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Participation form

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a) Regional law:

b) Administrative act:



c) Procedure:

d) Other: Initiative: **“Castilla y León, Land of Welcome” – Castilla y León with Migrants.**

Date of issuing of the initiative: 04/ 2016

Reference period: 2016 - 2018

Short description of the initiative

“Castilla y León Land of Welcome”, is an initiative which main aim is to promote migrants’ integration in the society of Castilla y León. This year it has celebrated its third edition, with renewed activities which promote migrants’ full inclusion in public and social life of Castilla y León. Moreover, this year it has had a special meaning as it was celebrated within the celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Autonomous Statute of Castilla y León as well as the 40th Anniversary of the Spanish Constitution.

A project that entrusts public powers the promotion of cultural, labour, economic and social migrants’ integration in the society of Castilla y León, and which origin comes from the Act 3/2003 as well as from Parliamentary Institutional Declarations. Initiatives which support migrants’ arrival and their subsequent integration into the society of Castilla y León.

In this special edition, it was taken the advantage which represents the Regional Day of Castilla y León, 23th April, to undertake different activities. On one side, the development of cultural activities and on the other side, institutional activities.

Whereas, it is worth to highlight a special workshop undertaken on “Immigration and Asylum in Europe. Access to Labour market”. A workshop in which took part European Commission representatives as well as representatives from the Spanish Ministry for Employment and Social Affairs and regional bodies working with migrants in Castilla y León. A multi-governance level workshop addressed to technical officers of NGOs and public administrations working with migrants or refugees aimed at share migrants’ situation in the community, notably, regarding their labour integration.

Role of the regional Assembly:

*Encourage EU democratic values and the EU motto “United into diversity” under the **Solidarity principle**, involving migrants into institutional life and labour work force of our Region.*

In short, promote an inclusive open society and culturally diverse.

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Therefore, there were enhanced principles of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018.

Main features of the initiative

The celebration of the third edition of the initiative “Castilla y León – Land of Welcome” was developed in the frame of the activities undertaken within the 35th Anniversary of the Autonomous Statute of Castilla y León and the 40th Anniversary of the Spanish Constitution.

The main targets of this initiative have been to promote solidarity, intercultural coexistence, cultural, social and labour inclusion by making known migrants’ real situation and positive values migration offer to European regions.

In total, migrants represent 3,3% inhabitants worldwide (2015 data), and in particular, in Castilla y León they represent 5,26% of regional population and 2,79% of migrants living in Spain. Notably, in Castilla y León migrants come from Rumanía, Bulgaria or Portugal in Europa, from Marrocco in Africa and from Colombia, República Dominicana, Ecuador and Brasil in América. Migrants are young people, ranked in working age. To this extent, it is worth to highlight the important contribution migrants do to the region.

In particular, undertaken activities in the framework of this initiative are the following:

Firstly, it was launched an exhibition, in collaboration with Red Cross, called “Migrants’ paths: girls and boys count”. An exhibition composed by drawings made by children who fled from their countries to Greece. There are drawings which show Kids vision on their previous life, fleeing process, crossing travel and its arrival to Europe. An exhibition which allows society to better understand on migrants’ situation once they are arrive to our territory.

Secondly, the Workshop on “Immigration and Asylum in Europe. Access to Labour Market”, a workshop in which took part European Commission representatives, as well as representatives from the Spanish Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs and regional bodies working with migrants in Castilla y León. A workshop which main aim was to help non-governmental associations as well as employees from public institutions dealing with migrants’ issues, by providing them a better knowledge on available legal tools as well as on how better integrate migrants in labour market. A key element for their inclusion into our society, in order they could be an active part of our society and thus, develop their life with the same standards of life and dignity as the rest of citizens’ of Castilla y León.

Thirdly, it was celebrated a musical event, “Music in the Cortes” a concert celebrated at the Cortes de Castilla y León premises, open to all citizens, as a space of cultural integration of diverse collectives that make up the society of our territory.

Finally, it was celebrated an institutional event at the Chamber of the Cortes de Castilla y León. An event which have counted with the participation of 500 migrants and which was addressed to allow their public participation at institutional level in our region. In particular, migrants had the opportunity to give known their particular situation, but not only focused in the problems they face

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every day but also focused in their successful integration experiences. The event concluded by the lecture of migrants' manifesto.

This event was followed by a solidarity meal, to which were invited all participants at the previous event. To this regard, it is worth to highlight that main private companies on agri-food sector presents in our region, donate products to allow this meal celebration.

At the same time, in parallel some activities were developed in other provinces, outside of the Cortes de Castilla y León headquarters with the aim of reaching a greater number of people.

In total, more than 800 people had the opportunity to be part of this initiative in its third edition held last 23th April.

All these events were developed thank to the collaboration of the main non-governmental organizations presents in the territory.

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

More than 800 migrants had the opportunity to interact with citizens' political representatives to bring out their thoughts about all needs and progress made at regional level regarding migrants' integration and intercultural coexistence.

Moreover, regional associations and institutional employees working with migrants had the opportunity to learn on European and National Regulations to better improve migrants' conditions in the territory.

In conclusion, RECOGNITION AND SOLIDARITY has been achieved by the inhabitants of Castilla y León towards the inclusion of migrants' in our society, at the same time it was advocated the defense of Human Rights, the Rule of Law and Democracy while contributing to build more inclusive societies at regional level in the European Union.



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