



INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF
**Educating
Cities**

2023 REPORT ON ACTIVITIES





The International Association of Educating Cities is once again proud to present its annual Activity Report. This is an exercise in transparency, which showcases the main activities that the Secretariat, the Executive Committee and the various networks and delegations carried out in 2023.

It also includes information on the nature of the Association, its structure, its finances, its awareness-raising and advocacy activities, and its institutional relations over the course of 2023. It therefore offers a great snapshot of the organisation's track record.

We appreciate the collaboration of all the towns and cities that supported us throughout the year and all the people who took part in our activities, and who with their response motivate us to continue working in our role as a benchmark international institution.

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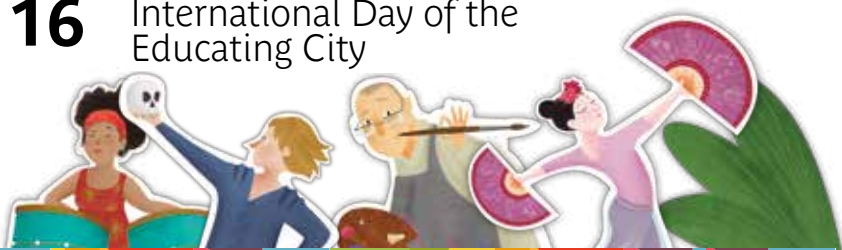
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ABOUT US

The **International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC)** is a non-profit organisation created in 1994 to act as a permanent bridge for participation between local governments that are committed to education as a tool for social transformation.

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Our mission

Bring together political and technical representatives of cities committed to the principles of the **Charter of Educating Cities** in order to foster bonds of solidarity and exchanges among them.

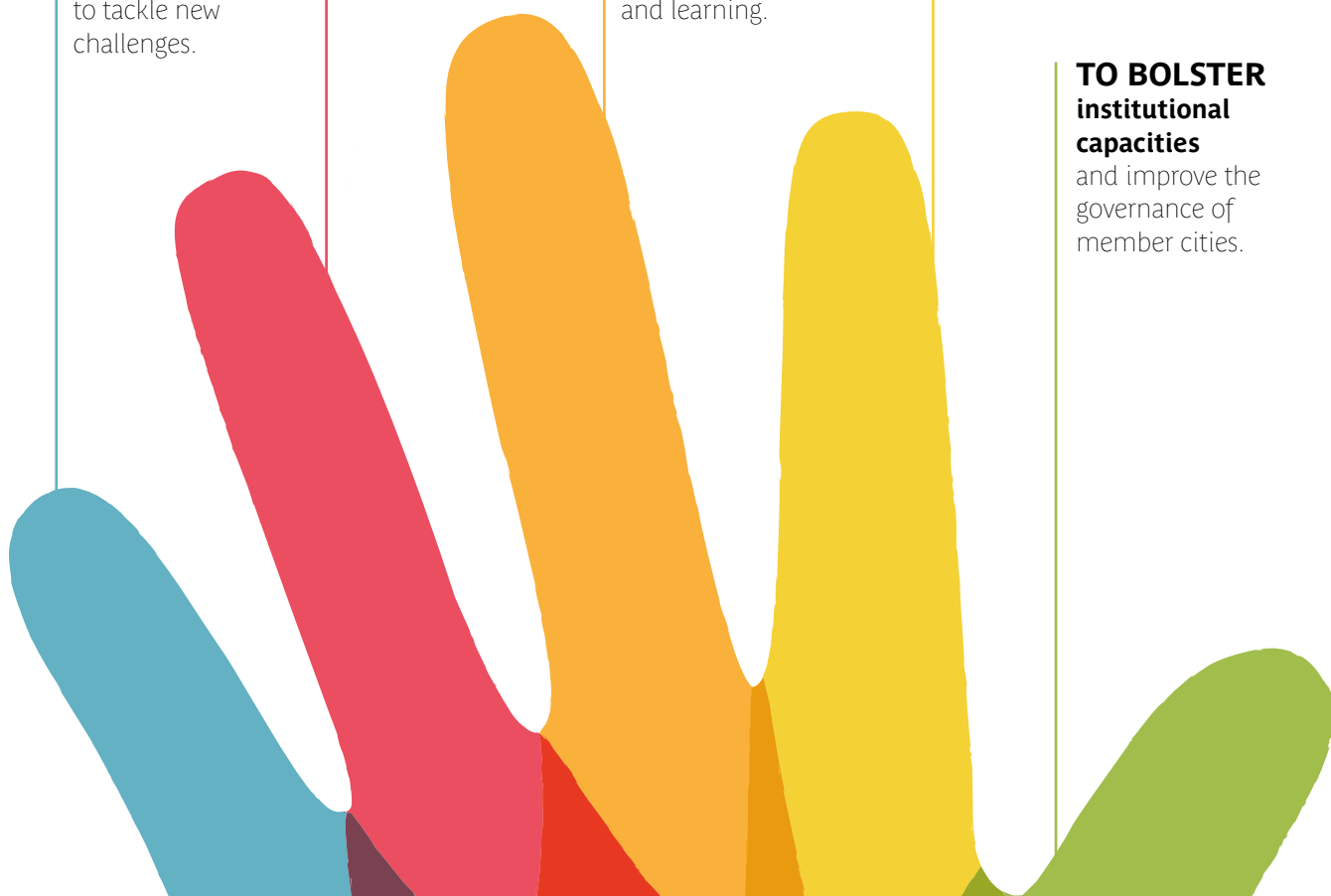
TO EMPHASISE
the role of local governments as educational agents and to promote their recognition as key players to tackle new challenges.

TO PROMOTE
education in the city.

TO BRING TOGETHER
political and technical representative of the educating cities to foster mutual bonds of solidarity and learning.

TO RAISE THE VOICE
of local governments to international and national bodies on issues of interest to member cities.

TO BOLSTER
institutional capacities and improve the governance of member cities.



FOREWORD

It is an honour to chair, as Mayor of Barcelona, the **International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC)**, an entity that since 1994 has been working in favour of education as a tool both for personal and social transformation and growth.

Over this time, the IAEC has strengthened its position as a space to share ideas, reflect and create bonds of solidarity between cities; a space that contributes to the progress of our communities through a holistic education that creates well-being and individual and collective opportunities for all.

This report reflects the IAEC's ability to turn this commitment into practice and implement specific actions to respond to shared challenges and goals. This is all included and guided by the **2023-2026 Strategic Plan**.

In 2023, we shared knowledge and lessons learnt with nineteen new member cities from six countries, proving the vitality of the IAEC and its progressive expansion.

Given the plurality of cultures within the network, the Executive Committee deemed necessary to set clear ethical guidelines aligned with IAEC values. Work around a **Code of Ethics** was conducted with the participation of member cities and experts in the field and subsequently the Code was adopted. In this way, the IAEC is taking a fundamental step towards the implementation of an organisational culture based on ethics and responsibility.

In a challenging international context, with the outbreak of the conflict between Israel and Palestine, plus the on-going war in Ukraine and so many other conflicts, the IAEC now has added responsibilities to secure cohesion and harmonious living in our cities. Therefore, **education in values**, which was the motto of this **year's Award**, is particularly relevant. This Award sets out to highlight the work of member cities and send out a message of peace and support for democracy and human rights. We will learn about the awarded initiatives at the next **International Congress**, which will be held in Curitiba in May. The Congress' agenda will provide us with new learnings in terms of sustainability, innovation, and social inclusion. Make sure not to miss it!



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As member cities, we are convinced that education and culture are the driving forces behind development and social progress, and also the best way to fight inequalities and social exclusion. Therefore, once again, with the celebration of the **International Day of the Educating City** we want to join forces and share knowledge in this common cause of building urban spaces of opportunity.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to successfully promote each initiative detailed here. They have all strengthened our ties, a cornerstone in the construction of a robust and dynamic network.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the welcome received after my incorporation as Chairman of the Association. I am proud to lead this important network in which our cities will continue to grow, learn and thrive together.

Education is the best investment we can make as a city and as a society.

You can count on the passionate commitment of the city of Barcelona to continue as a driving force behind this international movement.

Jaume Collboni Cuadrado

Mayor of President and Chairman of the IAEC

Organisation

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

main body of the Association composed by all member cities.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

direction, management, execution and representation of the IAEC.



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Presidency

Mayor Mr. Jaume Collboni



GRANOLLERS
Treasury

Mayor Ms. Alba Barnusell



ROSARIO
Vice Presidency

Mayor Mr. Pablo Javkin

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MAYOR
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MR. HONG
NAM-PYO



CURITIBA
MAYOR
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GRECA DE MACEDO



KATOWICE
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MAYOR
MR. KALERVO
KUMMOLA



TORINO
MAYOR
MR. STEFANO
LO RUSSO



SECRETARIAT

responsible of the day-to-day management.

NETWORKS

decentralized structures made up of IAEC member cities in a specific territory or that work together around a topic of common interest.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Publications and materials that highlight the educational potential of the cities



Personalised advice, assessment and attention



Seminars, congresses, workshops



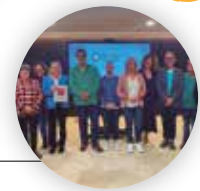
Study visits



Spaces for networking and setting in motion joint actions



Training for technical staff and local politicians



An interactive website and bank of experiences



Dissemination and recognition of the work carried out by the cities



Exchange of information and experiences

Collaboration with other entities with shared goals



Joint building of know-how



Interlocution with national and international organisations to make the voice of the local governments heard

Listen2Citi

Elaboration of declarations and manifestos in support of the role of the local governments in education



Exhibitions



International Day of the Educating City



Promotion of cooperation and solidarity



NETWORKS

Le **Spanish Network of Educating Cities** is the biggest territorial network in the IAEC and comprises 236 cities. The city of Gijón/Xixón coordinated the network up to October 2023, when the city of Viladecans took over as coordinator.

Under the coordination of Gijón/Xixón, the following thematic networks were operational:

- *“Transformation of the City (Urban Agenda) from and with the Perspective of Childhood and Adolescence.”* Coordinated by Rivas Vaciamadrid.
- *“The Educating City in Training and Employment.”* Coordinated by Málaga.
- *“The Educating City versus the Culture of Hate.”* Coordinated by Seville.

And the working group, *“Educating Cities, Cities with Memory.”*

What is more, Gijón/Xixón held several working sessions to address topics of interest: the second conference on *“Education and History with Memory.”*; the conference *“Evaluation of Educational Programmes.”*, and the conference *“Inhabiting*

Educating Cities: School Settings, Mobility and Health.”

The Spanish Network held its sixteenth meeting in Gijón/Xixón in October 2023 with the tagline *“Educating Cities: Caring and Welcoming Cities.”*, attended by more than two hundred members. The event included the presentation of a selection of more than sixty good practices (out of the hundred-plus experiences that had been submitted) and the **conclusions of the work of the thematic networks**. The programme included **several roundtables** and study visits to good practices in the host city. The meeting was a unique opportunity for the newly elected local authorities (after municipal elections held in May) to learn about the Network’s activity.

The General Assembly of the Spanish Network elected Viladecans as the new coordinating city for the period 2023-2025, accompanied by a new Monitoring Commission formed by Argamasilla de Calatrava, Barcelona, Ciudad Real, Esplugues



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de Llobregat, Gijón/Xixón, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Lleida, Oviedo, Tomelloso and Zaragoza; Granollers, Málaga, Rivas Vaciamadrid and Seville (as coordinating cities of thematic networks also participate in the meetings); and Avilés, Ibi and Vitoria-Gasteiz (as guest cities). The thematic networks proposed for this new period are:

- “Education and Culture. Strategies for the Construction of an Inclusive City/Community for the Development of a Critical and Creative Citizenship” (coordinated by Granollers);
- “Inclusion: Cornerstone of the Educating City” (coordinated by Málaga and Seville); and
- “Children and Adolescents: Transforming their City” (coordinated by Rivas Vaciamadrid).

The **Portuguese Network** coordinated by Lisbon and six other cities (Águeda; Lagoa (Algarve); Santo Tirso; Torres Vedras; Valongo and Vila Nova de Famalicão), held its 9th National Congress in Torres Vedras in November with the tagline “*Educating Cities, Children’s Cities, Cities for All!*”. The Network also held national encounters in Angra do Heroísmo

(“*Lifelong Education*”, November), Torres Novas (“*Education for Science and Sustainability*”, May) and Valongo, in January.

The following working groups were operational in 2023:

- *Inclusive Cities* (coordinated by Almada)
- *Lifelong Education* (coordinated by Loures)
- *Play in the Educating City* (coordinated by Torres Vedras)
- *Local Educational Project* (coordinated by Loulé)

The Inclusive Cities themed group met in Soure (October) and Fundão (February).

The **IAEC Delegation for Latin America**, based in Rosario, coordinates the work of cities and networks in the region.

It has a virtual classroom platform to offer online courses. In 2023, four courses were given, attended by 219 representatives from more than sixty Latin American cities:



- *“Childhood and Early Childhood in Educating Cities. Does the Construction of the Commons include Girls and Boys?”*
- *“Principles and Values of an Educating City” (2 editions)*
- *“Sexual Diversity in Educating Cities”*

In 2023, three thematic networks were operational, with a space in the Virtual Classroom to consult materials and videos, as well as a forum. Each of them convened two Learning Cyber C@fé’s as meeting spaces:

- Culture Network:
Cultural Policies of Local Governments
Right to Culture in the Digital Age
- Sustainability Network:
Citizen participation and co-responsibility in the adoption of fair, resilient and sustainable lifestyles and consumptions
The eco-dependent condition of human life and the physical limits of the planet
- Urban Planning Network:

Public Planning Space
Public Living Space

Various educational dialogues were also held: *“Public Gender Policies”* (March) and *“The Rights of Nature”* (June), as well as awareness-raising days in San Francisco, Santa Fe and Córdoba.

The Delegation organises regular meetings with member cities. These include exchanges with Santa María, Porto Alegre, San Justo, Vitória Santo Antão, Curitiba, San Francisco, Manizales, Caguas and Guanajuato. It also works extensively to disseminate the work of the network and its members, boosting its impact and securing new memberships in Latin America.

The **Argentinian Network of Educating Cities**, coordinated by San Justo, held the *“Strategies to Respond Locally to Digital Culture Challenges”* forum in San Francisco in March. In May, the 6th Argentinian Network Meeting was held in San Justo, focussed on *“Technology and Social Innovation,*



Fostering Sustainable People-Centred Cities". The event featured a roundtable with mayors, a speech, and a presentation of experiences of several educating cities.

In November, the Argentinian Network called a virtual meeting on *"Educating Identity: Culture, Source of Creation and Learning in the Educating City"*.

2023 was a year of municipal elections in Argentina. The new authorities took office in December.

The **Brazil Network (REBRACE)**, led by Curitiba, met monthly between February and November. At each meeting, topics related to the IAEC were discussed, with actions, good practices and educational policies implemented by member cities being presented. In 2023, the following topics were addressed: cross-sector engagement; culture, sport and leisure; income generation; health; governance and participation; sustainability; technology and innovation; and culture of peace.

In October 2023, the 4th National Meeting of the Brazil Network was held in São Paulo, with the theme of *"Promoting and Bolstering Transformative Learning in the City"*. More than 130 attendees took part in the conference, structured around the following themes: (i) Lifelong learning; (ii) Promotion of quality of life and sustainability; and (iii) Many cultures, many learnings. The programme included speeches, project presentations, institutional meetings, and visits to good practices in the host city. At the Brazilian Network Assembly, Curitiba renewed its mandate as a coordinating city for the next two years, accompanied by Passo Fundo in the Coordination Commission. At the National Meeting, the first Brazilian Network newsletter was launched, featuring a compilation of good practices from member cities in Brazil.

The **Mexican Network (REMCE)** met in September in Playa del Carmen with the tagline *"Sustainability in Educating Cities"*, at a conference that included an opening speech by the mayor of



The IAEC decentralises its work in territorial and/or themed networks.

the host city, the presentation of projects of interest, study visits, and a participatory workshop. Within the framework of the General Assembly held at the meeting, Guanajuato took over from León as coordinator of the network. Member cities in Mexico also met in April and November.

The **Italian Network** held a virtual meeting in November to agree on the new coordinating city, as well as the priorities and work programme. Bologna took over as coordinating city, after Turin's proposal to hand over to another city.

Meanwhile, the **Asia Pacific Network** held its 11th Meeting in Changwon, coordinating city of the network. The event featured a presentation of good practices, a welcome for new members, and the joint celebration of the International Day of the Educating City. In 2023, the network published its annual newsletter with highlighted educating actions and programmes in the region.



Spanish Network

Coordination: Viladecans
www.edcities.org/rece

French Network

Coordination: Rennes
www.edcities.org/reseau-francais/

Portuguese Network

Coordination: Lisbon
www.edcities.org/rede-portuguesa
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/RTPCE/

Italian Network

Coordination: Bologna
<https://www.edcities.org/rete-italiana/>

North European Group

Coordination: Brussels
www.edcities.org/northern-european-group/

Asia-Pacific Network

Coordination: Changwon
www.edcities.org/asia-pacific/

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Argentinian Network

Coordination: Sant Justo
www.edcities.org/race/
<https://www.instagram.com/redargentinas/>

Brazilian Network

Coordination: Curitiba
www.edcities.org/rede-brasileira/

Mexican Network

Coordination: Guanajuato
www.edcities.org/remce
 Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/remce_2024/
 Twitter: <https://twitter.com/remce2024>

THE ASSOCIATION IN FIGURES

WELCOME!

In 2023, 19 new cities in 6 countries joined the Association, making a total of 483 cities in 30 countries.

We welcome the following new cities:

ARGENTINA:

Córdoba, San Vicente

BRAZIL:

Apucarana, Concórdia, Florianópolis, Mata, Olinda, Piên, São José dos Campos

SPAIN:

Centelles, Elche

MÉXICO:

Celaya, Juárez, Rayón

PORTUGAL:

Estremoz, Machico, Penafiel, Vila do Conde

REPUBLIC OF KOREA:

Gongju

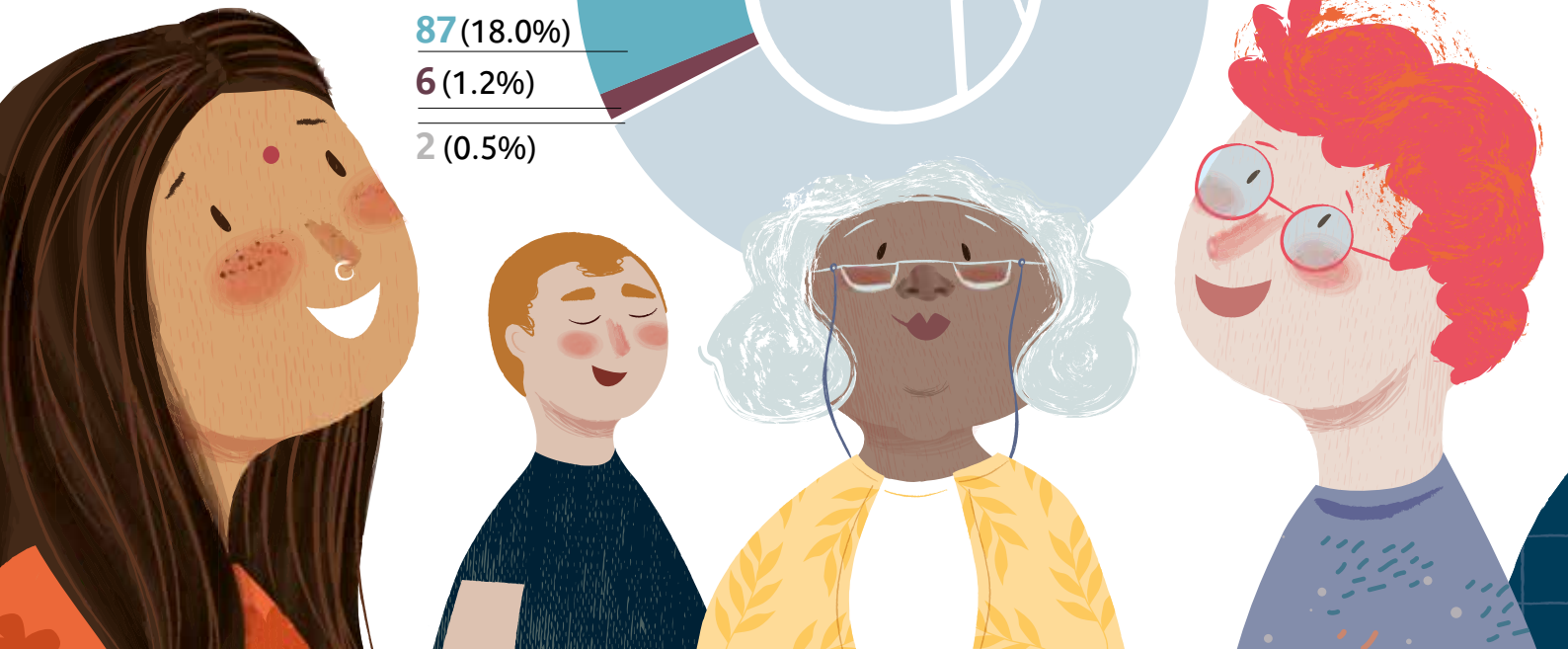
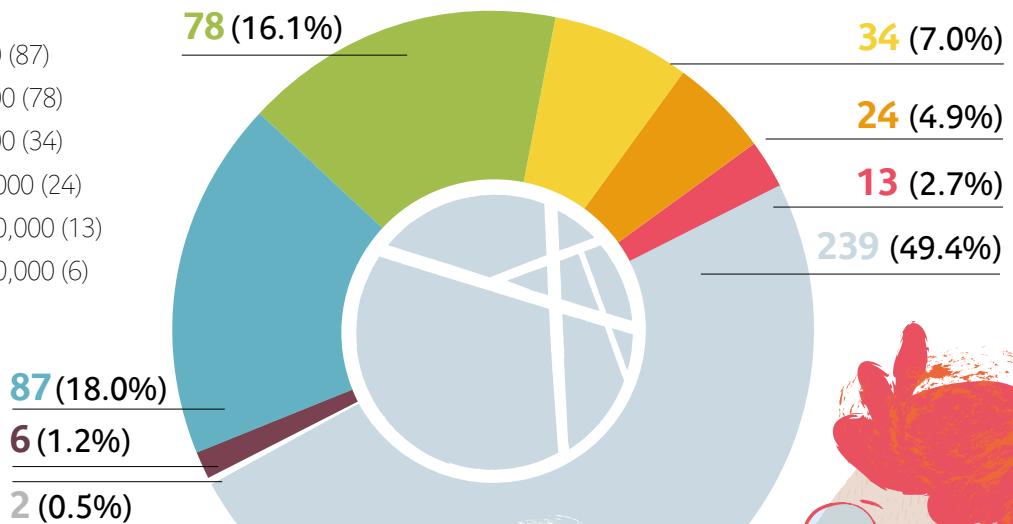
A further 10 cities in 2 countries started the necessary procedures to join the Association.

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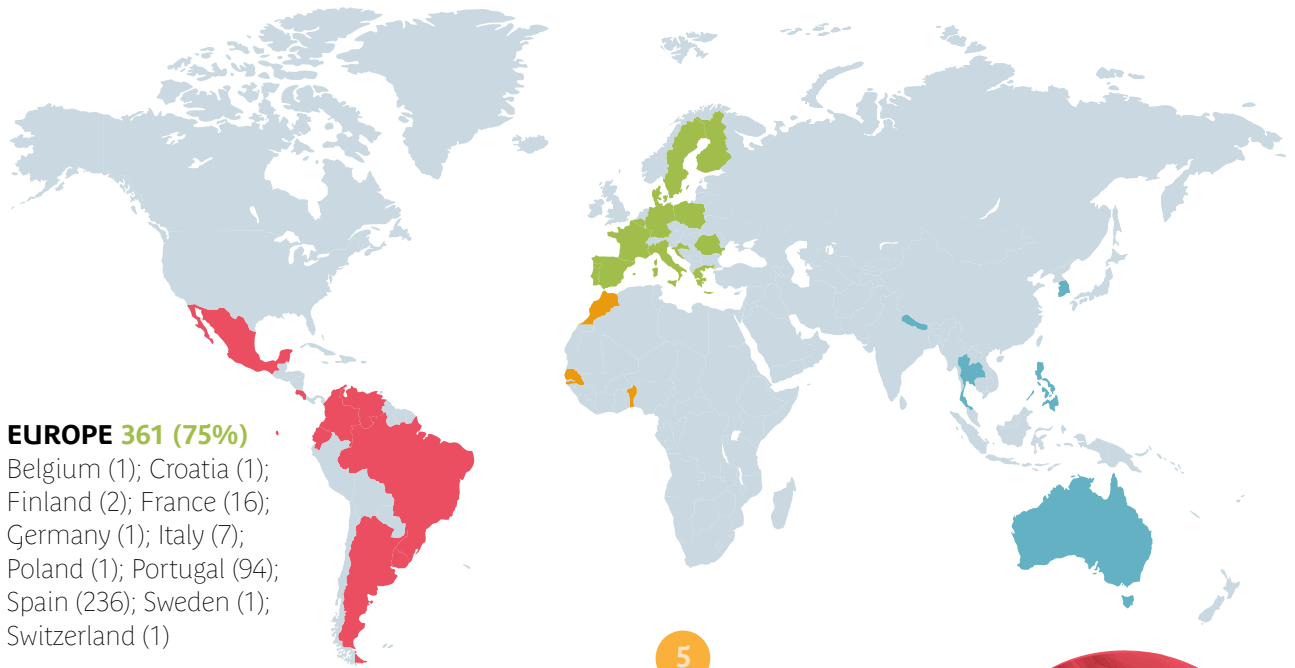
Member cities classified by population

- < 50,000 (239)
- 50,000 > 100,000 (87)
- 100,000 > 250,000 (78)
- 250,000 > 500,000 (34)
- 500,000 > 1,000,000 (24)
- 1,000,000 > 2,000,000 (13)
- 2,000,000 > 5,000,000 (6)
- > 5,000,000 (2)



483 cities in 30 countries are members of the Association

Member cities by continent



EUROPE 361 (75%)

Belgium (1); Croatia (1);
Finland (2); France (16);
Germany (1); Italy (7);
Poland (1); Portugal (94);
Spain (236); Sweden (1);
Switzerland (1)

AMERICA 92 (19%)

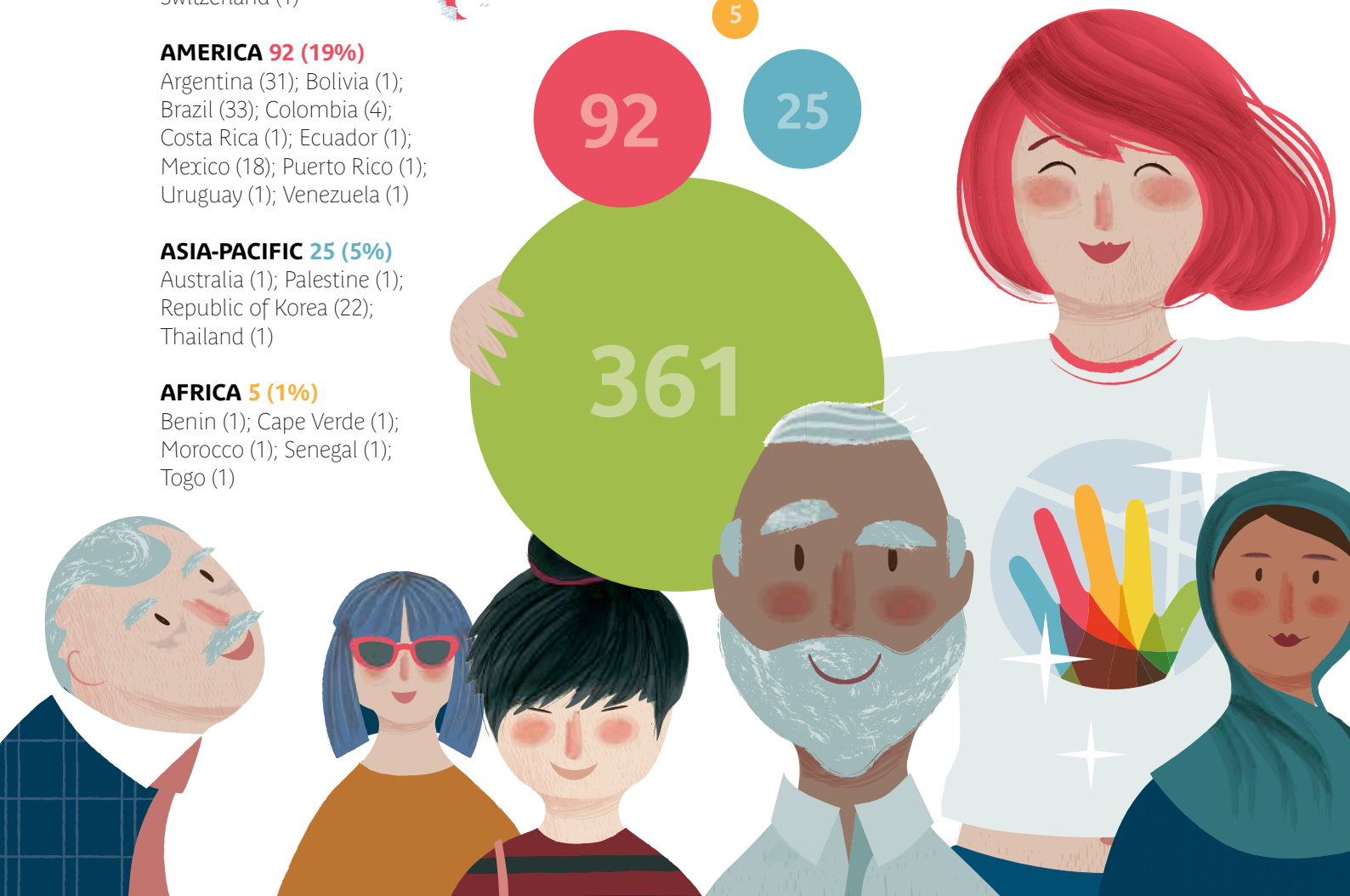
Argentina (31); Bolivia (1);
Brazil (33); Colombia (4);
Costa Rica (1); Ecuador (1);
Mexico (18); Puerto Rico (1);
Uruguay (1); Venezuela (1)

ASIA-PACIFIC 25 (5%)

Australia (1); Palestine (1);
Republic of Korea (22);
Thailand (1)

AFRICA 5 (1%)

Benin (1); Cape Verde (1);
Morocco (1); Senegal (1);
Togo (1)

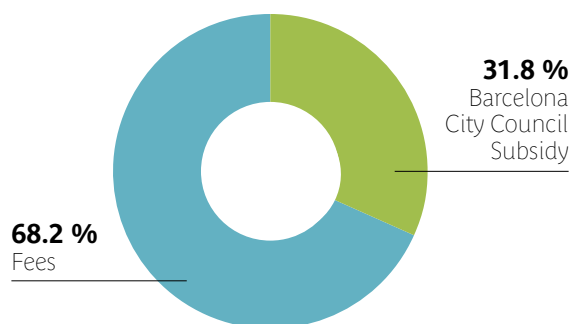


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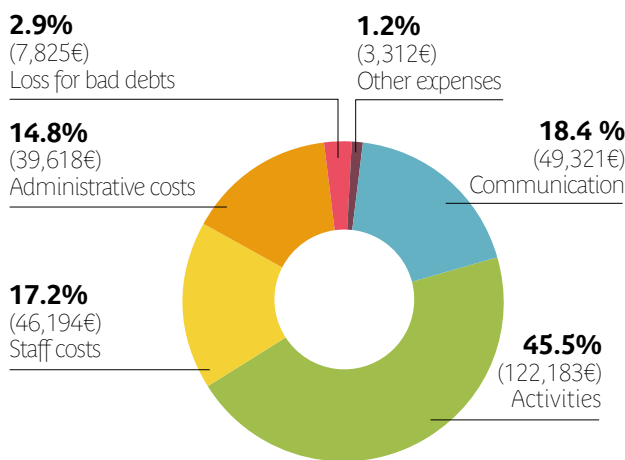
In accordance with article 32 of the IAEC Statutes in its condition as an international non-profit organisation, *it is financed by the fees paid by its members, through subsidies and special contributions to projects by other public and private entities, by donations, inheritances or legacies, and from the revenues from its own capital.*

In 2023, the expenditure of the Association amounted to 268,455.72€. The fees are established according to the number of inhabitants of the cities and the Gross National Income per capita of the countries in which they are situated.

Revenues



Nature of the expenditure



National Income per capita

Number of inhabitants	Group I* 0 US\$-1000 US\$	Group II* 1001 US\$-3000 US\$	Group III* 3001 US\$-10000 US\$	Group IV* más de 10.001 US\$
<50,000	70€	104€	160,50€	220€
50,000 a 100,000	100€	156€	214€	330€
100,000 a 250,000	250€	338€	481,50€	715€
250,000 a 500,000	350€	520€	749€	1100€
500,000 a 1,000,000	500€	780€	1070€	1650€
1,000,000 a 2,000,000	650€	1040€	1605€	2200€
2,000,000 a 5,000,000	800€	1300€	1872,50€	2750€
>5,000,000	1000€	1560€	2140€	3300€

(*) GNI per capita according to world development figures from the World Bank (Atlas methodology).

Other contributions

- Barcelona City Council: offices of the General Secretariat and human resources.
- Latin America Delegation and coordinating cities of the Networks: operation of the various networks and working groups; contribution of financial and human resources.
- Host cities of the different meetings and encounters: payment of the corresponding costs

Transparency

Transparency, access to information and good governance are cornerstones of the Association's activities. In compliance with Spanish Law 19/2013, the IAEC has a specific Transparency section on its website that includes the Activity Report, the annual accounts, agreements, and the rules governing the IAEC, among others. This allows for better monitoring of activities and helps build confidence. <http://www.edcities.org/en/transparency/> In addition to internal controls, the IAEC's activities are subject to regular external controls by Barcelona City Council. What is more, Auren Auditores SP SLP-Uniaudit Oliver Camps SL UTE also conducts an independent external audit.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES



RAFAEL GRECA,
Mayor of Curitiba

Curitiba is thrilled to invite all member cities to take part in the 17th International Congress of Educating Cities, which will be taking place from 21 to 24 May 2024 with the tagline ***“Sustainability, Innovation and Inclusion in the Educating City: Transforming the Present”***

Curitiba is a pioneer in smart solutions in many areas of public administration, a city renowned for its forward thinking. Its concern for territorial planning and the conservation of the city's historical and cultural heritage have made Curitiba an important benchmark in urban planning. Numerous parks and landscaped areas embellish the cityscape, showcasing the ecological/environmental perspective that guides its development.

Curitiba is also a city that is home to many people from

many cultures. The multicultural atmosphere is palpable and can be seen at the various ethnic spaces in the city and in the appreciation of identity, traditions and customs.

The city constantly strives to build, bolster, enhance and democratise access to educational opportunities with initiatives that value the educational role of its territories and enable the all-round development of its inhabitants.

The commitment to education and the conviction that it is permeated by social transformations led Curitiba to become a member of the International Association of Educating Cities in 2019. In 2021, the city took on the coordination of the Brazilian Network of Educating Cities, with the commitment to design and mobilise actions with more than thirty educating cities in Brazil.

Curitiba is proud to be hosting the 17th International Congress of Educating Cities and is looking forward to welcome educating cities from all over the world. This will be a great opportunity to transfer knowledge, share successful experiences, and reflect on possible ways to solve the challenges of city life.

We hope to see you soon!

Long live Curitiba,
Educating City!

Curitiba will host the 17th International Congress of Educating Cities *“Sustainability, Innovation and Inclusion in the Educating City: Transforming the Present”* from 21 to 24 May 2024.

CONGRESS WEBSITE:

<https://cidadeseducadoras.curitiba.pr.gov.br/?locale=en>

The Congress is structured around the following axis: Social sustainability: inclusion and cultural pluralism; Environmental and economic sustainability: innovation and transformation of territories; and Education for sustainability.

From the 400-plus experiences received, the Scientific Committee of the 17th Congress has selected 115 experiences from 79 cities and 10 different countries, which will be shared in three formats: workshop, direct dialogue, and poster presentations. The 17th Congress will also feature presentations by experts in the field, as well as a roundtable of mayors, always with sustainability as the common denominator. Curitiba, as the host city, will also lay on study visits to the most iconic and innovative initiatives of the city, which itself is famous for being a paradigm of sustainability.

VIDEO MESSAGE:

<https://cidadeseducadoras.curitiba.pr.gov.br/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Untitled.mp4>



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE EDUCATING CITY 2023

Culture, Source of Creation and Learning in the Educating City

The eighth edition of the International Day of the Educating City was held on 30 November with the tagline “*Culture, Source of Creation and Learning in the Educating City*”.

Educating Cities promote access to culture, ensuring equal opportunities in its enjoyment. What is more, we recognise the different cultures and cultural manifestations in our cities and we foster quality artistic education, which allows for personal and collective development. The International Day of the Educating City sets out to mobilise all the cultural stakeholders in cities in a dynamic and participatory celebration to promote dialogue and publicise the artistic opportunities that member cities offer and contribute, with this, to the creation of new synergies and learning opportunities.

The IAEC organised an [opening event](#) for the day on 29 November, with a conference on *Social and Cultural Inequalities and Equity Policies* led by Dr Nicolás Barbieri and the presentation of good practices from Katowice (Poland), Montevideo (Uruguay), and São Paulo (Brazil).

At this edition, emphasis was placed on activities that bolster culture and education, such as cultural exhibitions, workshops and open days, popular festivals, intergenerational activities, musical performances, recreational activities, the painting of murals, and the public reading of the Declaration, among others. Numerous cities also carried out other traditional activities, such as the recognition of the city’s educational stakeholders, the raising of the Educating Cities flag, the recording of video messages by the municipal authorities, and activities with IAEC materials (memory games and origami).

More than 180 cities from 12 countries took part in this event: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Cape Verde, Korea, Spain, Finland, France, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, and Puerto Rico.

Member cities once again demonstrated their creativity and the countless opportunities that their cities offer, in an inclusive and participatory way. Thank you to all the cities that joined in with the celebration!



Many thanks to all the cities that joined the celebration. We look forward to having everyone again in future editions!





180 cities

from 12 countries
celebrated the 2023
International Day of
the Educating City





ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMED IN EACH CITY

 VIDEOS OF MEMBER CITIES

DECLARATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY



OTHER ACTIVITIES



In a constantly changing world, knowing, promoting and respecting the values that define us as an association is key to building responsible organisational environments.



The General Assembly in March 2023 included a proposal for an improved **Code of Ethics** approved by the Executive Committee with contributions from member cities. A practical workshop on the importance of values was held in September with Dr Begoña Román, Professor of Ethics and Vice-Chancellor of Research at the School of Philosophy of the University of Barcelona.



To encourage the improvement of the code by all member cities, the current code was used to settle various practical cases with ethical dilemmas.

This will allow for final tweaks before the updated version is presented at the General Assembly to be held in Curitiba within the framework of the 17th International Congress of Educating Cities.



Throughout the year, the Secretariat met either virtually or in person with delegations from the following cities: Alcobendas, Andong, Changwon, Ciudad Real, Dakar, El Masnou, Göteborg, Guadalajara, Istanbul, Manizales, Passo Fundo, Pilar de la Horadada, Porto, and Porto Alegre.

Virtual **welcome sessions** were organised for the following new members: El Masnou, Gongju-Si, Parla and Yongsan-Gu.



The IAEC Secretariat took part in **training sessions** in Castell-Platja d'Aro and Vitoria-Gasteiz, as well as in the meeting of Educating Cities of the Girona Region held in Lloret de Mar.



In 2023, **interviews** were conducted with a selection of mayors from the following member cities so that they could share their impressions, challenges and key projects with the rest of the network: Andong, San Justo, San Pedro Tlaquepaque, Brussels, Curitiba, Torres Vedras and Gijón/Xixón.

Meanwhile, Seville hosted the IAEC **General Assembly** and **Executive Committee** meetings in March. The Committee met again in October in Curitiba to visit the facilities that will host the Congress and to meet with the authorities and representatives of the Scientific Committee.

>> [RELIVE THE PRACTICAL WORKSHOP OF THE CODE OF ETHICS HERE](#)

EDUCATING CITIES AWARD



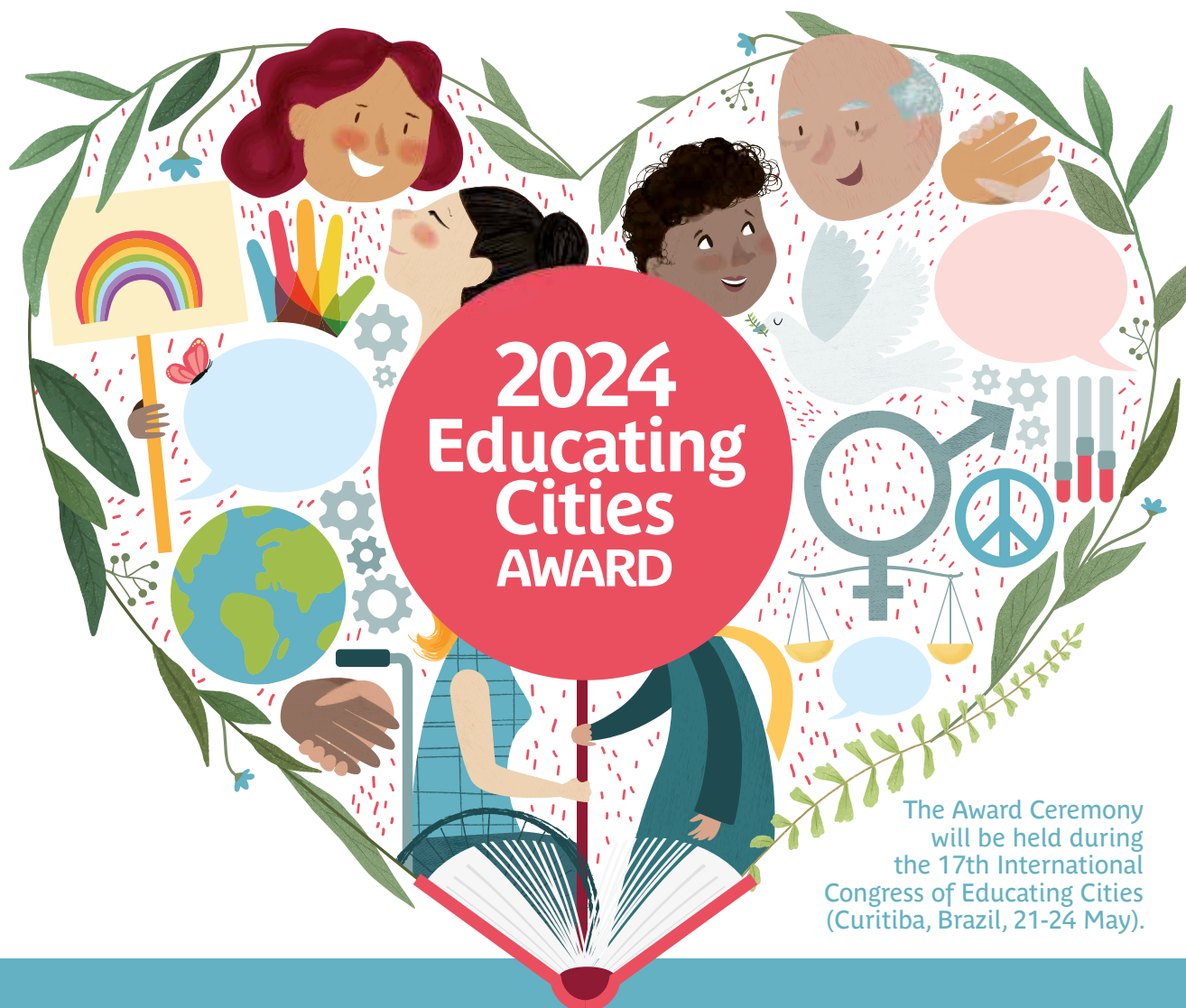
The **Educating Cities Award**, which is given out every two years, is the **highest recognition** of the International Association of Educating Cities to **successful innovative experiences** with measurable results of their impact on improving the living conditions of citizens, in keeping with the principles of the **Charter of Educating Cities**.

The Award sets out to recognise and give international visibility to the work of member cities, as well as to highlight best practices that can be a source of inspiration for other cities in the construction of more educating environments.

The fifth edition of the Award focuses on **good practices in Values-based Education**, on experiences that educate in civic and democratic values to foster harmonious living and respect for the planet, and on experiences that nurture solidarity, the culture of peace, social justice, participation, environmental awareness and commitment to the common good.

More than **60 applications** have been received from **55 cities** in **11 countries**. The cornerstones of the 2024 Educating Cities Award are:

- Promotion of institutional values
- Culture of peace
- Co-creation and participation in community values



The Award Ceremony will be held during the 17th International Congress of Educating Cities (Curitiba, Brazil, 21-24 May).

BIDCE

Educating Cities International Documents Databank



Online platform to share experiences, generate inspiration and foster cooperation between cities.

WHAT IS IT?

An **online platform** to showcase innovative actions on how Educating Cities work to improve their environments, placing education at the heart of their policies.

WHAT DOES IT PROVIDE?

- The opportunity to share learning, generate inspiration and foster cooperation between cities.
- Original solutions to social and urban challenges based on criteria of innovation, transferability, relevance and transformative impact, taking the principles of the Charter of Educating Cities as a framework.
- Recognition and a platform for Educating Cities to make their work known.
- Social media posts.
- Presentation in IAEC publications: themed monographs, newsletters and focus experiences.
- Descriptions in reports and collaborations with other international organisations.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Web directory with search categories (by geographical area, description or keyword.)
- Available in English, French and Spanish.

In 2023, fifteen new experiences were published.

The initiatives published last year addressed issues such as education for sustainability, the renaturation of urban spaces, and the recycling of organic waste. Various experiences dealt with gender equality, showing the strategies of different cities in the fight against gender violence and sexual assaults, in public and private spaces, vindicating the role of women throughout history, and also offering collective care spaces. Other initiatives focused on citizen participation in the proposal and the implementation of initiatives to improve cities, and also on the participation of young people in democratic and local governance processes.

Young people were also protagonists in other experiences published in 2023, focusing on the promotion of emotional health and the creation of spaces for play, learning and socialisation outside schools. Last, but not least, there were experiences linked to local heritage, such as the recognition of ancient recipes and the recovery of iconic spaces that reflect and showcase the local collective history.

The Secretariat contributed to the analysis of the experiences submitted by cities wishing to participate in various meetings and encounters organised by the territorial networks, in the 2024 Educating Cities Award, and the 17th International Congress. This material is of great value for the database, as it may lead to new entries based on criteria of innovation, impact, and replicability. Focus experiences were also published.

In 2023, a new database application was developed, which will be operational in 2024. This new portal will present a renewed image and a more complete and intuitive search engine for the experience bank. The 550-plus experiences of the current bank will still be available, in addition to the new ones that are incorporated. This new database will also collate experiences presented by member cities to the regional and thematic meetings, Congresses, and the Educating Cities Award.

FOCUS EXPERIENCES BIDCE



FOCUS EXPERIENCE 47 PRISMA GEEK SPACE Passo Fundo

A disruptive space for creative learning, reading and authorship, incorporating print and digital media, which covers literature, education, culture, arts, technology and games, that has emerged to consolidate Passo Fundo as a regional centre for culture, education and innovation.

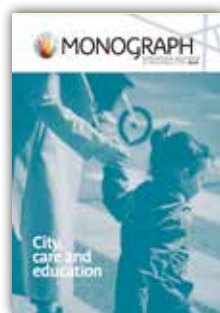


FOCUS EXPERIENCE 46 AIR-RAID SHELTER Sant Just Desvern

The shelter is a testimony to civil resistance that allows us to learn from the past and reflect on the dangers and consequences of armed conflict. Further, it contributes to the creation of a collective identity by discovering and recovering forgotten aspects of local and national history.

PUBLICATIONS

In 2023, the following publications were produced by the Secretariat and the respective networks:



Monograph “City, Care and Education”

Publication coordinated by the professor and ecofeminist activist Yayo Herrero. It compiles articles, interviews and a selection of experiences from various educating cities that illustrate the commitment of local governments to the implementation of public policies focusing on care and the sustainability of life.

Available in ES EN FR CAT



IAEC online newsletter

Distributed on a monthly basis.
Published in: EN ES FR

Collaborations with other entities:



Child Involvement

Opportunities to move forward as a community
Criticism and Fundamentals - Issue 56 (June 23)



 **Networks**



Report of the Latin America Delegation 2023



Online newsletter of the Latin America Delegation



Annual report Spanish Network of Educating Cities. Coordination period 2022-2023



Brazil Network Experiences Newsletter.
This includes good practices from the cities of Concórdia/SC, Curitiba/PR, Guarulhos/SP, Horizonte/CE, Mauá/SP, Palmeira/PR, Passo Fundo/RS, Raul Soares/MG, and Santos/SP.



Online publication of the Argentinian Network of Educating Cities



General report of the 15th Meeting of the Mexican Network



Report of the 9th National Meeting of the Brazil Network



Newsletter of the Asia-Pacific Network
This highlights good practices in cities in the region and activities carried out in 2023.



Newsletters of the Portuguese Network.
Publication of good practices in member cities, opinions, reflections and news of interest for the Portuguese Network



Publications of the thematic networks of the Spanish Network, 2022-2023

 **Videos**



City, Care and Education Launch of the monograph
Available in:
ES ENG PT



Opening ceremony of the International Day of the Educating City 2023
Available in: ES EN FR PT



Online workshop: Building the IAEC Code of Ethics
Password: K?m8DMs9

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483 cities / 30 countries

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Campos	Granollers	Mutxamel			
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