

2023 Action Plan

| Objectives | Main actions |
|--|--|
| To bolster the <u>shared values</u> and capacities of local governments and develop <u>tools</u> that help improve local public policies and services. | Develop a code of ethics, in a participatory way, which will establish the fundamental values of the IAEC associative life. Offer in-person and/or virtual training to member cities and, especially, to new members and to cities with changes in government teams after local elections. Continue offering courses in the Virtual Classroom of the Latin American Delegation on the following topics, as well as study other possible demands or needs: • The Charter as a road map for building an Educating City • Principles and values of an Educating City • Practices and policies of citizen engagement on a local level for the construction of integrated participatory ecosystems. • Childhood and early childhood in the Educating City. Does the construction of the commons include girls and boys? • Public policies and youth engagement in Educating Cities • Sexual diversity in Educating Cities. |
| To promote the educational aspect of public policies. | Make recommendations and highlight good practices. |



| | Disseminate the Monograph on "City, Care and Education" and work on its publication in different languages. Prepare an index of a new Monographic issue on "City, Values and Education", order articles and follow-up. Prepare a publication on Education for Sustainability to promote the extension in Brazil, taking advantage of the preparations for the Congress to be held in 2024 in Curitiba (Brazil Network). Preparation and dissemination of different publications of the territorial networks: bulletin of the Portuguese Network, newsletter of the Asia-Pacific Network, publication of the work carried out by thematic networks of the |
|---|---|
| | Spanish Network. |
| To publicise and <u>recognise local projects</u> and initiatives on an international level. | Advance in the propagation of the W/II International Congress; definition of |
| ievei. | Advance in the preparation of the XVII International Congress: definition of axes, call for experiences, establishment of the scientific committee, |
| | program proposal, visit to the facilities and periodic work meetings. |
| To create <u>regional and national debate and learning</u> for knowledge generation and transfer and for cities to learn from each other. | Organize and hold various National Meetings or Congresses of the existing territorial networks: • Argentinian Network: "People-centred technology and social innovation" (San Justo, May 2023) • Spanish Network: "Educating Cities: cities that care and welcome" (Gijón/Xixón, October 2023) • Portuguese Network: "Educating Cities, Cities of Children; Cities for |



| | all!" (Torres Vedras, November 2023) • Asia-Pacific Network: regional meeting (November 2023) • Mexican Network: To be defined • Brazil Network: To be defined Undertake actions to revitalize territorial networks that are less active. Study the creation of a working body for French-speaking cities. Launch of the Educating Cities Award for Good Practices in Values Education in the City, reception of applications and formation of the jury. |
|---------------------------------|--|
| To promote joint projects. | Share good practices from joint projects. Organise meetings for technical exchanges among project leaders. Study of pilot projects that can be modelled and extended to other cities within the framework of the different networks. |
| To promote <u>study visits.</u> | Organise study visits to good practices of various member cities, on the occasion of different events and meetings and through the work of the thematic networks, among others the following: - Seville, within the framework of the General Assembly. - Gijón/Xixón, within the framework of the Spanish meeting |



| | San Justo, within the framework of the Argentine meeting. Torres Vedras, within the framework of the Portuguese congress. Respond to demands and to collaborate in the organization of bilateral visits between cities in the network. |
|--|--|
| To create <u>synergies with other stakeholders</u> with similar challenges and interests and with objectives close to the foundational ones. | Promote signing agreements, intersections, and connections with social agents within member cities through, for example, the preparations for the International Day, the Educating City Pact or the Educating City Seal to point out initiatives in accordance with the principles of the Charter. |
| To make recommendations around key issues. | Disseminate the declaration of the Andong Congress, through different activities or meetings. Prepare in a participatory way and make a public reading of the Declaration of the 2023 International Day. |
| To foster mechanisms for participation and dialogue so to involve members who are interested in identifying problems, and exploring solutions that can be translated into viable policies. | Promote dialogues, virtual coffees, meetings of territorial and thematic networks. The thematic networks in operation will be: - Portugal: Inclusive Cities; Play in the Educating City; Participation; Local Educational Project; Lifelong learning. |



| | Spain: Transformation of the City: Urban Agenda, from and with the perspective of childhood and adolescence; The Educating City in Vocational training and Employment; The Educating City against the Culture of Hatred. Latin America: Culture; Sustainability; Urban planning. |
|---|--|
| To boost campaigns . | Promote the celebration of the International Day of the Educating City in member cities with a varied activities program to inform citizens about the local government's commitment to the Charter. Circulation of the renewed exhibition of the Association to various cities of the Portuguese Network. Prepare exhibition materials to disseminate the Educating City and make them available to member cities. |
| To reinforce communication tools. Regarding the Data Bank, the plan is to reform the display by incorporating innovation to achieve a better display of the content. | Periodic digital bulletins to inform about the IAEC activities. Open different consultation and participation channels for member cities. Explore different computer companies and start working to improve the data bank display. |
| To increase the links between experts, academics, intellectuals and political decision-makers to discuss major issues of concern to cities and | Dialogues, round tables, article requests, collaboration in publications, joint projects, training, etc. |



| look for joint solutions. | |
|---|---|
| To enhance links with academic and research centres . | |
| To give a voice to mayors as key players in local transformations. | Incorporate the perspective of mayors in the publications in process, and at national and regional meetings. |
| To promote greater dialogue and involvement of <u>young people</u> in local issues. | Promote a greater participation of young people in IAEC activities, for example, giving them voice in the presentation of experiences addressed or carried out by this group. |
| To mainstream <u>a gender perspective.</u> | Ensure gender balance and diversity of origins in IAEC activities, whether at events or in publications. |
| To call for the <u>necessary funding</u> for performing municipal competencies and ensure that local governments are present at decision-making bodies. | Continue with and increase the collaboration with UCLG and its members and ensure dialogue with United Nations agencies and other international bodies. |



| To communicate the priorities and work of the IAEC, its networks and its members, our vision and our values. | Promote the extension of the network in different territories and, especially, in Brazil, taking advantage of the preparations for the XVII International Congress. |
|--|---|
|--|---|



| To improve governance on an ongoing basis. | Call a minimum of three meetings of the Executive Committee during 2023 to monitor the action plan and formulate proposals. Set priorities to increase the involvement of Executive Committee members in the consolidation and extension of the IAEC in the current mandate. Celebrate the annual General Assembly in Seville, with a varied program that includes an inspiring conference and study visits. Strengthen communication with and between territorial networks. |
|--|--|
| To evaluate the work done and ensure accountability. | Comply with the accounting and contractual requirements of the public sector by preparing an annual budget balanced between expenses and income, so as not to incur a deficit at the end of each year. Be audited and prepare activity and financial reports. Reporting all this in the transparency section of the website and to the Assembly. Carry out evaluation questionnaires to have the feedback of the participants in the different activities and meetings, in order to constantly improve our work. |
| To improve the <u>service</u> offered. | Reinforce the composition and training of the Secretariat team, Delegations and Network' Coordinating Cities in order to better meet the needs of cities and bolster the sustainability of the institution. |