

Partner Search Form

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Identification of the applicant	
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Short overview of your organisation (key activities, experience)	<p>The City Hall of Fundão is a local administration authority who manages 700 km² and a population over 30 thousand inhabitants, living in 23 civil parishes.</p> <p>The town is an important local centre of industry and services, and around it lies some of the most fertile land in the region, in a large valley (Cova da Beira) where the most significant productions are cherries, olive oil, wine, and cheese.</p> <p>To leverage all possibilities to explore and tackle the various problems inherent in the regions rural and remote, in 2012, the Municipality proposed to develop a strategy focused on the attraction of investment, "Fundão Innovation Plan". This Plan resulted in the creation of Migration Fundão Center, it's a space for welcoming, inclusion and integration. Within its various capacities, it includes the Refugee Reception Centre that began activity on September 25, 2018 with the arrival of 19 applicants for international protection to Fundão, for 18-month Reception program.</p> <p>If for several years the town hall welcomes students from Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa and seasonal workers, the arrival of asylum seekers is a new challenge. Four months after their arrival, 13 of them have already found paid work in Fundão or around.</p>

Description of the project	
Strand, Measure in the framework of “Europe for Citizens” Programme (e.g. European Remembrance; Civil Society Project; Town Twining)?	Networks of Towns 2019 – Round 1
Timetable of the project	2 years (01/09/2019 – 30/08/2021)
Short description of the project, including its aims	<p>In view of the growing mobility of citizens in the world, in the country and in the region, the Municipality of Fundão has created the Center for Migration of the Fundão, which is a space for reception, inclusion and integration. Within its various capacities, it includes the Refugee Reception Center that began activity on September 25, 1919 with the arrival of 19 applicants for international protection to the Fundão. More information in French article: http://www.infomigrants.net/fr/post/14567/a-fundao-au-portugal-un-nouveau-depart-pour-des-rescapes-de-l-aquarius-1-5</p> <p>Coming from several countries of origin, all these welcome have in common a trip and a rescue boat: the Aquarius. As the integration process of these individuals is already underway, it would be of interest to hold a meeting between the various European cities that have hosted groups of refugees from this same ship.</p> <p>The objective of this project is to foster the sharing of experiences between technical and welcoming teams. At the same time, it is intended to carry out inclusive and community-based activities that act as a means of raising awareness and combating racism and discrimination.</p>
Role of the partner organization in the project	<p>The Municipality of Fundão is the lead partner of this project, responsible for managing the proposed action. It will play a key role in building the capacities with European partners and in addition to leading the project team, monitoring the progress and undertaking the overall reporting process. It will be responsible for ensuring that all legal requirements are met and that contractual and financial regulations are correctly implemented The Municipality of Fundão have relevant experience as partner in other European Cooperation program (URBACT, INTERREG EUROPE, POCTEP).</p>

<p>Comments from the applicant</p>	<p>European cities that have hosted groups of refugees from this same ship Aquarius, and or small and medium towns wishing to receive refugees.</p>
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