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Launch of Outreach Sessions in Portugal

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The outreach strategy in Portugal kicked off in Porto with a session that gathered key actors, organisations and public servants from the region.

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ANNA - Sponsor | Ireland

"I met my community sponsorship group through a toddler morning, just hanging out with them and their kids. Honestly, I went along to the first meeting not thinking I'd actually get involved.

But once you hear about it, that's it, your heart is in. Once the group is set up, you all pull together. Whatever time you have, you put that energy into it. That's how we divided everything; who could do what?

Initial team building is really important. The team has to be on the same wavelength. You also have to make sure your expectations are the same and manage it. You have to be practical, no saviour stuff, you have to be up to do the dirty work!

Networking is important. You've got your small community group who is project managing it, but you've also got your wider community who can support.

You don't need to be anything special or have special skills. Everything that needs to be can done, can be done. "I want to challenge everyone else to get involved, pass on the message!"

PAR - Organisation | Portugal



PAR is a platform of civil organizations to support the welcoming and integration of refugees in Portugal. The platform was

spontaneously created as a solution to the humanitarian crisis of 2015.

PAR supports all entities in welcoming refugees. This support has a strong psychosocial element through diagnosis and needs assessment, allowing to fine-tune the matching process. These actions also make it possible to understand the institutions' strengths and weaknesses. PAR puts a great effort in awareness-raising among the entities, focusing on issues such as managing expectations and time.

The network has 96 entities from very different areas and backgrounds, including civil society entities, enterprises, schools and parish communities. Since 2015, about 180 families were welcomed, totalling circa 800 people.

The feedback from the families reveals that the feeling of belonging to a community is very positive. Families prefer this type of community solution than to be hosted in a welcome center.

Upcoming Activities



3rd International CSO Good Practice Convening

April 2022 - via Zoom



Conference on Community Sponsorship in Portugal

September 2022 - Lisbon