinks it is important to develop services that answer to this new and varied society needs. In order to achieve this, it is necessary to know and to respect different cultures, watching the differences each culture has; regarding to the sanitary system, the immigration is creating new needs in the Spanish sanitary system. From this reality, we propose the cultural mediation, a tool that can give us administration guarantees of one of the fundamental rights of people: the right to health.

January 29, 2007



9h00-9h30: Reception, accreditations and material-giving.

9h30:10h00: Inauguration by: **Dña Marta Torrado de Castro**. Deputy Mayor of the Human Progress Area and Social Welfare and Integration Councillor.

D. Juan Eduardo Santón Moreno. Delegate Councillor of the Innovation and Information Society Delegation.

10h00: EXPERTS' APPROACH

Subject: **Mediation, cultural diversity and health: present and future challenges derived from the last decade's social changes.**

Speakers: **Fadhila Maamar**. Technical Manager of the Intercultural mediation service of Madrid Council, SEMSI.

Presented by: **Sara Verdú Vila**. Territorial coordinator CEAR PV.

11h30: Coffee Break.

12h00: ROUND TABLE 1:

Subject: **The origin cultures: General socio-cultural aspects, interactional manners and sanitary attention.**

Participant 1: **Daniel Zerbo**. CEIM. South- Saharan Africa.

Participant 2: **Pilar Valero**. ACOEG. Latin America.

Participant 3: **Mahdi Ali**. CEAR.PV. Zagreb.

Participant 4: **Ángela Placsintar**. Immigrants Association of Eastern Europe. East Europe.

Participant 5: **Gull Syed**. Communitarian Development. Asia.

Chairperson: **Adriana Gomes**. Social and communitarian intervention CEAR PV.

14h30: Lunch time.

16h30: ROUND TABLE 2:

Subject: **Communitarian experiences in interculturality within the socio-sanitary care.**

Participant 1: **Fernando Montesinos**. Basic Health Area of SALT (Girona).

Participant 2: **M^a Teresa Jareño**. First Care course Coordinator EVES.

Participant 3: **M^a Teresa Napoli**. Sanitary Agency Catanzaro (Italia).

Participant 4: **Lluís Baixauli**. Group CRIT Castellón.

Chairperson: **Nélida Molina**. Social intercultural mediation program National Coordinator CEAR.

“BUSINESS INNOVATION AS AN ELEMENT OF IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION”

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The RED CROSS has experienced and goes on experiencing the immigration process in Spain. Our volunteers, with the collaboration of other numerous institutions, have been following the immigrant people's long journey from its beginning until its incorporation in our social structure.

The insertion process has been developing in the course of years and we had to adapt our support according to the different problems that the immigrants were facing at the moment. This fact has allowed us to follow very closely the process and to assume the last challenge we had, economic insertion.

Entrepreneurs are, without any doubt, an economic and employment source of great potential. They represent an important collective for the suitable development of the innovation chain.

This collective faces a series of inherent challenges such as the lack of funding or risk capital, little qualification or lack of business management, facts that make him be a permanent plaintiff of the institutions to succeed in getting its goal that is the concretion of its idea into a company.

We have verified that the micro credits are representing a large contribution to the social and employment insertion. At the same time, we are also verifying that the same development instrument is playing a key role in the fight against the poorest people.

January 30, 2007



9h00: Welcome-Registration.

9h15: Meeting opening and Introduction, President of the Red Cross Provincial Office of Valencia and **Caterina Praticó**, General Coordinator of the "City to City" Operation.

9h30: FIRST SPEECH DRAFT PLAN:

Subject: **"Immigration and its impact on the Labour Market"**.

Speaker: **Amat Sánchez Velasco**. Professor of Applied Economics. Faculty of Economics (University of Valencia).

10h00: SECOND SPEECH DRAFT PLAN:

Subject: **"Self-Employment through Microcredit: a Tool for Migrant Entrepreneurs"**.

Speaker: **Magdalena Barceló**, Microfinance manager of Un Sol Món Foundation (Caixa Catalunya).

10h30: Coffee Break.

11h00: FIRST ROUND TABLE:

Subject: **"Immigrant Self-Employment as a way to the social and labour integration"**.

11h25: Speaker 1: **José Manuel Comeche Martínez**. Professor of Business Administration Department. Faculty of Economics (University of Valencia). Associate Researcher on the "Migra Research Project about the integration of the emigrants through new start-up companies".

11h50: Speaker 2: **"City to City Partner"**. Business Promotion Rainbow for Migrant Entrepreneur"

12h15: Speaker 3: **Ignacio Romero Molina**, Red Cross Training and Self-Employment Department of the Provincial Office of Granada.

12h40: Coffee Break

12h50: SECOND ROUND TABLE:

Subject: **"Business Support Models"**

12h50: Speaker 1: **Isidro Campo**, Entrepreneurial Development Director of the Innovative European Community Business and Innovation Centre (CEEI -Valencia).

13h15: Speaker 2: **Liene Aleksandra Abolina**, C2C Coordinator from Sava Kavata Association of Livani (Latvia). City to City Leader Partner: "Business Promotion Rainbow for Migrant Entrepreneurs".

13h40: Speaker 3: **Vicente Rubio Nàcher**, Head of the « Prop Entrepreneurial – Single Window (Single Point of Contact: to simplify bureaucratic Procedures in new start-up companies) of Chamber of Commerce Valencia.

14h00: Closing Session.

THE BUILDING PROCESS OF THE SOCIAL COEXISTENCE IN MULTICULTURAL CONTEXTS

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Saying that “societies” are “complex” is essentially tautological but it uses to be a useful statement in order to begin with the justification of any social phenomenon or process.

Most of European societies have incorporated into their previous complex and diversified profile (social stratification, gender inequality, rural and urban grading, inland nationalisms, national ethnic minorities, etc.) a new source of diversity and complexity (earlier in some states and recently in others): immigration.

Although immigration means a resource for host societies (by the getting of rejuvenated manpower, the performing of tasks left by the autochthon population, the getting of cultural enrichment, the contributing to the system maintenance of retired people pension, etc.), it is obvious that it is a phenomenon experienced by the autochthon population as a problem, too. Putting the rational dismantling of the immigrant conception aside, we know that, as for the sociological side, this is a real problem whether its consequences are real, too; leaving this aside and assuming the tensions, conflicts and cyclic racism and xenophobia outbreaks linked to immigration, the interest about the study of different models of immigrant integration is obvious as well as the one about the intellectual discussion that has already underlined these coexistence and cohabitation models in multicultural societies as a fact.

We must find an optimum cultural way that lights up a model of real intercultural coexistence between, on the one hand, the exacerbated cultural relativism, that leaves us unable to criticize any injustice and that opens parallel ways of simple cohabitation among cultural groups and, on the other hand, the ethnocentrism host society which is consistent and powered with the unilateral acculturation of “the others”.

In order to analyse these topics, Valencia Council organizes the seminar called “The building of social coexistence in multicultural contexts” that will take place in Valencia 31st January 2007, within the framework of the project *City to City* called “Plural Identities and urban contexts: new approaches to the migration policies” (Initiative from the European Union INTERREG IIIC South Zone).

During this seminar, prestigious researchers and technicians that work inside the migration and social coexistence field will be involved and their mediation will give us enough data element to make us think and analyse the phenomena including its observation from the gender point of view as it is of immediate concern in this program.

9h00: Welcoming.

9h15: INTRODUCTORY CONFERENCE:

The different European initiatives related with Immigration.

Luigi Soreca (Head of Unit D G Freedom, Justice and Security from European Commission (Immigration Area Head).

10h00: FIRST DRAFT CONFERENCE:

Subject: Cultural diversity: Strategies of the integration for the building process of the inter-cultural coexistence.

10h00: Speaker 1: **Manuel Delgado** ((Anthropology professor of Barcelona University and “El Parlament de Catalunya” Comission Member). Title: Old and new languages for the social exclusion of the institutions and the challenge of the interculturality.

10h50: Speaker 2: **Christopher Bail** (Harvard University, US). Title: **“Diverse Diversities: The configuration of Boundaries against Immigrants in European Countries during the21st Century’s”**.

11h30: Coffee break.

12h00: ROUND TABLE:

Spaces to live in diversity.

Moderator:

Albert Moncusí (Contracting Doctor from the Sociology and Social Anthropology Department of University of Valencia).

Participants:

- **Teresa Lindholm** (Hiddinge Municipality, Sweden). Title: **“Building structures for participation”**.
- **Sonia Márquez** (Spanish Commission of the Refugee Help - Valencia) Title: **Presentation of the Pilot Project Equal Access to Social Services-Yes EASY (City to City)**.
- **Yolanda Valero Heredia** (Doctors of the world). Title: **Project of the intercultural Promotion as a model of social integration and coexistence in Alicante.**

13h30: Coffee break.

15h00: SECOND DRAFT CONFERENCE:

Subject: **Female migrations.**

15h00: Speaker 1: **Carmen Gregorios** (Granada University). Title: **Migration and gender inequalities.**

15h50: Speaker 2: **María José Alcalá** (United Nations Reporter about Female Migrations Report). Title: **Female Migrations.**

16h30: Coffee break.

17h00: ROUND TABLE:

“Gender perspective in the new migrations”.

Moderator:

- **Dolores Puerta** (Teacher for the master’s degree in intercultural Mediation from the perspective of gender, Valencia University-CEIM).
- **Michelle Sabban** (vice président Ile de France and vice président Assembly of European Regions) Title : **“Gender policies of Ile de France and AER policies on cultural diversity”**.
- **Françoise Belet** (Project Head: Equality men/ women, Fight against discriminations – Ile de France) Title: **“Social and professional integration of migrant women”**.
- **Mª Dolores Lozano** (TYRIUS association in Valencia). Title: **Presentation of the pilot project InsO (City to City)**.
- **Mariagrazia Leone and Giovanna Vingelli** (University of Calabria). Title: **“Migrant women and care sector in Southern Italy: public services and new models of participation”**.

18h30: Conclusions.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Registration forms will be accepted by entrance order and in accordance with the room capacity. The acceptance or refusal of the registration will be confirmed to all those interested by e-mail. The date limit for registration will end 25th January (inclusive).

The registration to the seminar is free.

The seminar will be held in: Salón de Actos de la Concejalía de Juventud del Ayuntamiento de Valencia (Campoamor street, 91, ground floor; 46022-Valencia) The conferences and speeches will be able to be subsequently obtained (when available, we will inform the registered people by e-mail) through the Web page of the City-to-City Project (www.interregc2c.net).



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