



III CALRE AWARD “Stars of Europe”

Participation form

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Type of project:

a) Regional law:

b) Administrative act:

c) Procedure: Work methodology for the realization of the “Mixed Movements of populations an Human Rights Report”

d) Other:

Date of issuing of the initiative: October 18, 2017

Reference period: From January, 2017 to July, 2017

Short description of the initiative:

The Parliament of the Canary Islands presented to CALRE on October 18, 2017, its Report on Mixed Population Movements, which was part of the Working Group on Migratory Movements and Human Rights. Unaccompanied minors. The purpose of this report was to develop guidelines, based on the analysis of international good practices and the regulatory framework that defines the European social model.

For its elaboration, a methodology was used, according to which the Parliament acted as a facilitator of communication between different agents and, above all, as a rapporteur of the different situations and their corresponding interpretative discourses. In this way, without becoming an usual investigation, this program of activities is quite similar to a "dialogical inquiry" about a phenomenon, its perception and the most appropriate response in the framework of human rights and the European social model, as a lever of social transformation.



Picture: Ms., Carolina Darias San Sebastián with Francesca Friz-Prguda, Representative of UNHCR in Spain



In this way, the research carried out was based on the collection of good practices that different organizations, both international, regional and local, presented to us, expressing their experience in the field addressed.

Thus, the information on the mixed population movements contained in the report is the result of two major sources: a) the direct testimonies provided by experts and organizations, and b) the documentation provided by the official agencies and the work carried out by some researchers.



Picture: Members of CALRE in the Logistics Center of the Red Cross, in Gran Canaria.

Role of the regional Assembly:

The communicative action, as we conceive it, is consubstantial to political activity, because only in this way is it possible to govern in democratic societies. Without dialogue between all social agents there is no understanding and without understanding it is impossible to coexist. This need for dialogue and communication is common to the scientific community and the political community, the differences lie in the way in which disagreements are resolved in both communities. In the scientific community discrepancies are resolved before what is called the court of reason (understood as a deliberation among peers about those facts, laws, models or theories, which should be part of shared knowledge). In the political community, the



discrepancies are resolved, ultimately, by means of a consultation with the citizenship either in a referendum format or in the format of legislative elections. In any case, a characteristic established by modernity is the collaboration between both communities in order to improve coexistence and social progress. So the competition of experts and specialized institutions is now inherent in the political process. The entire program of activities that we have developed was designed to gather testimonies, documents and knowledge that would serve as a source to prepare the final report of the project as well as the report of conclusions and recommendations.

Main features of the initiative:

Our work has been inspired by what is known as the Open Method of Coordination (OMC), a way of acting that European Union has assumed as its own and that it uses whenever it is forced to elaborate guidelines for the member countries in those issues that offer a special difficulty or for those that lack direct competences.

This method seemed especially appropriate for the study and elaboration of guidelines in relation to mixed population movements. To date, the different working groups have made and subsequently published different manuals on good practices, concluding, in an external evaluation carried out in 2013, that the OMC tool was effective and appropriate for the challenges and purposes of the European Agenda for Culture, creating added value through the dynamic learning of the exchange of good practices.



Picture: Memembers of CALRE in the WFP logistic base, in Gran Canaria



Thus, the main characteristic of this process of creation and elaboration of the report has been the active participation of different agents and organizations, of different scope of action, that have provided us with the good practices that constitute the bulk of this project.

Through interviews, meetings, seminars and work days, the work developed and continued by these agents, both public and private, in the field of mixed population movements has been manifested.

Description of the consequences on the regions pointing out the positive European implications:

This work methodology has given us the opportunity to learn first-hand about the actions that were being carried out throughout the continent, in relation to mixed population movements. However, the importance of this form of inquiry has not been based so much on the result, but on the form. Involving public and private organizations, experts in the field, has placed these agents as protagonists. The result of this work has been the preparation of a report participated by several actors, internal and external, which translates into a document characterized by diversity, but which reflects a shared position.



Picture: Sami Naïr at the Parliament of the Canary Islands, with the President, Carolina Darias San Sebastián



This methodology has had very positive implications for the functioning of our Chamber, since it has also allowed the Parliament to approach citizens, go out into the street, interact with the actors that make up the Canarian society. Thus, we have developed what we call "political pedagogy", involving the different agents in the reality of the institution, to make known the work that is done, but above all, to make them participants of it.





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- Album.- "Dialogues, mixed movements of population and journalism" (10/27/2017)

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- Album.- "2nd CALRE Working Group Day" / World Food Program and Red Cross (19/10/2017)

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- Album.- Report "Mixed Population Movements " Morning Conference (10/18/2017)

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- Album.- Inauguration of the exhibition "Canaries on the horizon" (16/10/2017)

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- Album.- Inauguration of the exhibition "International cooperation in images" (29/09/2017)

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- Album.- Meetings for CALRE report (17/07/2017)

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- Album.- Meeting with ULL on the CALRE report proposal (04/07/2017)

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- Album.- Meeting with the prosecutor of foreigners, Ms. M^a Teseida García García and with the judge of gender violence, Ms. M^a Auxiliadora Díaz Velázquez (04/07/2017)

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- Album.- Meetings on migrations and human rights of CALRE (06/09/2017)

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- Album.- Meeting with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) - (29) 05/2017)

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- Album.- "Dialogues" Migrations and Human Rights (07/04/2017)

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- Video summary of the activities developed.

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