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Letter from the president

Another year has passed, intense and full of work and efforts from the marvellous team at NOVACT.

2022 will be remembered for the outbreak of a war that involves us more every day, even today. A war from which NOVACT has acquired lessons and has spread them. A war that has not made NOVACT forget about the other wars and conflicts it is dedicated to but has improved its approach to supporting nonviolent self-defence actions in the conflicts it was already working on.

The consolidation of the new Strategic Plan that we have worked on and approved during the first months of the war has guided us to continue with our mission and vocation, which is to address human and civil rights violations around the Mediterranean.

But it has also made us continue to pay attention to the nonviolent reactions of the peoples in war, from actions, resistances, struggles, and nonviolent self-defence, not only in the invaded territory but also in the neighbouring territories that have acted to halt military actions.

A study that delves into and reaffirms our mission and vision.

A study with proposals to support and strengthen nonviolent approaches in conflicts, which has been presented internationally.

This has not diminished the immense energy and effort devoted to NOVACT's lines of work, as you will read in this report.

Instead, it has further motivated the work that NOVACT carries out in the nonviolent struggle, defending human and civil rights in increasingly restrictive state policies, protecting these rights among migrants and refugees, supporting nonviolent struggles for self-determination around the Mediterranean, and denouncing injustices, corporate, security, and gender-related.

I invite you to read this report and support NOVACT in any way you can. Our vocation to listen to all voices remains very much alive, and we await you.

With hope and faith that human beings can learn to transform any injustice and conflict through nonviolent means.

Simonetta Costanzo Pittaluga

NOVACT's President

About NOVACT

The Institute NOVACT of Nonviolence - is a non-profit association dedicated to conflict transformation and peacebuilding. For more than 20 years, we have worked to build positive peace through nonviolence in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Our commitment is to drive changes in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, generating transformative policies that promote peace, defend the civic space, create human security, ecological justice, gender justice, digital justice and prevent corporate abuses to ensure that decisions affecting the future of communities are made by communities themselves.

NOVACT was born driven by a group of former conscientious objectors to the Spanish army during the Franco dictatorship. This group of people created the association to share their experience in transforming conflicts with peoples and individuals who organised themselves against violations of their rights, in order to contribute to a more peaceful, fair, decent and equitable world.

The association is committed to be close to social movements through a comprehensive protection strategy (care, attention, training, and advocacy of their needs), understanding that it is crucial to work on the collective strength of people in order to achieve social transformation. This commitment reinforced our international solidarity with other peoples, which has led us to be part of numerous initiatives in Iraq, Jordan, and Palestine. We have also been involved in the democratic movements of Tunisia, Morocco, and Western Sahara, as well as in the fight for civil and political rights in Europe.

Over the last few decades, NOVACT has gained international recognition as a committed actor with grassroots movements to confront violence and rights violations, promoting alternative approaches based on critical thinking of conflict resolution and transformation. To do this, the Institute specialises in 4 main lines of action: action-research, advocacy and awareness-raising, training, and support for the revitalization of processes.

In view of the current challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean region, NOVACT remains convinced that the existence of organisations that promote the adoption of nonviolence is crucial to meet the region's challenges.





Our vision and mission

Our vision is that peoples and societies can resolve their conflicts without violence, and work together to build a sustainable peace based on justice and human security.

Our mission is to break the cycles of violence and build positive peace by strengthening the role of organised civil society in peacebuilding, conflict prevention and transformation processes. We claim nonviolent action as a principle, strategy, and tactic to address human rights violations, end violence in all its dimensions and promote transformative policies for a peaceful, just, decent, and equitable world.

Values and political ideals

Nonviolence is the idea that inspires the political thinking of NOVACT. It is at the centre of its organisational mission, its strategy and all the actions that are defined to accomplish it. Nonviolence is not limited to the rejection or absence of direct violence, in any of its forms, but rather it aims to become a project of social transformation, individual and collective, built on the idea of full democracy, the attainment of a human security perspective, the defence of human rights and the protection of common goods. Hence, to underline that the objective of NOVACT goes far beyond denying violence, and that we intend to build positive peace, we often use the term Active Nonviolence.

NOVACT strongly believes that organised society is the driving force of social transformations against political, military, and economic power structures. We aim to be a useful tool to strengthen their capacities and knowledge, and to continue accompanying their commitment with strategies, actions, and nonviolent resistance. In this sense, dialogue with civil society and social movements in the region is a core element in identifying alternatives and updating our political ideology and our practice.

NOVACT is committed to organising itself through the following values:

1. Generating internal coherence: being the change we want to promote.
2. Building a society free from structural racism, discrimination, and social stigmas.
3. Mutual commitment, co-responsibility, participation and not the creation of new dependencies.
4. Human rights, internationalism, human security, solidarity, and feminism as a guide.
5. Opting for operating independently of parties and institutions.
6. Adopting an intersectional perspective to identify how gender, sexual orientation, class, and ethno-racial characteristics are axes of oppression and areas of discrimination.
7. Working in partnership with local organisations, especially feminist organisations.
8. Promote a horizontal organisation.
9. Adopting the principles of coherence, transparency, accountability, and efficiency.

The path of change

To successfully tackle authoritarianism (the change desired), NOVACT will work on 5 strategic lines of action:

L1. Strengthening human rights defenders

In order to reinforce an ecosystem of social change that confronts authoritarianism, it is essential to accompany movements and people who defend human rights through nonviolence. NOVACT aims to strengthen them from a holistic perspective, based on social environmentalism and gender justice, which fosters coordination and community power building at the service of fundamental civil and political rights.

L2. Preventing violent conflicts

Strengthening and accompanying the role of civil societies as a central actor in conflict prevention, at the service of reducing violence and building positive peace. NOVACT is committed to a prevention strategy based on nonviolence and human security that focuses on preventing authoritarianism, extremist violence, and negative polarisation, building social cohesion, and contributing to nonviolent conflict transformation.

L3. Building alternatives from social and digital innovation

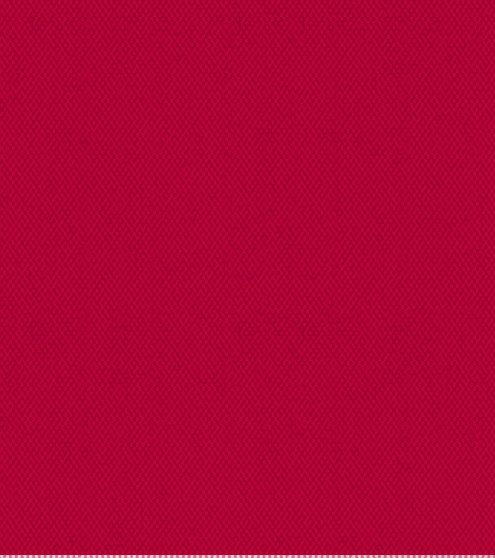
Some of the worst human rights abuses involving business occur in contexts of armed conflict and military occupation at border points and where authoritarian states need to control political dissent. NOVACT denounces the abuses and impunity of corporate power and supports the development of binding legislation to hold companies accountable based on the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

L4. Adapting the organisation to our values and challenges

In order to confront authoritarianism, we need to construct community alternatives that consolidate the common good. From NOVACT, we want to foster new productive and social relations that promote local, ethical, and responsible consumption, and allow us to move towards nonviolence, ecological and financial justice. We aim to consolidate digital, monetary, and participatory innovations.

L5. Adaptar l'organització als nostres valors i desafiaments

To achieve our desired change by 2025, we need to strengthen our internal direction to be an increasingly non-violent, horizontal, feminist organisation. Moreover, we need to reinforce our political communication strategy, committed to internal training to consolidate the common narrative, with a social base and institutional presence that consolidates a sustainable budget.



What have we achieved during 2022?

In the line of action “strengthening human rights defenders,” we have worked during 2022 on protecting civic space, ensuring the right to protest, and providing training to organizations and individuals defending rights through nonviolent struggle.

Regarding Europe, we have promoted the creation of networks for justice regarding the use of rubber and foam bullets, and we have launched a campaign for proper and visible police identification. Additionally, the work of the platform “Defender a quien Defiende” (Defend Those Who Defend) continues to be essential. On the other hand, we have also consolidated our commitment to training through the Activism School, in collaboration with Greenpeace.

In the Maghreb region, we have reinforced our support to activists in North Africa during a complex period marked by increased authoritarianism, ongoing war, and repression targeting human rights defenders.

In the Mashreq region, we have worked in Palestine to strengthen and support the work of human rights defenders, especially Palestinian women and youth in the Occupied Territory of the West Bank (including East Jerusalem).

In the line of action “preventing violent conflicts,” we have empowered civil society to play an important role in the fight against authoritarianism. Specifically, we have worked with young people to ensure they have a key role in peacebuilding.

In this regard, we have created alternative narratives to hatred through hip-hop with 60 adolescents from Turó de Roquetes school in Nou Barris. We have also empowered a group of 15 young future leaders through the RIZOMA program, which provides support, learning, and exchange opportunities on Catalan foreign action. In March 2022, the war in Ukraine broke out. From the very beginning of the invasion, NOVACT has been involved, in cooperation with the European alliance ALL FOR PEACE, in identifying and supporting local movements that are nonviolently fighting to end the armed confrontation.



In the Maghreb region, we have continued to implement the roadmap of Tunisian civil society for the prevention of violent extremism, which was approved in early 2021. In this perspective, we promote an approach to preventing violent conflicts that involves strengthening social cohesion at the local level and fostering nonviolent activism and political engagement among youth for the protection of their rights.

In Jordan, the activities we have carried out during this period fall under the line of action “preventing violent conflicts,” aiming to establish peace and security in the medium and long term by identifying and influencing the root causes of tensions and working with socially excluded groups.

Regarding the line of action “preventing abuses by companies in contexts of occupation and conflict,” we have worked on three simultaneous processes: advocacy, research, and communication. Our advocacy efforts have focused on public institutions to strengthen accountability mechanisms for companies in public procurement.

We have collaborated with the organization ACAPS (Catalonia) and LLAURIN (Occupied Western Sahara) in producing a report on human rights violations committed by companies in Western Sahara. This report has been presented to the United Nations within the framework of the 2022 Universal Periodic Review (EPU).

We have also continued to deepen the identification and analysis of companies operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly those involved in agribusiness and the use of surveillance and control technologies tested in situations of human rights violations.

In the line of action “building alternatives through social and digital innovation,” the REC CULTURAL project has played a prominent role in promoting consumption in cultural establishments in the neighbourhoods of Sants and Poble-Sec. Additionally, we have made progress in the technical definition and implementation of non-monetary rewards through the ATARCA project. In terms of economic innovation, we have initiated the planning and design of a new local currency in the City of Sant Feliu de Llobregat, which will be launched in 2023.

Furthermore, we have carried out a deliberative process throughout Catalonia for the definition of a new Law on Cultural Rights involving various participating agents.

Regarding the line of action “adapting the organization to our values and challenges,” we have started a cycle of feminist training that began in December 2022 and will continue throughout 2023. The first training conducted with the team was aimed at reflecting on gender construction.



2022 Projects

48 projects

During 2022 NOVACT's projects contributed to the transformation of political, economic and social structures in the Euro-Mediterranean region, through nonviolence, exposing situations of injustice and building alternatives.

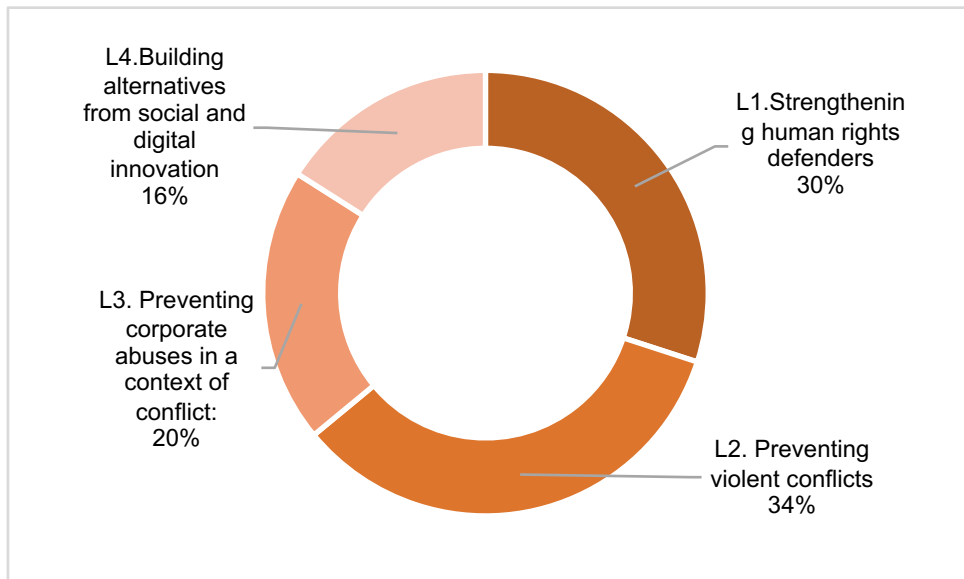
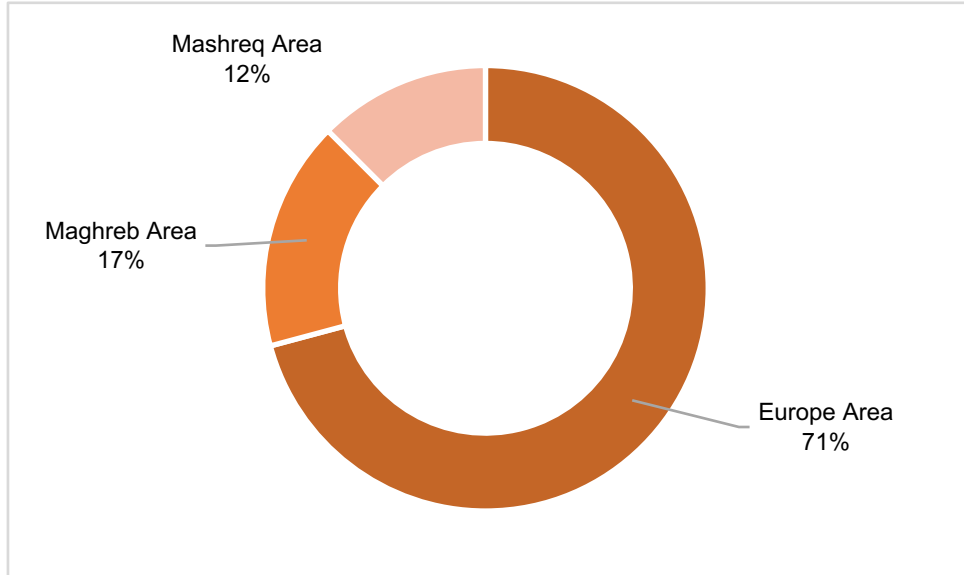
In order to achieve these objectives, NOVACT adapts to the new challenges and structures its projects in five strategic lines of action that are transversal to the geographical and strategic focus and prioritization of the organization.

Lines of action

- L1. Strengthening human rights defenders
- L2. Preventing violent conflicts
- L3. Preventing corporate abuses in a context of conflict
- L4. Building alternatives from social and digital innovation
- L5. Adapting the organisation to our values and challenges

Areas of work

- Europe Area
- Maghreb Area
- Mashreq Area



Europe area



In the line of action “strengthening human rights defenders,” we have worked in 2022 to protect civic space, guarantee the right to protest and provide training to organizations and individuals defending rights through nonviolent means. We have contributed to political advocacy regarding the excessive use of force by law enforcement agents during protests, analyzing current mechanisms for control, transparency, and accountability at both national and local levels in Spain. In this regard, we have promoted the creation of networks for justice regarding the use of rubber bullets and foam projectiles and launched a campaign for proper and visible police identification. Additionally, the work of the platform “Defender a quien Defiende” continues to be essential in identifying the limitations imposed on transformative social organizations and sharing strategies for their promotion, thereby consolidating the Network of Protest Observers in Spain.

Furthermore, we have solidified our commitment to education and training through the School of Activism, in collaboration with Greenpeace, and various learning actions in the Euro-Mediterranean region on observing human rights violations, digital organizing, and political participation.

In the line of action “preventing violent conflicts,” we have empowered civil society to play a crucial role in the fight against authoritarianism. Particularly, we have worked with young people to ensure they have a key role in peacebuilding efforts.

In this regard, we have created alternative narratives to hatred through hip-hop with 60 adolescents from the Turó de Roquetes School in Nou Barris. From this activity, two songs were produced along with their respective music videos, addressing sexism and racism, titled “No miris a un altre costat” (Don’t Look the Other Way) and “Els mateixos drets” (The Same Rights). We have also empowered a group of 15 young future leaders through the RIZOMA program, which focuses on supporting, learning, and exchanging knowledge on Catalan foreign action. During a week-long program, experiential, theoretical, and practical training was provided on the design and implementation of effective international interventions with a relevant impact on foreign policy. Additionally, we have provided training to 52 university students on the relationship between conflicts and climate change in the Mediterranean region, understanding how climate change, combined with other political, economic, social, and environmental factors, poses a threat to peace.

In March 2022, the war in Ukraine erupted. Since the beginning of the invasion, NOVACT has been involved, in cooperation with the European alliance ALL FOR PEACE, in identifying and supporting local nonviolent movements for the end of the armed confrontation. Through field missions, relationships have been established with nonviolent movements in Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus. Together with ICIP (Catalan Institute for Peace), we have conducted research on “Nonviolent Civil Resistance in Ukraine in the Face of War,” which has been disseminated in over 50 local, national, and international events. This research has led to more than 50 advocacy and awareness-raising actions, including conferences, roundtables, and communication campaigns, highlighting nonviolent alternatives for the resolution of this conflict.

Regarding the line of action “preventing corporate abuses in contexts of occupation and conflict,” we have worked on three simultaneous processes: advocacy, research, and communication. Our advocacy efforts have focused on public institutions to strengthen accountability mechanisms for companies in public procurement and within the framework of national and international legislation on Due Diligence.

In collaboration with 15 other organizations, we work within the Business and Human Rights Group of Fede.cat to promote a law in the Parliament of Catalonia that would establish a pioneering Catalan Center for receiving complaints from communities or defenders affected by the actions of companies. The Center would investigate companies operating in Catalonia that may be violating human rights or environmental standards in the Global South.

We also emphasize the strengthening of the Catalan Group for Socially Responsible Public Procurement, where we work in conjunction with other organizations and institutions to promote policy coherence. In this regard, we have started collaborating with the International Working Group for Public Procurement (IWGPP).

Regarding research processes, in 2022 we collaborated with ACAPS (Catalonia) and LLAURIN (Occupied Western Sahara) in producing an EPU report on human rights violations committed by companies in Western Sahara. This report was presented to the United Nations as part of the 2022 EPU. We have also continued to identify and analyze companies operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, particularly those involved in agribusiness and the development of surveillance and control technologies used in human rights violations.

In this context, we have engaged with a network of civil society organizations and experts who analyze the implementation of digital technologies and artificial intelligence that have been widely used post-pandemic.

The “Building Alternatives through Social and Digital Innovation” action line has seen the significant involvement of the REC CULTURAL project, initiated in collaboration with the Barcelona City Council. The project aims to incentivize consumption in cultural establishments in the neighbourhoods of Sants and Poble-Sec by channelling bonuses and cultural vouchers to users of social services through RECS.

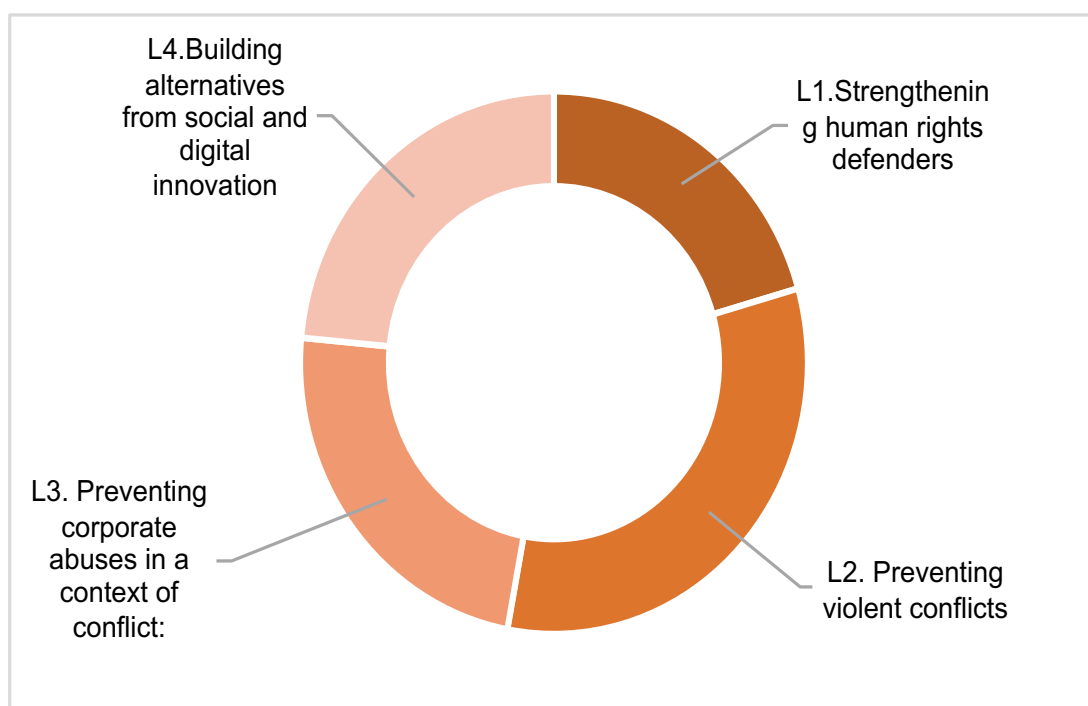
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Furthermore, we have made progress in the technical definition and implementation of non-monetary rewards through the ATARCA project. In collaboration with a broad European consortium, NOVACT is designing new tools to strengthen local trade and responsible consumption through REC, intending to generate a replicable and scalable business model. In terms of economic innovation, we have initiated the planning and design of a new local currency in the City of Sant Feliu de Llobregat, scheduled to be launched in 2023.

Finally, we have undertaken a deliberative process throughout Catalonia for the definition of a new Law on Cultural Rights, involving various participating agents.

Regarding the “Adapting the Organization to Our Values and Challenges” action line, we have started a series of feminist training sessions that began in December 2022 and will continue throughout 2023. The first training conducted with the team aimed to reflect on gender construction.

Europe area. Projects by line of action





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Name of the organization

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action

Title of the project

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOCIAL ECONOMY (BARCELONA CITY COUNCIL) AND THE NOVACT ASSOCIATION TO ENCOURAGE THE SOCIAL USE OF THE REC.

Sector

CAD Sector: Financial policy and administrative management financial sector policy, planning and programs.

SDG. Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all people.

L5.1 Promote economic democracy

Location of the action

Barcelona (Spain)

Cost of the action

125.000,00€

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

100.000,00€

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/06/2020 to 28/02/2022

Main and specific objectives

Project to boost consumption in local commerce and services in the 10 neighbourhoods that make up the Besòs Area, through an innovative system of bonuses based on the REC payment system.

The aim is to reactivate, revitalise, dynamise and strengthen local commerce and services and municipal markets in Barcelona's Besòs Area, through an innovative system of rebates channelled in REC citizen currency. These bonuses will be aimed at consumers who use this currency and will have a positive impact on local shops and markets in the Eix Besòs.

Results

R1. Local shops and services and municipal markets have been reactivated, revitalised, revitalised and strengthened in Barcelona's Eix Besòs neighbourhoods, in addition to the situation generated by Covid19.

R2. Proximity commerce has been modernised, achieving greater visibility and promotion of neighbourhood businesses both on the REC website, where a list of available businesses has been set up, and in the mobile application: through the map and the business cards, which have been updated and improved.

R3. Prevent the processes of commercial desertification in the Besòs Area, generating economic activity in this area of the city and contributing to its economic development.

R4. To contribute to fostering a greater sense of belonging in the neighbourhoods (currency as an element of identity and proximity between different people, sectors and areas) and thus reinforce social cohesion.

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Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

SUDS association.

affiliated entity

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Project title

STRATEGIC PUBLIC PURCHASE: HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXTRATERRITORIALITY

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: democracy, civil society, human rights, development education and awareness, peace and security.

Location of the action

Catalonia

Cost of the action

93.830,00 €

Paper

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Ajuntament de Barcelona.

Amount contributed (by donor)

75.000,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/12/2019 to 30/11/2021

Main and specific objectives

Contribute to the Catalan authorities, in general, and the Barcelona city council, in particular, ensure compliance with human rights (HR) through the implementation of mechanisms of control over transnational corporations (TNCs), in the context of global responsibility.

The specific objective is focused on promote public procurement by public administrations as a key player in the protection of HR by searching, proposals for legal instruments and awareness campaigns to citizenship of Barcelona.

Results of the action

R1. Facilitated access to information and increased knowledge of the Catalan government and civil society on cases of HR violations committed by TNCs and on sectoral monitoring tools that may be useful to include in the specifications.

R2. Increased awareness of civil society of Barcelona on the importance of demand and implement a coherent public policies that respect the HR through public procurement ethics.

R3. Strengthened inter-agency and civil society organizations to influence have a broader vision of HR approach and extraterritoriality in public procurement, beyond the introduction of social clauses strictly local focus areas. Thus deepening the concept of policy coherence from the point of view of shared responsibility and global justice.

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Name of the organization

Main applicant

Aalto University (Finland)

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action, Qbit, Politecnico di Milano (Italy), Mesensei (Finland), Merits (Italy)

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

GENERALISED MERITS (GMERITS) FOR RESPECT AND SOCIAL EQUALITY

Sector

CAD Sector: Financial policy and administrative management financial sector policy, planning and programs.

SDG. Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all people.

L5.1 Promote economic democracy

Location of the action

Finland, Italy and Spain

Cost of the action

1.000.000,00€

Role

Co-partner

Donor of the action

EIC Horizon Prize on Blockchains For Social Good (EU)

Amount contributed (by donor)

1.000.000,00€

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/07/2020 to 31/05/2022

Main and specific objectives

The societal pressures, combined with the technological possibilities, will necessarily lead to a very fundamental change in the way we perceive the economy and even ourselves. Furthermore, we are quite convinced that in order to avoid dystopian futures, such as “rentism” or “exterminism,” we as the humanity simply must conduct large scale experiments with alternative economic structures.

Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT) are making this change possible. However, DLTs are not economic solutions themselves. Although DLTs enable, e.g., governance decentralisation, tamper proofness, censorship-resistance and resilience, the technology is still free to be exploited almost to whatever ideological and political purpose one wants. Therefore, careful institutional experiments and design is needed.

Generalised Merits (GMeRitS) endeavour aims to tackle this huge predicament by taking baby steps towards wide scale experiments with alternative economic structures. In particular, our aim is to try and evaluate various anti-rival compensation and governance structures.

Using DLT based infrastructure and mobile apps, basing on already ongoing community currency experiments in Catalonia and Lombardy and community merits experiments in Finland, and gradually expanding thereof, we will experiment and systematically study collaborative economic structures, contributing to financial inclusion.

Results

R1. Through experimenting with anti-rival compensation and governance), we expect to generate new knowledge and technology for data and information markets, for developing new institutional structures that go well beyond ownership, money, material wealth. By fostering non-material values, they contribute to solving global sustainability challenges.

R2. The ongoing experiments are already now generating positive social change. They have already made available novel solutions. .

R3. The whole approach aims to sharing of information and resources. Indeed, starting from our basic argumentation about anti-rivalness of data, one of our main goals is to increase the level of data sharing, in order to foster innovation, respecting privacy. With DLTs, we will create additional transparency, while retaining privacy.

R4. To expand from our current experiments to additional ones. This will stimulate the community. We will address the needs of both developers and practitioners that want to utilise DLT technologies for social change.

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Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action

Co-applicant

3UDS, Associació Internacional de Solidaritat i Cooperació.

Affiliated entities

Project title

TOWARDS DUE DILIGENCE IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: PROTECTING HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN PROCUREMENT AS A STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

Sector

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Date
Barcelona (Spain)	93.840,00 €	Co-applicant	Barcelona City Council	39.390,92 €	From 01/12/2020 To 30/11/2022

Objectives

1. Raise awareness and promote training on sustainable public procurement for public officers responsible of public procurement in the administration. So that the contracting specifications include ecosocial criteria.
2. Exchange information on the principles and practices of socially responsible public procurement between suppliers and the Catalan public administration. Demand transparency in their supply chains and improvements in the sustainability of the works, goods and services they offer, both in Catalonia and abroad.
3. Exchange, systematize and disseminate knowledge, experiences, resources, good practices among the administrations and entities that are members of the group on alternative providers, specialist entities, spaces for incidence, parameters, limits, indicators, non-compliance, databases ..., to promote sustainable contracting and facilitate monitoring and control

Results

- ROE1: Increase the access to the information and the knowledge of Catalan administrations and civil society on cases of Human and Environmental Rights violations committed by TNCs and on sectoral monitoring tools that may be useful for public procurement
- ROE2: Inter-institutional spaces and civil society organizations have been strengthened to influence having a broader vision of the human rights approach and extraterritoriality in public procurement, beyond the introduction of social clauses with a strictly local emphasis. In this way, deepen the concept of policy coherence from the point of view of co-responsibility and Global Justice.
- ROE3: Increased awareness of civil society in Barcelona about the importance of demanding and applying a coherence of public policies that respect Human and Environmental Rights through ethical public procurement

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Name of the organization

Main applicant

University of Aalto (Finland)

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action, Demos Research Institute, Streamr Network, Qbit Artifacts

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

"ATARCA" ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGIES FOR ANTI-RIVAL COORDINATION AND ALLOCATION

Sector

CAD Sector: Financial policy and administrative management financial sector policy, planning and programs.
SDG. Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all people.
L5.1 Promote economic democracy

Location of the action

Finland,
Switzerland y
Catalonia (Spain)

Cost of the action

2.778.945 €

Role

Co-partner

Donor of the action

EU-H2020

Amount contributed (by donor)

500.125 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2023

Main and specific objectives

Create cryptographically protected anti-rival tokens and test their applicability to govern industrial data markets and foster cooperation in community-driven currencies. This technology will not only help to properly organize markets for data and other digital goods, but will provide the structural underpinnings of a new kind of economic growth.

This will enable societies at large to explore more broadly new structural incentives for systemic sustainability and scalable systemic intelligence.

Results

R1: To deepen the scientific and technological foundations of anti-rival accounting technologies.

R2: Contribute to the elimination of market failures in digital markets.

R3: Build new capabilities for innovation and research on large-scale anti-rivalry

R4: Provide comments and policy recommendations to the European Commission

R5: Develop senior and executive education at European level on anti-rival business models.

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Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

RESOURCE CENTER HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARCELONA (FASE 2)

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

380.244,05 €
€(bidding)

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

380.244,05 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 27/01/2021 to 26/01/2023

Objectives of the action

Main and specific objectives

The Human Rights Resource Center is a stable and permanent space for consultation, advice, dissemination, training and information on human rights.

Objectives:

- Promote the rights contained in the different regulations, from international legislation to its national and local deployment.
- Empower citizens on how they can exercise their rights and guarantees with information, training and facilitating spaces and documentation for the development of activities and experiences related to human rights.
- Advise the municipal administration on human rights issues.
- Support the development of initiatives related to human rights proposed by entities or individuals who defend human rights.

Results of the action

R1. To have a document base and virtual resources on human rights, accessible to citizens.

R2. Advise and accompany individuals and organizations that defend human rights, contributing to strengthening organized civil society:

R3. elaboration and implementation of projects, resources and own activities on human rights by the Barcelona City Council.

R4. Advise the Barcelona City Council on the technical application of the Human Rights Based Approach to public policies and on the practical application of international human rights standards.

R5. Create links with other human rights centers or offices in other municipalities and facilitate collaborative work with them.

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Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Name of the project

POLICE VIOLENCE: ACCOUNTABILITY AND AWARENESS RAISING TO END HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN DEMONSTRATIONS

Sector

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

82.119,40€

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE)

Amount contributed (by donor)

82.119,40€

Dates

From 01/01/2021 to 02/28/2022

Objective

OE1. Avoid the use of harmful material by the police, as well as the practices and tactics developed, by analysing their use, effectiveness and impact on the human rights of civil society.

OE2. Improve transparency and accountability of police protocols in relation of the management of public order and control of demonstrations.

SO3. Increase the knowledge of civil society about alternative models of public order management and mechanisms of supervision, control and accountability in response to police violence and racism.

Results

R1. Networking for the creation of an organized common front of alert and response to violations; Monitoring, systematization and analysis of the control of protests and police violence;

R2. Specialized training and formal meetings for the exchange and creation of shared knowledge with people directly affected by the use of rubber bullets, by ethnic profiles and by the violation of their right to protest for being part of minority groups, including migrants, gypsies and afro-descendants

R3. Advocacy and strategic litigation..

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

Asociació Catalana d'Ajuda al Poble
Saharai (ACAPS).

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

NOVACT. International Institute for
Nonviolent Action.

Project title

**SOS SAHARA – LET'S TEAR DOWN THE WALL OF
SILENCE IN WESTERN SAHARA**

Sector

CAD sector: Prevention of conflicts, peace and security:
Peacebuilding, general protection of the environment
SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production
patterns.
SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for
sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and
build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all
levels.
NOVACT strategic line 1: Preventing the privatization of war
and security.

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Catalonia	198.311,22 €	Affiliated entity	Agencia Catalana de Cooperación al Desarrollo (ACCD)	198.311,22 €	From 01/01/2021 to 30/06/2022

Main and specific objectives

OE. Promote a critical and informed Catalan citizenship with the situation of Occupied Western Sahara through the development of research, critical analysis, communication and advocacy tools that make transparent the impact and repercussions of the extraction of natural resources and the violation of human rights in the occupied territory of Western Sahara.

Results of the action

R1. Improved research strategy (production and accessibility to knowledge) on the global situation of Occupied Western Sahara, the extraction of natural resources and human rights violations, and the roles and responsibilities of States and transnational corporations (TNCs) on the human rights of the Saharawi population, especially women.

R2. Increased awareness, awareness of the citizens of Catalonia on the extraction of natural resources and the impact on the human rights of Saharawi women in long-standing conflicts such as the Occupied Western Sahara.

R3. Strengthened the capacities and advocacy strategy of social movements working for a just peace in Occupied Western Sahara.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

SUDS, Associació Internacional de Solidaritat i Cooperació.

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action

Affiliated entities

Project title

MASS SURVEILLANCE, SOCIAL CONTROL AND (CYBER)SECURITY IN COVID19 CONTEXTS: Proposals for due diligence in public procurement to guarantee the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the global North-South.

Sector

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Roe	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Date
Barcelona (Spain)	41.223,31€	Co-applicant	Barcelona Provincial Council	29.527,31€	From 01/02/2021 to 31/01/2023

Objectives

Move towards the incorporation of due diligence in the value chains of security and cyber (security) services and supplies in public procurement in the DIBA area, prioritizing human rights and fundamental freedoms in the current context of COVID-19.

Results

R1. Improved access to information and increased knowledge of Catalan administrations and civil society on cases of human rights violations committed by TNCs: Chain of responsibilities and transnational circuit of violations with special emphasis on the impacts of the security and (cyber)security sector in the current COVID-19 context.

R2. Increased awareness of the Catalan administrations and civil society in the Barcelona area of the importance of demanding and applying coherent public policies that respect Human Rights, compliance with due diligence along the supply chain with special emphasis on the impacts generated by companies when producing and testing products in the security and (cyber)security sector.

R3. Articulated and disseminated a narrative that confronts the uncritical acceptance of social control technologies under the guise of increased security, to open a public debate on transparency and public scrutiny of public security policies in the Barcelona and Catalonia.

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

PREVENTING HATE SPEECH FROM THE EXTREME RIGHT IN CATALONIA

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

95.928,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Generalitat of Catalonia

Amount contributed (by donor)

15.601,73 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022

Objectives of the action

Strengthen civil society (with special attention to feminist organizations, groups of people of diverse cultural origin and LGBTI+ associations), the educational community, associations, municipal, provincial and national public administration, youth and sports organizations in the participatory definition of strategies and effective community actions for the prevention and fight against the extreme right, focusing especially on the empowerment of youth.

Empower youth to be resilient to the extreme right and the hate speech that underlies it and become a cohesive and peace-building actor within their communities.

Create and disseminate alternative narratives to hate and counter-narratives to change the narrative framework of hate speech and raise awareness among the Catalan population in general and the youth in particular by promoting a cohesive message of appreciation for diversity that will strengthen the community.

Results of the action

R1. Promote the participatory definition of strategies and community actions for the prevention and fight against extreme right-wing extremism focused on the empowerment of youth, especially those at risk of social exclusion.

R2. The associative network, the technical staff of public administrations and the educational community of three highly complex centers in Nou Barris (Barcelona) strengthen their capacity to analyze and understand the phenomenon of the extreme right and the existing tools for its prevention, and equip themselves with the necessary knowledge to act effectively in promoting the rooting of young people at risk of being attracted by totalitarian ideologies in the environment and in the community.

R3. A program of accompaniment and reinforcement of the leadership of youth at risk of social exclusion in Nou Barris in the design and dissemination of alternative narratives (based on the values of social cohesion, tolerance, gender justice and human rights) to the hate speeches that underlie violent extremism is implemented to strengthen the community resilience of Catalan society against the extreme right ideology and the actors that promote it.

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

AL-MANARA: Monitoring, prevention and action against racist and xenophobic hate speech online

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

13.310,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Amount contributed (by donor)

7.274,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/06/2021 to 31/03/2022

Objectives of the action

The AL-MANARA project aims to promote the creation and strengthening of networks between civil society, public institutions, migrant community, teachers, technology centers and universities, to become active agents committed to diversity, integration, coexistence and human rights, in order to prevent and fight against hate speech, especially that directed at the most vulnerable group of migrants, in social networks. Based on this objective, the ultimate goal of this project is to disseminate the values of the defense of human rights and democracy, sharing good practices in alternatives to hate and fear, and to develop mechanisms to detect and prevent hate and discriminatory speeches.

Results of the action

The proposed activities are based on the dissemination and dialogue around the results of the research conducted on hate speech in social networks during covid19, especially that directed against migrants and racialized people, through the analysis of big data:

(1) Online public conference "Online hate speech and recommendations for its prevention" with the aim of: (i) disseminating the conclusions of the research, (ii) strengthening the multi-stakeholder commitment against online hate speech and in favor of human rights and democracy in a (iii) sharing good practices and initiatives by civil society organizations, migrant community, youth, institutions, universities, that reinforce the prevention of hate speech in social networks.

(2) Campaign to raise awareness of the results of the research and good practices collected during the conference.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project **PROJECT TO PROMOTE CULTURAL CONSUMPTION THROUGH AN INNOVATIVE SYSTEM OF BONUSES AND CHANNELING AID IN REGUERA CURRENCY TO THE SANTS AND PUEBLO-SEC NEIGHBORHOODS OF BARCELONA**

Sector CAD Sector: Financial policy and administrative management financial sector policy, planning and programs.
SDG. Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all people.
L5.1 Promote economic democracy

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donor of the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Barcelona (Spain)	380.046,40 €	Coordinator	Barcelona City Council	350.000,00 €	From 09/01/2021 to 12/31/2022

Main and specific objectives

The overall objective of the project is to revitalize, revitalize and strengthen trade and cultural services to the neighborhoods of Sants and Poble-Sec in Barcelona, which have an important cultural fabric but at the same time affected by the health and economic crisis. It is planned to promote a strategy for local cultural socio-economic development through an innovative system of bonuses and channeling of direct aids/grants in cultural citizen currency.

Specific objectives:

Revitalize and reinforce cultural consumption in the neighborhoods of Poble-Sec and Sants, building the loyalty of the usual public, and reaching new audiences and at the same time people (at risk of social exclusion) who normally do not access and/or participate in cultural activities.

Modernize neighborhood cultural establishments (digital transformation) through the use of new technologies (app, web...), achieving greater visibility and promotion. Likewise, digitalization will improve their competitiveness in times of health crisis and risk of new pandemic episodes.

Prevent the risk of desertification of cultural businesses to the neighborhoods, generating economic activity in this area of the city and contributing to its economic development.

Contribute to fostering a greater link between citizens and the cultural fabric (and with the cultural sector itself) and a greater sense of belonging in the neighborhoods (currency as an element of identity and proximity between different people, sectors and areas).

Results

R1. To have involved at least 50 to 100 businesses and cultural services in a campaign of subsidies and aid channeling aimed at revitalizing and strengthening them, and it is expected to achieve the participation of between 400 and 1,200 individual consumers.

R2. To have equipped businesses, services and markets with technological and digital tools (app and/or websites) to become more competitive and have greater visibility and capacity for commercial attraction and therefore, greater customer acquisition (key elements in times of COVID-19).

R3. To have increased sales in cultural establishments, as well as new customers.

R4. To have favored the improvement of the cultural commercial fabric, generating greater relations between cultural businesses and consumers, increasing the degree of economic relations and trust among the neighborhood.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Arria - Center for the defense of human rights

Affiliated entity

Name of the project

SARP SOUTHERN BORDER: EARLY WARNING AND RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR MIGRANTS' RIGHTS

Sector

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates
Spain	350.000,00€	Coordinator	Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation	350.000,00€	From 01/01/2022 to 06/30/2023

Objective

Defend Human Rights at the Southern Border in the post-Covid era, through the development of an Early Warning and Response System on human rights violations with EGBDH, collegiate between organizations for the defense of human rights (Responsibilities Holders) and migrant groups (Rights Holders) of Catalonia, Ceuta and Melilla, through the reinforcement of their capacities for monitoring, communication, social mobilization and political-legal advocacy, to improve the accountability of the Duty Bearers at the Catalan, state and European level.

Results

R1. Strengthened the capacities of civil society organizations in Catalonia and the rest of Spain (Responsibilities Holders) working for the defense of Human Rights at the Southern Border, in monitoring, communication and political-social advocacy for the defense and accountability of human rights violations of migrants with a gender and human rights approach, while building a coordinating network of support for the SARP Southern Border.

R2. Improved systematic analysis by human rights organizations (Responsibilities Holders) of human rights violations and multiple discriminations against migrants (Rights Holders) to understand them from an intersectional and gender perspective.

R3. Strengthened awareness and empowerment of the citizens of Catalonia, the Spanish State and Europe on the situation of rights violations at the southern border of Spain, from an EGBHR approach through the improvement of the availability, accessibility and quality of information on human rights violations by migrants (Rights Holders).

R4. Improved means and strategies for political and legal advocacy by the Right Holders of Catalonia and southern Spain for the accountability of the Duty Bearers, at state and regional level, to ensure the exercise of the human rights of migrants in all its dimensions.

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Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Name of the project

TOOLS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE USE OF FORCE AND ITS IMPACT ON DISCRIMINATORY SITUATIONS AND ON THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST

Sector

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

361.180€

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Ministry of Social Rights | Agenda 2030

Amount contributed (by donor)

301.530€

Dates

From 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Objective

It works on the improvement, promotion and modernization of transparency and accountability mechanisms of public administrations in relation to the use of force in public spaces, with special emphasis on the right to protest and ethnic-racial discrimination.

1) Research, which includes a diagnosis of the current state of transparency and accountability mechanisms in Spain, based on international standards on the matter

2) Social and political advocacy for the promotion of public policies.

3) Strengthening the networking of civil society as a guarantor of rights, promoting multi-stakeholder alliances with groups that defend the rights of migrant and/or racialized people, environmentalists, feminists and LGTBIQ+ groups.

Results

1) A social and political advocacy campaign to modernize the identification mechanisms of police intervention units in public order, as a mechanism for transparency and accountability carried out.

2) A report presented to the Government of Spain, the Committee on the Interior of the Congress of Deputies, the autonomous parliaments of Catalonia, the Basque Country and Navarra; and promoted public policies on mechanisms of transparency and accountability of public administrations in the use of force in accordance with international standards and based on the good practices identified in the international and European spheres.

3) A safe and effective monitoring system for rights violations in the context of protest implemented, through the development of a pilot project based on the observation of human rights in situ

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Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Name of the project

RECLAIMING CIVIC SPACE: ACCOUNTABILITY AND AWARENESS TO END POLICE VIOLENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN DEMONSTRATIONS

Sector

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

83.670,00€

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE)

Amount contributed (by donor)

66.144,00€

Dates

From 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Objective

This proposal aims to promote changes in policies and practices in the management of public space and the control of demonstrations, favoring accountability and raising awareness on the importance of a human rights framework in the implementation of public policies or security measures in Spain. We will work on three specific objectives:

- (1) To avoid the use of harmful material by the police, using as an example the use of rubber bullets over the last 20 years.
- (2) To improve transparency and accountability concerning police protocols of public order management and control of demonstrations.
- (3) To increase civil society's knowledge of alternative models of public order management and mechanisms of oversight, control and accountability in response to police violence and racism.

Results

Three different strategic lines are:

- Line 1.- Comprehensive protection of protesters on demonstrations: with formal gatherings for the exchange and shared knowledge using the example of the use of rubber bullets, paying special attention to the violation of rights due to ethnic profiling and by violation to their right to protest being part of minority groups, including migrants, romani people and people of African descent.
- Line 2.- Monitoring, systematization and analysis of human rights violations: improve the networking for the common organized front of alert and response against violations.
- Line 3.- Social and political advocacy on The Right to Protest and alternative models of public order management

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF THIRD SECTOR ENTITIES - OBSERVATORY FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM - OPEV IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN REGION.

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donor of the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Spain	26.200,00 €	Coordinator	Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda	20.000,00 €	From 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

Objectives of the action

To promote the international presence of the Third Sector of Social Action at the national level, through the dynamization of an international network in the field of prevention of all forms of violent extremism.

Results of the action

RE1. Consolidated the general coordination of the international network of Third Sector organizations - Observatory for the Prevention of Violent Extremism (OPEV).

RE2. Increased advocacy capacity of OPEV organizations, both nationally and internationally.

RE3. Gender equality approach integrated and mainstreamed in OPEV's strategy, structure and policies.

RE4. Systematized lessons learned from the program, contributing to internal learning and organizational development.

Name organization		NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.			
Main applicant		Co-applicant		Affiliated entity	
PATRIR		NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action, CEIPES, Universidade Do Porto, Muzeon, Young Educators, RKI, Im Cultural Institute			
Title of the project			Sector		
SolRem. A Necessary Past: Remembering Solidarity and Resistance against Authoritarianism in Europe.			Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.		
Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donor of the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Romania, Portugal, Italy, Finland and Spain	232.570,00€	Co-partner	European Commission, CERV	35.000,00 €	From 01/01/23 to 06/30/2024
Objectives of the action			Results of the action		
<p>SolRem's central action is to design activities at community level to increase awareness on the history of resistance and solidarity against right-wing authoritarianism in five target countries: Portugal, Spain, Romania, Italy and Finland, on the one side, and on the other, to raise awareness on the permeation of concepts, narratives and images associated with right-wing "travel" across decades. The project works with remembrance narratives and toolkits as an instrument to kickstart a type of communitarian reflection on past resistance and agency there where these have been silenced, pocketed as something else or ignored. It increases awareness about the politics-collective memory dependency.</p>			<p>Consequently, the project results develop on two strands: (1) a training approach, which 1. Produces new research and outreach on the transnational entanglements of the collective memory and heritage of these national histories (often contested) shared by the target countries 2. training fo teachers via a handbook for talking about/teaching complex histories and their narratives, 3. generate a digital exhibition based on the entanglements of "themes" shared by the 5 target countries based on existing infrastructure 4. creates 5 separate types of awareness and informal dialogues deliverables about collective memory and history. This will rely on data collected in a (2) a dialogue approach, with 1. 5 "community workshops" per country to reflect on the influence of memory on contemporary antisemitism, anti-Roma, Islamophobia, Russophobia, misogynism and 5 internationally 2. 5 local permanent "memory forums" (local forums with relevant stakeholders) to discuss countering and responding to such narratives in relevant environment (eg. Educators, museums) and 5 internationally.</p>		

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

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Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

AL MANARA: PREVENTING HATE SPEECH ONLINE IN BARCELONA

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

37.300,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

12.000,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

Objectives of the action

The ALMANARA project aims to prevent and fight against hate speech (especially against women, LGBTQ+, migrants and racialised people) on social networks through research and recommendations on the use of artificial intelligence and online hate speech, as well as collective empowerment (young people, migrants and racialised people, organised civil society and teachers) and networking between civil society, teachers, young people, institutions, technology centres and universities to become active agents committed to diversity, coexistence and human rights. Based on this objective, the generic aim of the project is to contribute to the development of mechanisms for the prevention of hate speech and discrimination based on a trained, critical and organised social base, which actively participates in the creation of alternative narratives to the discourses of intolerance, hate and fear.

Results of the action

- R1 The generation and dissemination of knowledge on the links between artificial intelligence (AI) and the rise of online hate speech has been promoted and mechanisms to prevent and combat it have been identified.
- R2 Civil society, young people and teachers are empowered to play a key role in preventing and combating hate speech.
- R3. The citizens of Barcelona are aware of the importance of their active role in preventing online hate speech.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. Institut Internacional per a l'acció no violenta.

Co-applicant

3UDS, Associació Internacional de Solidaritat i Cooperació.

Affiliated entities

Project title

POLICY COHERENCE IN THE FACE OF CONTROL, SURVEILLANCE AND SECURITY IN TIMES OF SOCIAL DIGITALISATION

Sector

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production

Location of the action

Barcelona (Spain)

Cost of the action

100.140,00 €

Role

Co-applicant

Donors to the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

80.000,00 €

Date

From 01/10/2022 to 30/09/2024

Objectives

To promote the critical vision and awareness of Barcelona's citizens in relation to the use of digital surveillance technology as instruments of repression against political dissidence, human rights defenders, women and environmental defenders, journalists or users of the Internet and social networks to limit and regulate the negative impacts that these technologies generate in terms of freedom of expression, privacy and fundamental rights in Europe and the countries of the MENA region.

Results

- Raising awareness of Barcelona's citizenship and global citizenship: Building a non-hegemonic narrative:
- Alerting communities, organisations and potentially affected people to the risks of digital surveillance technology by coordinating efforts and struggles to promote that not only the most specialised public has access to research.
 - Collective construction of a narrative that visualises and confronts the uncritical acceptance of social control technologies under the guise of greater security in order to open a public debate on the regulation, limits or prohibition of digital surveillance technologies in public (streets, public buildings, etc.) and private (mobile phones and computers) spaces.
- End corporate impunity and its contribution to deepening conflict and repression:
- Promote the creation, deployment and implementation of national and international mechanisms and instruments that regulate, monitor and sanction companies involved in serious human rights violations.
 - Establish an independent mechanism to oversee companies selling digital surveillance software to monitor and investigate its use and ensure that it is compatible with the safeguarding of human rights.
 - Advocate for the need to adopt legislation that mandates transparency in the sale and use of surveillance technologies, including human rights due diligence processes and their outcomes.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

SUDS, Associació Internacional de Solidaritat i Cooperació.

Co-applicant

NOVACT. Institut Internacional per a l'acció no violenta.

Affiliated entities

Project title

TOWARDS DUE DILIGENCE IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT: PROTECTING HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS IN PROCUREMENT AS A STRATEGY FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

Sector

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production

Location of the action

Barcelona (Spain)

Cost of the action

100.307,00 €

Role

Co-applicant

Donors to the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

79.899,09 €

Date

From 01/10/2022 To 30/09/2024

Objectives

Move towards raising public awareness and incorporating due diligence compliance procedures into the value chains of services and supplies of digital technologies, surveillance and cyber(security) in the City Council's public procurement. Prioritising a focus on respect for human rights in the life cycle in the global south and north.

Results

- R1. Sensitise, raise awareness and promote training on sustainable public procurement for politicians and technical staff responsible for public administration procurement. Consider the entire life cycle of products, so that procurement specifications require social (mainly labour, according to ILO international standards and human rights) and environmental criteria.
- R2. Exchange information on the principles and practices of socially responsible public procurement between suppliers and the Catalan public administration. Demand transparency in their supply chains and improvements in the sustainability of the works, goods and services they offer, both in Catalonia and abroad.
- R3. To exchange, systematise and disseminate knowledge, experiences, resources and good practices among the administrations and entities that are members of the group on alternative suppliers, specialist entities, areas of influence, parameters, limits, indicators, non-compliance, databases, etc., in order to promote sustainable procurement and facilitate monitoring and control.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

Irídia - Center for the defense of human rights

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Affiliated entity

Name of the project

CROSS-BORDER ALERTS ON VIOLATIONS OF MIGRANTS' RIGHTS IN MOROCCO

Sector

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

50.000,00€

Role

Co-beneficiary

Donors to the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

40.000,00€

Dates

From 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2023

Objective

Promote the protection and guarantee of the human rights of migrants in the post-COVID-19 era through the development of an Early Warning and Response System on human rights violations with collegiate EGBDH between human rights organisations and migrant collectives in Barcelona, Morocco and Western Sahara, through the reinforcement of their capacities for monitoring, communication, social mobilisation and political-legal advocacy to improve the accountability of the ToO at local, state and European level.

Results

R1. Strengthen the monitoring capacities through the use of new technologies of the social fabric that works to defend the rights of migrants in Morocco and Western Sahara, as well as its connections with the Barcelona associative fabric to offer a communicative response and joint advocacy in the face of the rights violations detected.

R2. To curb the anti-migration discourse through the generation of alternative narratives that incorporate the gender perspective in order to delve into the current causes of migration, the violations of rights that occur in trafficking and discrimination at the destination, focusing especially on young audiences.

R3. Improve knowledge and information among citizens about the situation and rights of migrants, displaced persons and refugees to contribute to changing perceptions and attitudes. Promote the protection and guarantee of the rights of children and other vulnerable groups (women, LGTBIQ+ community, victims of trafficking, etc.).

R4. To make visible the violations of rights generated by migration policies of externalisation and containment, to present alternatives through recommendations and to promote accountability and institutional change and public policy change through

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Main applicant

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Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

INTERCULTURAL AND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE AND STRENGTHENING TO PREVENT EXTREME RIGHT HATE SPEECH FROM A SOCIAL AND RIGHTS VISION

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donor of the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Spain	58.000,00 €	Coordinator	Barcelona City Council	18.000,00 €	From 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2023

Objectives of the action

The aim of this intervention is to contribute to the prevention of right-wing extremism and the hate speech that underpins it in Barcelona - with special attention to the district of Nuevo Barrios - through the design and implementation of community empowerment strategies based on human rights and gender justice, the strengthening of social cohesion and inclusion, and the reinforcement of the resilience of the most vulnerable groups, young people, to violent extremism.

Results of the action

R1. To cohere and strengthen the associative and community fabric (with special attention to feminist organisations, groups of people of diverse cultural origin and the LGBTI+ associative fabric), the educational community, the associative fabric, public administration, youth and sports organisations in new neighbourhoods, prioritising Ciudad Meridiana, Trinidad Nueva and Torre Baró, in the participative definition of strategies and effective community actions for the prevention and fight against the extreme right, focused above all on the empowerment of young people, especially those at risk of social exclusion, towards higher levels of social inclusion.

R2. Strengthen the capacities of social agents (associative fabric, educational community, social services, etc.) towards the empowerment of youth in the neighbourhoods of Ciudad Meridiana, Nueva Trinidad and Torre Baró to become a resilient actor to the extreme right and the discourse of hate that underpins it and to become a cohesive and peace-building asset within their community.

R3. Create and disseminate alternative narratives to hate in order to raise awareness among the population of the new neighbourhoods and the rest of the city, and among young people in particular, in order to foster social cohesion and appreciation of diversity, which will strengthen the community.

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Name of the organization

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Main applicant

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Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

URBAN COMMUNALITIES IN THE NOU BARRIS

Sector

CAD Sector: Financial policy and administrative management financial sector policy, planning and programs.
SDG. Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all people.
L5.1 Promote economic democracy

Location of the action

Barcelona (Spain)

Cost of the action

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation

Amount contributed (by donor)

6.700,00 € + IVA

Dates (D/M/Y)

05/13/2022 to 02/15/2024

Main and specific objectives

The generation of a community network aimed at the structuring of an Urban Community in the District of Nou Barris of Barcelona is proposed.

Promote projects of mutual support and generation of employment and income based on the needs identified in the territory.

Systematise learning, good practices and successful strategies for the generation of Urban Communities, mutual support projects and economic initiatives (social and solidarity economy) from community networks.

Results

R1. Creation of mutual support networks and local cooperatives that promote the generation of employment and income in the area.

R2. Improvement of the quality of life and well-being of the people living in the area. Through the generation of mutual support networks, access to food, ecological, energy and telecommunications services of proximity can be favoured, as well as improving the management of food surpluses and promoting the creation of social commissaries.

R3. Systematisation of learning, good practices and successful strategies for the generation of Urban Communalities in other areas of Barcelona and Catalonia.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Project title 1079

Reconnecting with the economy of the Eix Besòs neighbourhoods

Sector

Economic growth: regional integration and aid for trade

Location of the action

Barcelona (Spain)

Cost of the action

34.375,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

27.500 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 12/01/2022 to 11/30/2023

Objectives of the action

O1. To encourage the transition of local commerce towards businesses that offer environmentally friendly products and services, generating an attractive and sustainable demand for consumers in the neighbourhoods of the Eix Besòs, focusing on reaching new audiences and specific groups (young people, people in vulnerable situations, etc.).

O2. Promote responsible and local consumption to encourage the development of the local commercial fabric through the REC citizen currency with commercial and marketing strategies that make the products and services of local commerce in the process of green transition attractive.

O3. Promote intercooperation and connection between the different social and commercial agents in the Eix Besòs area to promote initiatives for responsible, local consumption and a change in consumer habits and criteria.

O4. Establish a viability plan and a system of evaluation of the project for its sustainability and extension.

Results of the action

R1. Several actions are carried out to promote sustainable trade in the territory, including meetings with traders' associations, training for traders, Green Commerce certification for 7 establishments, appearance in local media, and a guide to conscious and responsible consumption for citizens.

R2. Training and interest will be generated among the green commercial sector of San Andreu to become part of the REC as a tool to generate local wealth, with a target of 10 new members of the REC. Local consumption will be encouraged through campaigns and commercial actions on key dates, with a forecast of 30 new users and €6,000 injected into circulation. The agreement of social entities, parishes and other citizen agents to channel social aid with REC will also be achieved, with a forecast of identifying and agreeing with 2 social entities for its channelling and use.

R3. The link between Green Commerce and new establishments in the Eix Besòs area and neighbouring districts will be strengthened, with a forecast of incorporating 30 new establishments into the network to reinforce intercooperation and the use of REC currency. It will also raise awareness among 50 people in the neighbourhoods of the Eix Besòs through different workshops, connecting businesses, citizens with neighbourhood spaces, with the participation of at least 12 organisations and/or companies, including community entities, equipment, social entities, companies, neighbourhood entities and organised citizens.

R4. A participatory report and evaluation will be drawn up with recommendations on the consolidation and extension of the project.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

SUDS, International Association for Solidarity and Cooperation.

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action

Affiliated entities

Project title

CONFRONTING STRATEGIES TO LEGITIMIZE AND DEEPEN THE CONFLICTS IN OCCUPIED WESTERN SAHARA AND PALESTINE.

Sector

SDG 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production

Location of the action

Barcelona (Spain)

Cost of the action

92.644,00€

Role

Co-applicant

Donors to the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

35.114,00€

Date

From 01/12/2021 to 30/11/2023

Objectives

Promote a citizenry committed to the defense of human rights, the defense of the environment and involved in putting an end to the impunity of the companies involved in the deepening of the conflict and the occupation of Palestine and Western Sahara.

Results

- R.1. End corporate impunity and its contribution to the normalization of the conflict:
- Promoting the creation, deployment and implementation of national and international mechanisms and instruments that regulate, control and sanction companies involved in serious human rights violations, and that legitimize and deepen the occupation of Western Sahara and Palestine.
 - Facilitating accessible spaces to consult exhaustive, updated and truthful information on companies and their involvement in human rights violations.
- R.2. Weaving alliances against impunity
- Facilitating spaces for research, awareness raising and advocacy, in coordination with other social movements, organizations and collectives directly involved in the defense of the environment and a just energy transition that leaves no one behind, and the social and solidarity economy that promotes ethical and solidarity finance.
- R.3. Raise awareness among the citizens of Barcelona, building a non-hegemonic narrative.
- Generating products designed to break endogamous circles of information consumption, in order to guarantee the participation of all citizens who wish to do so, creating activities open to all audiences and products.
 - Raising awareness on how behind certain "green" projects, based on renewable energies, hides the same colonial logic of wealth extraction and appropriation, which fosters asymmetric and ethnocentric power relations (domination over communities and natural systems), inequality (access to energy, energy poverty), and injustice (plundering of territories).

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ALL FOR PEACE

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

31.758,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Foreign Action and Open Government Dptment. Catalonia Government

Amount contributed (by donor)

22.638,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/02/2022 to 31/08/2022

Objectives of the action

The invasion of Ukraine has a significant impact on Catalonia and in this sense, several actions are being developed to alleviate the consequences of the war. In line with the spirit of collaboration and solidarity that is guiding the Catalan response to the Ukrainian crisis, NOVACT is involved with a willingness to work in cooperation with ALL FOR PEACE actors and to show support for local movements fighting nonviolently for an end to the war confrontation. Specifically, networking and international participation is increased through NOVACT's participation in the ALL FOR PEACE network, gaining visibility as a Catalan entity working to find nonviolent alternatives in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. The mission in Ukraine also allows us to participate in the international arena and establish alliances.

Results of the action

- (1) Identification and empowerment of nonviolent movements in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus through a mission trip to Ukraine that will conclude with a database of nonviolent movements in the region. This identification will be the key to the future activities of the network.
- (2) Raising awareness at European level about nonviolent alternatives to armed conflict. After the identification and mapping of these peacebuilding initiatives on the ground, an online communication campaign will be carried out, consisting of audiovisual capsules of graphic documentation of nonviolent civil resistance; Photographs and dissemination material; and Dissemination of the research results through an online communication campaign on Twitter.
- (3) Political advocacy at Catalan and European level on peace alternatives that do not involve a violent response.

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC CONFERENCE: "SEARCHING FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE".

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

19.790,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Foreign Action and Open Government Dptment. Catalonia Government

Amount contributed (by donor)

14.740,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/02/2022 to 31/08/2022

Objectives of the action

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Results of the action

(1) International public conference in Barcelona on "Searching for peace in Ukraine / Buscando la paz en Ucrania". This event to be held at the CCCB has several objectives: (i) Presentation of the ALL FOR PEACE network in Barcelona (ii) Dissemination of the results of the report "Nonviolence in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus" and of the mission to the field that NOVACT carried out in April 2022. (iii) To give visibility and legitimacy to nonviolence as a tool for social transformation. (iv) To contribute to channelling and organising citizen demand in these countries to support human rights (v) To position Catalonia in the promotion of peace and nonviolence for the transformation of conflicts.

(2) Advocacy round with members of the Generalitat and other public bodies such as the City Council of Barcelona, the Catalan Fund, ICIP, etc. to disseminate the results of the report of the Ukrainian mission on nonviolent movements in the region and its recommendations, present the ALL FOR PEACE network.

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

UNCOVERING THE PRIVATISATION OF WAR IN UKRAINE: RESEARCH, COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY PMSCS

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

12.000,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Barcelona City Council

Amount contributed (by donor)

12.000,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023

Objectives of the action

The general objective of the project is to advance the international regulation of new forms of contemporary conflicts from a human rights and human security perspective, especially in relation to the involvement of private companies.

The specific objective of the project is to analyse the impact of private military and security companies on human rights in Ukraine and to influence politically and socially the processes of obtaining justice, recognition, reparation and empowerment of victims.

Results of the action

R.1. Defined a research methodology to identify war crimes committed by PMSCs: in cooperation with the three major Ukrainian human rights coalitions, a research methodology with indicators, key questions and methods of data collection and systematisation will be developed to disaggregate data on human rights violations committed by PMSCs.

R.2. Develop research on the dynamics, role and impact on human rights of PMSCs: at 3 levels of work. 1) monitoring and collection of evidence on war crimes on the territory of Ukraine by local organisations according to the previously agreed methodological framework. 2) a research visit to Ukraine to conduct a field study on PMSCs and their impact; 3) data analysis and production of the final report.

R.3. A dissemination campaign of the report and public presentation in Barcelona with the participation of the United Nations: a wide dissemination strategy of the reports will be designed in the Catalan and international environment, aimed at citizens and specialised actors.

R.4. Working sessions to analyse the results and advance in the international regulation of PMSCs: a working session will be held with representatives of the ICIP, the Parliament of Catalonia and other specialised peace, human rights and human security organisations.the community.

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

MISBAH - New technologies against hate speech online

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

10.026,24 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Amount contributed (by donor)

6.000,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 11/01/2021 to 04/30/2022

Objectives of the action

MISBAH aims to promote the creation and strengthening of networks between civil society, public institutions, the migrant community, teachers, technology centers and universities, to become active agents committed to diversity, integration, coexistence and human rights, in order to prevent and fight against hate speech, especially that directed at the most vulnerable group of migrants, on social networks, as well as empower civil society to play a key role in the creation, implementation and the evaluation of technologies that are fairer and more respectful of human rights, especially of migrants and racialized people. Starting from this objective, the ultimate purpose of this project is to disseminate the values of the defense of human rights and democracy, sharing good practices in alternatives to hate and fear.

Results of the action

(R1) International online webinar "New fairer technologies to prevent hate speech online" with the aim of: (i) Publicizing how AI interferes in hate speech (ii) Disseminating public policy recommendations at the Spanish level and European to prevent and combat hate speech aimed at civil society, technology companies and institutions (iii) Share good practices of community and technology projects that help prevent online hate speech by technology companies, civil society, institutions and migrant community.

(R2) Training "Promotion of human rights, prevention of hate speech and new technologies" for 48 members of civil society, institutions, teachers, technology centers in "Promotion of human rights, prevention of hate speech and new technologies of the Spanish state to (i) understand the use and possible applications of AI and algorithms in the prevention of hate speech online (ii) Share good practices on the use of new technologies and social transformation (iii) Bring the use closer of new technologies to civil society organizations, institutions, teachers (iv) Sensitize technology companies to apply the human rights approach (taking into account, especially migrants and racialized people) to their day to day.

(R3) Online awareness campaign linking the prevention of hate speech online, algorithmic justice and the rights of migrants and/or racialized people through the creation of a video, 3 infographics and an online content campaign.

(R3) Online sensitization campaign relating to the prevention of the online discourse, the algorithmic justice and the derechos of the migrant and/or racialized personas through the creation of a video, 3 infographics and an online content campaign.

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

Prevention of stigmatizing and hateful messages against migrants, specifically women, North Africans and Afro-descendants.

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

39.692,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda

Amount contributed (by donor)

31.623,00 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2024

Objectives of the action

The objective of the project is to prevent and fight against stigmatization and hate speech (especially towards migrant and racialized North African and Afro-descendant women) on social networks through research and recommendations on stigmatizing and hate speech on social networks. , as well as collective empowerment (youth, feminist and LGBTIQ+ organizations, migrants and people of color, organized civil society, institutions, think tanks and teachers) and the creation of a network between civil society, teachers, youth, institutions, technology centers and universities to become active agents committed to diversity, coexistence and human rights. Based on this objective, the generic purpose of the project is to contribute to the development of mechanisms for the prevention of stigmatizing, hate speech and discrimination that start from a trained, critical and organized social base, which actively participates in the creation of alternative discourse narratives. of intolerance, hate and fear.

Results of the action

R1: Identify the stigmatizing and hateful message towards migrants, especially women, and North African and Afro-descendant people) and establish recommendations to prevent and combat it.

The Spanish population is aware of the situation regarding stigmas and racism towards the migrant population, especially North Africans and Afro-descendants in Spain.

R2: Empower civil society, youth, institutions and teachers to play a key role in preventing and combating stigma and hate speech.

The Spanish population, especially young people, is sensitized and reduces its discriminatory discourse towards migrants, especially North Africans and Afro-descendants.

Spanish institutions are in favor of acting against stigmas and hate speech towards migrants, especially women.

Young people have a key role in preventing and combating racist and stigmatizing hate messages.

Name organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

Strengthening of the International Network of Third Sector Entities - Observatory for the Prevention of Violent Extremism - OPEV. PHASE II.

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, local authorities.

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

75.138,00 €

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda

Amount contributed (by donor)

59.111,30 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2024

Objectives of the action

The Euro-Mediterranean area is experiencing an unprecedented regression in terms of rights, both civil and political, as well as economic, social and cultural. In Europe, racism, ultra-nationalism and far-right ideologies are gaining popularity and institutional representation in different countries, one of them being Spain, where worrying trends have been identified in both the political and social spheres, with constant news about violent attacks against migrants, women or the LGTBQ+ collective. On the southern shore of the Mediterranean, there is a clear regression of the space for independent civil society, as well as ESC rights, unprecedented in the last decade.

This new reality, together with the paradigm shift led by the United Nations, forces the Observatory for the Prevention of Violent Extremism (OPEV), a network made up of more than 172 institutions from 22 countries in the region, born with the objective of preventing all forms of violent extremism, to rethink and update its mission, vision and purposes, placing the prevention of violent conflicts at the center of its mandate.

Results of the action

- 1) OPEV member organizations adopt the new paradigm for the prevention of violent conflicts advocated by the United Nations and adapt the mission, vision, goals and documents that regulate the strategy and internal functioning of this network to this new reality.
- 2) Expanded the number of feminist organizations and the LGBTIQ+ movement that are part of OPEV
- 3) OPEV's communication, both discursively and visually, is adapted to the new paradigm of prevention of violent conflicts
- 4) OPEV has the necessary tools and mechanisms to correctly carry out its role in terms of capacity building and systematization in the field of violent conflict prevention

Name of the organization

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Main applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action

Co-applicant
Affiliated entity
Title of the project

DYNAMISATION OF THE PARTICIPATORY PROCESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DRAFT BILL OF THE LAW ON CULTURAL RIGHTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CATALONIA

Sector

SDG 16
Cultural rights, participation and democratic quality, democratic governance.

Location of the action

Catalonia (Spain)

Cost of the action

12.700€ + IVA

Role

Coordinator

Donor of the action

Department of External Action and Open Government.
Generalitat de Catalunya

Amount contributed (by donor)

12.700€ + IVA

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 25/07/2022 to 21/12/2022

Main and specific objectives

Main objective:

- To ensure a broad and transversal citizen debate on the needs, objectives, priorities and projects linked to the guarantee and promotion of cultural rights taking into account the different cultural sectors and population of different socio-demographic and cultural profiles involved in the access, participation and creation of culture.

Specific objectives:

- To conjugate a hybrid participation model between face-to-face participation and digital participation.
- To define, collect and agree on challenges, proposals and strategic lines of action with a sectorial and territorial vision in a consensual manner that will enable us to offer solid arguments to move forward with the draft bill on Cultural Rights.
- Guarantee the transparency and rigour of the contents worked on based on their traceability

Results

- R1. To draw up 9 reports, each of which includes the information obtained in each of the participatory sessions.
- R2. Produce a final report that includes all the information obtained from the 9 participatory sessions.
- R3. Send the final report to the parliamentary groups to feed the debate on the draft bill on cultural rights.
- R4. Present the results in a press conference with the presence of the media.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Alimaya - Center for the defense of human rights

Affiliated entity

Name of the project

ALHIMAYA – DEFENSE OF CIVIC SPACE AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN DEFENDERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Sector

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Location of the action

Spain

Cost of the action

700.000,00€

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation

Amount contributed (by donor)

700.000,00€

Dates

From 01/01/2023 to 12/31/24

Objective

Alhimaya, protection in Arabic, seeks to contribute to the creation of societies free of violence that face the growing authoritarianism in the Euro-Mediterranean region -with special attention in Catalonia, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia, Egypt, Palestine, Israel, Jordan and Iraq- by offering support, protection, defense and comprehensive care to human rights defenders.

Alhimaya, which has been running for 24 months, places human rights defenders at the center of the intervention to stop the degradation of democracy in the region, placing special emphasis on the defense of civic space as a fundamental tool for the exercise of defense of rights.

G.O. Contribute to the creation of societies free of violence that face the growing authoritarianism in the Euro-Mediterranean region

S.O. Strengthen human rights defenders and collectives in the Euro-Mediterranean region for sustainability and the achievement of their task in physical and online spaces.

Results

R.1. Detected the techniques, agents and actions that limit the civic space and the right to defend rights in the Euro-Mediterranean region, consolidating a participatory and applied research methodology for the action of political and social change.

R.2. The people and entities that defend human rights in the Euro-Mediterranean region have and appropriate sustainable and efficient mechanisms/resources for improving the protection of people and entities that defend human rights in the region.

R.3. Developed and applied a crossmedia communication and awareness strategy to raise awareness for the critical mobilization of civil society in Catalonia in the protection of civic space and the right to defend rights.

R.4. Implemented a multilevel sociopolitical advocacy strategy to promote the coherence of public policies based on human security, transparency and accountability in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

organization name's

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Title of the project

START-UP SERVICE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE LOCAL CURRENCY OF SANT FELIU DEL LLOBREGAT

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance.

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Sant Feliu del Llobregat	156.000 € + IVA	Coordinador	Sant Feliu del Llobregat Town Hall	156.000 € + IVA	From 14/06/2022 to 14/06/2024

Main and specific objectives

Main objective: to revitalize and reactivate the economic activity of Sant Feliu de Llobregat by providing the city with a local currency that increases the impact of public spending on local commerce.

The specific objectives consist of:

- Provide and manage a technology platform
- Elaborate the regulations for the operation of local currency.
- Carry out the channeling of local currency from local public funds provided for by the City Council
- Have a customer service and
- Advise and support trade by carrying out training actions
- Provide merchants with terminals to collect in local currency.

Results of the action

R1. Development of an operational payment app with all functionalities.

R2. Implementation of an automatic bonus system for users of the payment app

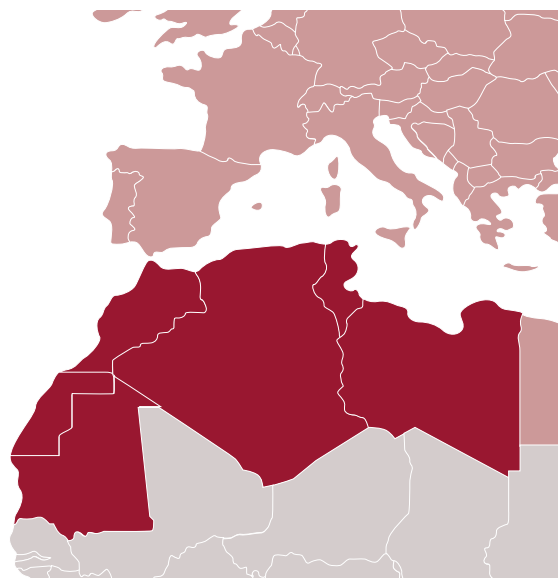
R3. Provide digital advice to at least 15% of the city's commercial fabric through 10 training workshops

R4. Increase the percentage of commercial digitization to 60%, growing by 12% compared to the current situation (in 2020, it stood at 48%).

R5. Between 80 and 150 businesses in the commercial fabric and the catering sector and the service sector and municipal market stalls and vendors accept payments in local currency

R6. Train, energize and serve customers, monitor the project.

Maghreb area



After approving our Strategic Plan, we began developing national strategies in collaboration with our local partner organizations. The NOVACT leadership travelled to both Tunisia and Western Sahara to define local working strategies aligned with the overall Strategic Plan of the organization, together with local partners and civil society.

In the “Strengthening Human Rights Defenders” action line, we have reinforced our support to activists in North Africa during a complex period marked by increasing authoritarianism, ongoing conflict, and repression targeting human rights defenders.

The year 2022 concluded with the sessions of the Universal Periodic Review under the auspices of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. The fourth cycle of review began in November 2022 with Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria. In this context, we have been able to support civil society in presenting parallel reports alongside the states’ reports.

We prepared a report on the violations of Sahrawi rights submitted for Morocco’s review (in coalition with four other organizations), provided support in drafting reports on Tunisia regarding violations of rights and freedoms (submitted by ADLI), and contributed to a report on women’s rights violations in Tunisia (submitted by the feminist coalition).

In Tunisia, in a context of growing authoritarianism, we collaborated with our partners and networks through the WAHDA project to protect the role and work of human rights defenders. In collaboration with LTDH, we developed an online tool for data collection and systematization of rights violations, accessible throughout Tunisia, as well as a national network of observers to coordinate the implementation of this tool.

In the framework of the HARATHA, WAHDA, and IMCAN projects, we conducted a digital organization training course to raise awareness among human rights defenders in the North African region about the risks and opportunities offered by digital tools.

To participate in denouncing the identified violations by different civil society actors, we published a report on the state of human rights in Tunisia, focusing on the violations permitted by the health crisis (COVID-19) and the permanent state of emergency. Similarly, we prepared and published two reports for Libya and Algeria.

These three reports, along with the Tunisia report, were presented in Barcelona in September 2022, aiming to propose concrete actions to support the protection of human rights through international cooperation. In Geneva, a parallel conference was held online during the UPR to present civil society's conclusions on the human rights situation in Tunisia.

Furthermore, members from Tunisia's Ministries of Interior, Social Affairs, Youth and Sports, and Education, as well as the University of Carthage, received training on democratic governance and human rights.

To strengthen the role and leadership of youth in protecting human rights, we consolidated the network created under the Rizoma program throughout 2022. Some members of this network launched a communication campaign during the Tunisian legislative elections to promote youth political participation.

In Western Sahara and the refugee camps for Sahrawi people, amidst the ongoing conflict, the "Visibilize Western Sahara" campaign and its associated report have highlighted the constant and violent repression faced by human rights defenders and the Sahrawi population as a whole. The report is based on data collected by human rights defenders trained in 2021 in monitoring, data collection, and systematization of human rights violations.

In the "Preventing Violent Conflicts" line of action, we continued implementing the roadmap developed by Tunisian civil society for the prevention of violent extremism, approved in early 2021. In this perspective, we promote an approach to preventing violent conflicts that involves strengthening social cohesion at the local level and fostering nonviolent activism and political engagement of youth in protecting their rights.

Within the IMCAN project, we established sustainable partnerships with Tunisian public institutions for youth and educational associations operating in the intervention areas. We provided training to 50 adolescents and over 40 accompanying officials in nonviolent communication, conflict prevention, and human rights.

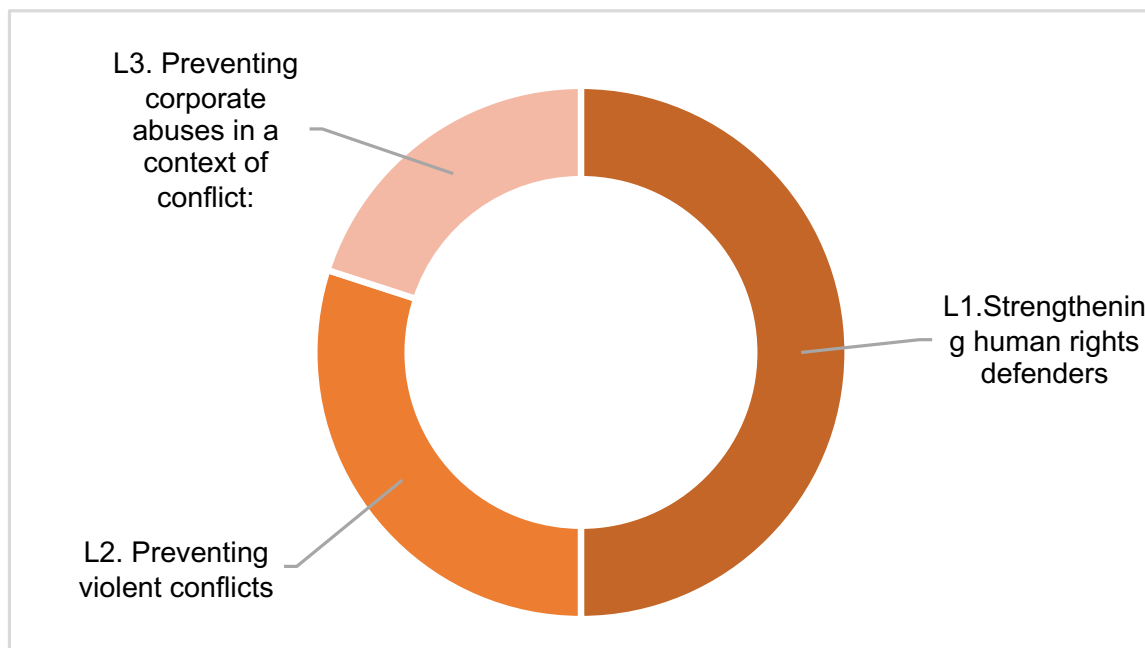
Through the Rizoma methodology, we created a strong network of active youth in preventing violent conflicts from different areas of Tunisia (urban and rural), who were able to share diverse approaches to mobilize their communities and promote social cohesion. Additionally, a solidarity souk (market) was created, self-managed by a group of 30 women from rural areas of Tunisia.

Under the BADDEL project, in collaboration with our partner association Joussour, we initiated the creation of three new spaces for social cohesion: a feminist radio club, a film club specializing in discussions on human rights and violence prevention, and a cultural cafe. These spaces, designed and built by the local community's youth, address identified needs following a diagnosis conducted by the youth themselves.

Finally, we have developed a youth guide that was adopted by the Ministry of Youth and disseminated to other Youth Centers as a reference document for young people who want to launch social cohesion initiatives.

In the line of “preventing abuses by companies in conflict contexts,” we continue to support the platform Western Sahara is not for Sale. This involves drafting a report on the looting of natural resources and disseminating it among local and international actors, to create stronger coalitions, enhance advocacy efforts, and promote boycott actions. This has led us to participate in the 46th European Conference of Support and Solidarity with the Sahrawi People (EUCOCO), held in Berlin in December 2022. We continue to provide advice, space, and support to human rights defenders who are experiencing abuses in the context of the Western Sahara conflict.

Maghreb area. Projects by line of action





+Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

Irídia, Centro para la defensa de los Derechos Humanos.

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Affiliated entity

Project title 940

DEPORTATIONS AND SECURITY

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, democracy, development education and awareness raising, development education and awareness raising, gender equality.
Migration and asylum.

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Spain and Morocco	47,250.00 €	Co-beneficiary	Ajuntament de Barcelona.	12.328,65 €	From 01/09/2019 to 30/11/2020

Objectives of the action

To contribute to the respect and defense of the Human Rights (HR) of migrants and refugees through the knowledge and awareness of the causes, violations and difficulties that these people suffer in the migration process.

The specific objectives are:

- To promote a citizenry committed to defending the HR of migrants and refugees through research, awareness, social mobilization and political advocacy on the HR violations that occur in the system of deportations between Catalonia and the Southern Border to Morocco of migrants and refugees, from a gender and security point of view.
- Generate changes that help prevent HR violations in the processes of deportation of migrants from Catalonia and from the southern border to Morocco.

Results of the action

R1. Improved research strategy to rigorously analyze, with audiovisual analysis and documentation, the problems and impact on HR of the system of deportations from Catalonia and the southern border to Morocco, from a gender and security perspective.

R2. Increased awareness and sensitization of the citizens of Barcelona on the problems of the deportation system; its impact on HR, the consequences of the monitoring model of surveillance by the State of Rights; and the political and human consequences of deportation to Morocco from Catalonia.

R3. Reinforce the social mobilization to prevent deportations without judicial guarantees and coordinate the work of the groups and organizations that fight for the defense of the HR of refugees and migrants in the city of Barcelona.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Asamblea de Cooperacion por la Paz (ACPP).

Affiliated entity

Ligue Tunisienne des Droits Humains (LTDH). Association MASS'Art. Association des Femmes Tunisiennes pour la Recherche sur le Développement (AFTURD)

Project title 948

IMCAN : Preventing violent extremism and fostering social cohesion in groups at risk of social exclusion

Sector

Human development: employment and decent work, vocational training and education, social inclusion, culture, education

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Tunisia	484.050,00 €	Coordinator	AECID, Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo.	450.000,00 €	From 01/06/2020 to 31/08/2022
			Barcelona Municipality	34.050,00 €	

Objectives of the action

To contribute to the prevention of radicalisation and violence among highly vulnerable young people by promoting their social and professional (re)integration and that of their families.

The specific objective is to promote the socioeconomic (re)insertion of young people at risk of social exclusion (RES) and their families in Greater Tunis, through the reinforcement and support of the Public Centres for Prevention and Social Insertion (CDIS and CPSI) and the improvement of their employability and that of their families.

Results of the action

- R1. The role of the CDIS and CPSI as spaces for the social integration of young people in RES has been reinforced.
- R2. Employability of groups in RES improved with the implementation of Social and Solidarity Economy initiatives
- R3. Capitalization of the socio-professional (re)insertion program developed by IMCAN.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Project title

SPEAR 3 – OPERATIONAL BUDGET FOR A SCHOOL OF POPULAR EDUCATION

Sector

Education, Culture

Location of the action

Morocco / Tunisia

Cost of the action

170.000,00
USD

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

United Community
Fund (UCF)

Contribution amount

Dates

From 01/04/2020
to 31/01/2021

Main and specific objectives

Build Education and Cultural programs that reinforce the capacities and skills of the youth from the MENA and Southern Sahara region to bring positive contributions to Human Rights Values, Citizenship and prosperity. Concretely, ensure a continuous support to the establishment of School of Popular Education for the Arab Region (SPEAR).

Results of the action

R1. Ensure that the School of Popular Education of the MENA and Southern Sahara Region is receiving an operational Budget to continue its work
R2. 20 representatives of CSO's and social movements from the MENA and Southern Sahara Region (50% women) will reinforce their skills to promote popular education strategies, Human Rights Values in their societies and citizenship.
R3. 50 representatives of CSO's and social movements from the MENA and Southern Sahara Region (50% women) previously targeted will reinforce their capacities to establish Pedagogical Committees (CPPs) and replicate strategies of popular education in their countries /communities.
R4. An evaluation of the activities will be conducted to ensure that the trainings will be replicated in the communities.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant
NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Project title
HARATHA: Building Community through culture and education

Sector
Peace building and conflict prevention and resolution. Struggle for gender equality and the promotion of women's rights. Educational research. Educational services and facilities and training. [Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security. Government and civil society. Education.]

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Contribution amount	Dates
Tunisia	210.000,00€	Coordinator	People's Welfare Association (PWA)	210,000.00€	From 24/09/2021 to 31/05/2023

Main and specific objectives

To build peaceful and educated societies by strengthening the capacities of the youth from the Middle East and North Africa to bring positive contributions to culture and human rights in the Region.

- SO1: To reinforce the contribution of youth from the Middle East and North Africa in cultural and training strategies oriented to enhance the role of Human Rights Defenders, Cultural Organizations, community-based organizations (CBOs) and community movements in the development citizenship, exchange good practices, promote transparent and accountable governance and an enabling environment of independent media.

Results of the action

R1. Enable a safe space for sharing good practices on culture and human rights and critical thinking for the youth of the MENA region through a well-structured and comprehensive training on culture and human rights oriented to have a structural impact on the targeted youth. This dimension has also a valuable specificity: it is oriented to raise leadership, since it has been demonstrated that leaders are a key motor for culture, education and human rights.

R2. Establish a regional Award offering recognition and financial support to Human Rights Defenders Organizations, CBOs and Social Movements at risk. This award will be an effective tool of protection for the organizations and will include follow up of the award in order to ensure that financial support will reinforce the practice, projects and needs of the organizations awarded.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

Asociació Catalana d'Ajuda al Poble Saharai (ACAPS).

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Affiliated entity

Association of Families of Sahrawi Prisoners and Disappeared (AFAPREDESA). Ministry of Occupied Territories. National Union of Saharawi Women (UNMS).

Project title

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SAHARA

Sector

Government and Civil Society (150)

Location of the action

Sahara Occidental

Cost of the action

103.100,00€

Role

ENTITY IN GROUPING

Donors to the action

Municipality of Barcelona

Contribution amount

80.000,00€

Dates

From 01/12/2020 to 31/03/2022

Main and specific objectives

Contribute to the resolution of conflicts in Western Sahara by strengthening the capacities of the Sahrawi population in the Occupied Territories, camps and diaspora to promote innovative strategies aimed at nonviolent conflict transformation and peacebuilding.

- SO1 : To improve the guarantee, protection and re-establishment of the human rights of the Sahrawi population through: the implementation of a cycle of comprehensive training in nonviolence and peacebuilding; research and investigation into human rights violations committed against the Sahrawi population and the implementation of a local and international campaign to denounce human rights violations in Western Sahara, aimed at mobilizing the Sahrawi population and raising international public awareness.

Results of the action

R1. Strengthened the capacities of Sahrawi civil society in non-violence and peacebuilding through the implementation of a comprehensive training cycle aimed at reinforcing the role of rights-holders (the Sahrawi population) and more specifically, of young people and women in the transformation of the conflict. This cycle includes the following components: (i) Nonviolent conflict resolution; (ii) Conception of campaigns for nonviolent social transformation; (iii) Nonviolent communication for social change.

R2. Public opinion and political institutions in Barcelona and internationally are made aware of the human rights violations of Sahrawi human rights defenders through the production of parallel reports and political influence on the mechanisms of the United Nations responsible for the promotion, protection and defense of human rights.

R3. A local and international campaign is designed to denounce the violation of human rights in Western Sahara, aimed at mobilizing the Sahrawi population of the Occupied Territories, Camps and the diaspora and raising international public awareness.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

Asamblea de Cooperación Por la Paz (ACPP)

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Affiliated entity

Union Générale Tunisienne du Travail (UGTT). Association Jousour de Citoyenneté. Ligue Tunisienne des Droits Humains (LTDH).

Project title

BADDEL: Promoting community-based and resilient socio-economic systems through PVE and SSE

Sector

Peace building and conflict prevention and resolution. Struggle for gender equality and the promotion of women's rights. Educational research. Educational services and facilities and training. Decentralisation and support to regional and local governments. [Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security. Government and civil society. Education.]

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Contribution amount	Dates
Tunisia	409.000,00€	Entity in grouping	AECID, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation.	400,000.00€	From 22/02/2021 to 21/05/2023

Main and specific objectives

Promote ethical, sustainable and democratic socio-economic systems in accordance with the SDGs. Contribute to the transformation of socio-economic systems, restore the productive fabric, promote social cohesion and strengthen democratic governance through the creation of social, cultural and economic opportunities among Tunisia's most vulnerable women and youth.

- SO1 : Promote resilient socio-economic systems with SSE, ENP and political participation. Promote community resilience for the development of sustainable socio-economic systems and ENP in the governorates of Kef and Ben Arous with: recovery of the productive fabric, tech promotion, creation of alternative narratives and political participation with a gender approach.

Results of the action

- R1. Improved knowledge and developed tools for socio-economic resilience and ENP.
- R2. Improved social and economic inclusion of rural women and their families in Mornag and Sers.
- R3. Improved social and economic resilience of rural women and their families in Mornag and Sers.
- R4. Strengthened capacities and programs of 3 Maisons de Jeunesse (Youth Centers) from Kef, Dahmani and Bourj Eussogui for social cohesion and promotion of culture of peace.
- R5. Increased leadership and political participation for social cohesion and mobilisation.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Solidarity Foundation University of Barcelona (FSUB)

Affiliated entity

Ligue Tunisienne des Droits Humains (LTDH). University of Carthage (UCAR).

Project title

WAHDA - Strengthening Tunisian civil society for the defence of civil and political rights and the promotion of social cohesion to advance COVID-19 crisis management, the country's political transition and regional stability.

Sector

Conflict prevention, resolution, peace and security. Government and civil society. NGO support

Location of the action

Tunisia (Lybia, Algeria)

Cost of the action

398 047,72€

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD)

Contribution amount

398 047,72€

Dates

From 01/12/2020 To 30/11/2022

Main and specific objectives

Strengthening Tunisian civil society for the defense of civil and political rights and the promotion of social cohesion to make progress in the management of the COVID-19 crisis, the country's political transition and regional stability.

Contribute to Tunisia's democratic consolidation process based on respect for human rights and gender equality as a source of stability in the Mediterranean region to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

SO1: Strengthen the role of Tunisian civil society, especially women and youth, for the defense of civic space through the protection of civil and political rights, social cohesion and political-social advocacy to improve democratic governance with a gender perspective and a regional outlook in the framework of civil and political rights limitations justified by the COVID-19 crisis.

Results of the action

R1. Improved accessibility and quality of knowledge on the impact of the management of the Covid-19 crisis and the climate emergency on human rights in general, and civil and political rights in particular, with a special focus on vulnerable communities, in Tunisia, Algeria and Libya, through the development of capacities and tools for monitoring, systematisation and data analysis.

R2. Increased capacities of public authorities (ToOs), and OSCOs (ToRs), youth and women (ToRs) of Grande Tunis in the formulation, monitoring and accountability of public policies for the prevention of Covid-19 with a human rights and gender approach that ensure equality, non-discrimination and the exercise of civil and political rights.

R3. Strengthened social cohesion and community resilience, specifically in young people (boys and girls) (ToR) in situation of SER a Grande Tunis and Bizerte through the implementation of a methodology based on physical activity.

R4. Strengthened participation and accessibility of civil society in national and international decision-making processes by mainstreaming a human rights and gender approach in Tunisia's public policies to ensure the protection of civil and political rights and gender equality.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

Asociació Catalana d’Ajuda al Poble Saharai (ACAPS).

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.
NOVA-AFAPREDESA, Union Nacional de Mujeres Saharais (UNMS)

Project title

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN WESTERN SAHARA: Strengthening response and advocacy capacities as an opportunity for just peace

Sector

Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security. Business and other services. Government and civil society, general

Location of the action

Sahara Occidental

Cost of the action

149.514,38 €

Role

Affiliated entity

Donors to the action

Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD)

Contribution amount

149.514,38 €

Dates

From 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022

Main and specific objectives

Contribute to the respect and protection of individual and collective human rights of the Saharawi population in the process of building peace with justice through the reinforcement of the role of the Saharawi society in the struggle against the plundering of natural resources.

- SO1: Improve the international advocacy capacity of Saharawi organizations and social movements to denounce human rights violations by transnational corporations in Western Sahara.

Results of the action

R1. Strengthened the capacities, knowledge and tools of 30 young people and two representatives of social movements and Saharawi organizations in the camps and the occupied territories to gather information to identify the violence faced by the Saharawi population as a result of the actions of companies operating in Western Sahara and what are the international laws and protection mechanisms offered by the United Nations.

R2. Defined and implemented a political strategy in Western Sahara, Catalonia and at the international level to influence the holders of rights, responsibilities and local, national and international obligations on the need to establish mechanisms for control and regulation of companies operating in contexts of military occupation, with special emphasis on Western Sahara.

R3. Increased and improved the quality of political accompaniment, with a gender, community and networking perspective, to human rights defenders facing repression and violence from companies operating in Western Sahara.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Affiliated entity

Ligue Tunisienne des Droits de l'Homme (LTDH)

Project title

IMCAN: HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN ACTION IN TUNISIA

Sector

Government and civil society (150), ODS 16.10 y 5.5

Location of the action

Tunisia

Cost of the action

81,911.80€

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Municipality of Barcelona

Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation (ACCD)

Contribution amount

60,000.00€

21,911.80€

Dates

From 01/09/2021 to 31/01/2023

Main and specific objectives

Promote an enabling environment for action by women human rights defenders (hereafter HRDs) advocating for improved social justice and gender-sensitive democratic governance.

- SO1: Strengthen the role of young HRDs in Tunisia as an engine of social change and as a core force for strengthening community resilience in the face of authoritarianism and violent extremism by: 1. promoting human rights culture and nonviolence in highly vulnerable communities and 2. Enhancing the protection of the exercise of the right to protest of the most vulnerable HRDs in the context of the regression of the right to protest justified by the COVID-19 crisis and the current nonviolent revolt in Tunisia.

Results of the action

R1. Improved accessibility and quality of knowledge on violations of Tunisian youth's right to protest in the context of COVID-19 and the current nonviolent uprising, with a special focus on highly vulnerable communities, through capacity building and tools for monitoring, systematisation and data analysis.

R2. Strengthened capacities of young Tunisian HRDs to improve their protection against authoritarianism and violent extremism and improve the impact of their actions.

R3. Create and strengthen spaces for expression, awareness-raising and visibility of the work of HRDs to promote a favourable environment for their action in the face of authoritarianism and violent extremism.

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

Asociació Catalana d’Ajuda al Poble Saharai (ACAPS).

Co-applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Affiliated entity

NOVA-AFAPREDESA, Union Nacional de Mujeres Saharais (UNMS), Ministry of Occupied Territories

Project title

WESTERN SAHARA IS NOT FOR SALE

Sector

150. Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security. Government and civil society. 16.b. 12.6.

Location of the action

Sahara Occidental

Cost of the action

96.103,75 €

Role

Affiliated entity

Donors to the action

Municipality of Barcelona

Contribution amount

72.653,75 €

Dates

From 15/11/2021 to 15/02/2023

Main and specific objectives

Contribute to the nonviolent resolution of the conflict in Western Sahara by strengthening the Sahrawi population's capacity to fight against the plundering of the territory's natural resources.

- SO1: Improve the guarantee, protection and restoration of the human rights of the Sahrawi population by maintaining a campaign against the plundering of the territory's natural resources

Results of the action

R1. Strengthened the capacities, knowledge and tools of 30 young people and two representatives of social movements and Saharawi organizations in the camps and the occupied territories to gather information to identify the violence faced by the Saharawi population as a result of the actions of companies operating in Western Sahara and what are the international laws and protection mechanisms offered by the United Nations.

R2. Defined and implemented a political strategy in Western Sahara, Catalonia and at the international level to influence the holders of rights, responsibilities and local, national and international obligations on the need to establish mechanisms for control and regulation of companies operating in contexts of military occupation, with special emphasis on Western Sahara.

R3. Increased and improved the quality of political accompaniment, with a gender, community and networking perspective, to human rights defenders facing repression and violence from companies operating in Western Sahara.

Mashreq area



In the context of the regression of human rights and fundamental freedoms of the Palestinian population, resulting from the perpetuation of the Israeli colonial system of military occupation and apartheid, the patriarchal system, and the management of the COVID-19 health crisis, in Palestine in 2022, we have continued to work on strengthening and supporting the work of human rights defenders, especially Palestinian women and youth, in the Occupied Territory of the West Bank (including East Jerusalem). We have focused on building resilience and resistance capacities, both of individuals and their communities, by reinforcing the actions of civil society organizations in the Occupied Palestinian Territory through mechanisms that promote political participation, social mobilization, physical, psychosocial, and digital protection, as well as legal and political support for defenders facing repression due to their work. We have also been engaged in monitoring, documenting, and systematizing human rights violations in the context of protests, legal research, and political and social advocacy.

We have provided support to Palestinian defenders and civil society organizations in particularly vulnerable areas of the occupied West Bank, which are strategically important for the Israeli colonization and annexation project. This is in response to the exponential increase in human rights violations against the population and the attacks and criminalization of Palestinian civil society, especially human rights defenders.

Through legal advice, psychosocial support, and training and mentoring for Palestinian women and young defenders in the design and implementation of political and social advocacy campaigns, we have continued to work on promoting the actions of young defenders and members of Palestinian organizations in the defence of women's rights and gender justice, particularly among refugee and displaced populations. At the same time, prominent Palestinian human rights defenders have received specialized legal support and accompaniment in their cases in Israeli military courts.

In areas affected by the Israeli illegal annexation plan of “Greater Jerusalem” in the central West Bank, we have worked to strengthen and protect the actions of youth by promoting processes of nonviolent action, international law, self-protection and collective action, and enhancing digital security. We have also facilitated spaces for meeting, exchange, and mutual support with other nonviolent movements in the Euro-Mediterranean region, such as Western Sahara and Iraq.

In these areas, we have organized four political advocacy tours with international actors and produced and disseminated in-depth journalistic reports on the violations perpetrated against the Palestinian population and human rights defenders. Representatives from diplomatic missions of the European Union, its member states, and Latin America, as well as Catalan and Spanish organizations, have participated in these activities.

Promoting and protecting the right to nonviolent protest in Palestine has remained a central focus of our work. We have continued to support and accompany our local partners in monitoring, documenting, and systematizing human rights violations against the Palestinian population in the context of protests, especially in communities like Beita (Nablus, West Bank). Through on-the-ground documentation and legal research focused on advocacy, we have documented, raised awareness, and denounced human rights violations and the lack of accountability for Israeli repression in various United Nations forums. Simultaneously, we have initiated new actions to strengthen the actions and support young defenders in rural communities in Area C of the Occupied West Bank, in Jerusalem, the Jordan Valley, and southern Hebron (Masafer Yatta), as well as within the occupied city of Jerusalem.

In the line of action “preventing corporate abuses in occupation and conflict contexts,” we have deepened the identification and analysis of companies operating in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly those involved in agribusiness and surveillance technologies and controls tested in situations of human rights violations.

The geopolitical situation in Jordan makes the country a fragile territory where regional conflicts project themselves. Its proximity to war-affected countries like Syria, Iraq, and the Occupied Palestinian Territory has considerable political, economic, and social repercussions, generating an environment of latent violence in the country. Internally, Jordan has been experiencing significant economic deterioration, impacting the most vulnerable groups and exacerbating pre-existing inequalities. This context fosters the emergence of conflicts and violence. Consequently, the activities we have carried out during this period fall within the line of action “prevention of violent conflicts,” aiming to establish peace and long-term security by identifying and advocating for addressing the root causes of tensions and working with socially excluded groups.

One of the main objectives of our activities in Jordan is to increase the political participation of socially excluded groups, primarily youth, refugees, women, and persons with disabilities. To achieve this, a mapping exercise has been conducted in various areas of the country, identifying public institutions, NGOs, civil society organizations, and individuals with a willingness to bring about change in their communities. These identified organizations and individuals are both the target group and implementers of the objectives.

Another area of advocacy in Jordan focuses on creating nonviolent alternatives through art, culture, and sports. These initiatives primarily aim to mobilize socially excluded youth. In 2022, a group of young artists has been identified to express their perception of Jordanian society through art by designing an illustrated book.

Similarly, we have organized an audiovisual competition in which young people from across the country have participated, capturing their vision of diversity in Jordan through their mobile phones. In this regard, negotiations have been held with the relevant authorities to implement cultural and sports activities mobilizing adolescents and young people from the capital and rural areas.

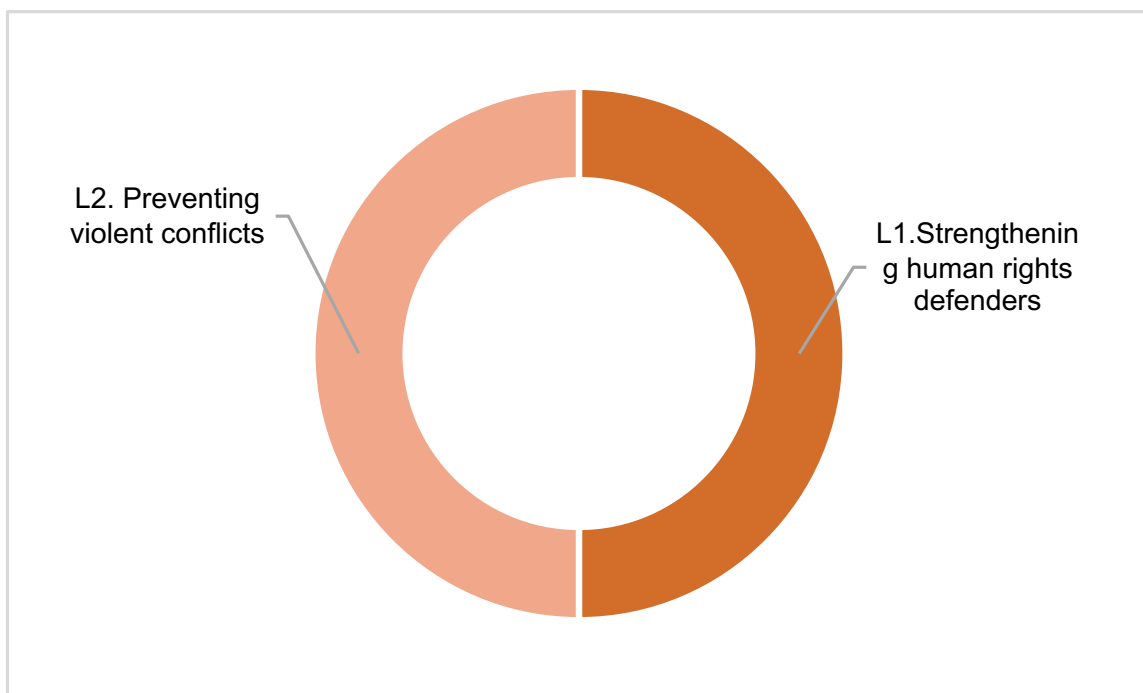
Furthermore, work is being done in this area through community mobilization and leadership based on training in nonviolent facilitation. Online seminars have been conducted, opening up dialogue between young leaders from the MENA region and Spain on key issues such as environmental protection, human rights violations in the context of protest, digital security, refugees, and migrant workers. Efforts have also been made to identify and train young people with the potential as facilitators to lead their communities in promoting peace and preventing violence. They have been trained in nonviolent community facilitation, campaign leadership, nonviolent community initiatives, women's rights, equality, prevention of gender-based violence, employment counselling, and environmental sustainability. To ensure the long-term impact of the training, it is necessary to create strong connections with the communities and facilitators and continue working together to support their initiatives.

We are also present in Iraq and Syria, specifically in the Kurdish provinces administered by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRI) and in the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria (NES), respectively. Under the lines of action for conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security, as well as democratic participation and civil society, we work to promote the empowerment and leadership of internally displaced youth (IDPs) and refugees from the long-lasting conflicts in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan. The objective of these projects is to promote the effective mainstreaming of the GBDHR approach and environmental justice in peacebuilding initiatives in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan by strengthening the role of Syrian and Kurdish young women as agents of social and political transformation, both in their countries of origin (Syria, KRI) and in the host communities in Jordan and Catalonia. The projects also aim to enhance their role in policy change. In the KRI, the focus is on preventing inter-communal conflicts and strengthening the role of CSOs in monitoring and raising awareness. In NES, the central objective is the prevention of intercommunal conflicts.

Throughout 2022, our local social organizations have conducted offline and online courses to train in nonviolence, as well as in sports and arts for conflict prevention and peacebuilding in the KRI, as well as in human rights, nonviolent community facilitation, arts, and sports in NES. Specifically in Northern Syria, we have also started a project to promote human security through the protection of vulnerable individuals, especially internally displaced populations, young people, and women who are survivors or at risk of gender-based violence (GBV), with the objectives of GBV prevention and promoting gender equality in contexts of humanitarian crisis and conflict.

Mashreq area.

Projects by line of action





Name of the organization

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

PSCC - Popular Struggle Coordination Committees
AICP - Alternative Information Center Palestine

Affiliated entity

Project title 1043

Strengthening human security and social cohesion in areas B and C in the West Bank

Sector

Human rights and democratic governance: civil society, Human Rights, gender equity, local authorities, peace and security

Location of the action

Al-Eizariya (Governorat de Jerusalem, Cisjordània, Palestina)

Cost of the action

143.306,12 €

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Barcelona Municipality

Amount contributed (by donor)

113.683,92 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 01/12/2021 to 30/11/2023

Objectives of the action

OVERALL GOAL

Contribute to the improvement of human security and social cohesion in vulnerable localities in areas B and C of the West Bank, strengthening the role of youth, civil society and local authorities in defending the rights of the local population

EO1.

Strengthen the resilience capacities of young human rights defenders, CSOs and local authorities in Al-Ezariya in order to strengthen their contribution to the promotion and defense of rights in the framework of the retreat of rights and freedoms as a result of the perpetuation of occupation and patriarchy and the management of the health crisis of covid19, through social mobilization, physical, psychological and digital protection of human rights defenders, legal support for defenders of reprisals for their work and political participation

EO2.

Increase awareness and support networks for West Bank youth, civil society and local authorities at risk for the Greater Jerusalem Annexation Plan at local, national and international levels

Results of the action

R1.1. Young defenders, civil society and local authorities of Al Ezariye have knowledge, skills and leadership to be able to exercise their role of defense and protection of rights in vulnerable areas in a safe and coordinated way

R1.2. New spaces and coordination mechanisms have been established between youth, civil society and local authorities to promote social cohesion, the mobilization and political participation of young people in the areas affected by the Greater Jerusalem annexation project

R1.3. The legal protection of defenders and their families in El Eizzariye has been strengthened through legal support and advice and the creation of a referral mechanism for emergency cases

R2.1. Knowledge has increased about the violations of the rights of the West Bank population at risk due to the Greater Jerusalem Annexation Plan and the strategies and challenges of human rights defenders for the protection of local communities, among civil society local, national and international

R2.2. The international community, through civil society organizations and influential public representatives and officials, supports the protection of people at risk in the particularly vulnerable areas affected by the Greater Jerusalem annexation project

Name of the organization NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant
NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant
MOVIMIENTO POR LA PAZ, EL DESARME Y LA LIBERTAD (MPDL)
I Dare for Sustainable Development
Be Positive

Affiliated entity

Project title 1043
IDMAJ: CONTRIBUTING TO THE BUILDING OF PEACE AND THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE IN JORDAN.

Sector
Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security and conflict resolution
Government and civil society, general
Democratic participation and civil society

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Jordan	446.434,52 €	Coordinator	AECID.- Agencia Española para la Cooperación Internacional al Desarrollo	412984,04 €	From 15/02/2022 to 14/08/2023

Objectives of the action
The General objective is to contribute to the construction of peace and the prevention of violence in Jordan

The specific objective is to promote the role of youth in building peace and preventing violence.

Results of the action
R1. Acquired knowledge and leadership skills to promote peace and prevent violence
R2. Reinforcing the role of youth in RES as agents of peace through their political inclusion
R3. Alternative narratives to violence strengthened through the social inclusion of youth
R4. Increased socioeconomic opportunities for youth at risk to prevent violence

Name of the organization

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Co-applicant

Fundació Autònoma Solidària (FAS)
I Dare for Sustainable Development
Un Ponte Per.. (UPP)
Peace and Freedom Organization (PFO)
DOZ E.v. (DOZ International)

Affiliated entity

Kudwa

Project title 1046

ASĪTĪ: Promoting the role of internally displaced women and refugees in the long-running conflicts in Syria and the KRI and in the youth of the host communities in Jordan and Catalonia in peace-building and the consolidation of democracy and human rights in the Middle East

Sector

Youth. Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security and conflict resolution. Government and civil society, general. Democratic participation and civil society

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Spain	600.000 €	Coordinator	ACCD- Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament Ajuntament de Barcelona	450.000 € 150.000 €	From 15/02/2022 to 14/08/2023

Objectives of the action

The overall goal is to promote the empowerment and leadership of internally displaced youth (IDPs) and refugees from the protracted conflicts in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan and the youth of the communities of reception of Jordan and Catalonia in peace-building and the consolidation of democracy and human rights in the Middle East.

The specific objective is to promote the effective cross-cutting of the EIGBDH approach and environmental justice in peace-building initiatives and the recovery of the most serious negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan through strengthening the role of young Syrians and Kurds as agents of social and political transformation, whether in their countries of origin (Syria, KRI) or host countries (Jordan, Catalonia).

Results of the action

R1. Investigating. Promote the generation and dissemination of knowledge on the links between environmental justice, armed conflict and forced displacement in the long-running conflicts in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan in the context of a pandemic among internally displaced young women (IDPs), and Syrian, Iraqi and Kurdish refugees and the youth of the host communities of Jordan and Catalonia

R2. Creating Capacities for Change. Created a network of IDP youth and refugees from Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan and the youth of the host communities in Jordan and Catalonia committed to peacebuilding efforts in the Middle East in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The young members of this network will participate in an intensive training program and exchange of good practices on how to effectively incorporate the focus on human rights, gender justice and environmental justice in peacebuilding and peace prevention initiatives. conflicts as well as in reconstruction policies and programs.

R3. Promoting the change of public policies. Reinforced the participation and accessibility of young IDPs and refugees from the protracted conflicts in Syria and Iraqi Kurdistan in the formulation of public policies on peacebuilding and to be able to influence: 1. The effective incorporation of the focus on human rights, gender justice and environmental justice in peacebuilding initiatives; 2. The inclusion of the

peacebuilding, gender and human rights approach in post-COVID-19 green recovery policies.

R4. Testing innovative solutions for peacebuilding in the context of a pandemic. Promoted the availability and affordability of innovative peacebuilding sports and arts initiatives that integrate human rights, gender and environmental justice approaches among IDP youth and Syrian and Kurdish refugees and host communities in Jordan and Catalonia. The network of young people created and trained in Result 2, with the support of grassroots civil society organizations in the areas of intervention of the project, will be responsible for the definition and implementation of these actions, which will mainly benefit other young people. at risk of social exclusion (RES). The ultimate goal of these initiatives will be to promote community resilience and conflict prevention in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

R5. Supporting human rights defenders. Provides psychosocial and professional support to young Syrians, Kurds and Iraqis who are at risk for their commitment to peacebuilding, gender and environmental justice and human rights. This result will create safe spaces to ensure that young women at risk receive protection and support through a reception program in Catalonia.

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Lead applicant	Co-applicant	Affiliated entity
NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.	7amleh Popular Struggle Coordination Committee (PSCC)	

Project title 1061	Sector
Resilient Network: Strengthening the protection of youth and women defenders in vulnerable communities in Jerusalem, Hebron and the Jordan Valley.	Protection of Human Rights Defenders Government and civil society, general Democratic participation and civil society

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
Occupied Palestinian Territory	263.758,19 €	Coordinator	AEXCID- Agencia Extremeña de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo	247.819,26 €	From 15/10/2022 to 14/10/2023

Objectives of the action	Results of the action
<p>The overall goal is to improve the guarantee and protection of the human rights of the Palestinian population by strengthening capacities and protection mechanisms, mobilization and local and international advocacy of civil society for the protection of vulnerable communities in the West Bank.</p> <p>The specific objective is to promote the role of youth and women defenders and their organizations in the defense and protection of rights in vulnerable areas of Jerusalem, Hebron and the Jordan Valley, strengthening their capacities, protection framework and their participation in local and international mobilization and advocacy processes.</p>	<p>R1. Strengthened capacities of women and youth defenders to improve their protection role in vulnerable communities in the West Bank</p> <p>R2. Improved protection mechanisms for defenders and CSOs in Palestine in their legal, psychosocial and digital security dimensions</p> <p>R3. Improved the impact of advocacy and awareness campaigns on the protection of the most vulnerable Palestinian population through Digital Organizing tools</p> <p>R4. Strengthened social mobilization and advocacy on the protection needs of defenders in Palestine at the local and international level</p>

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Lead applicant NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

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Affiliated entity

Project title 1063 **AŞÎTÎ. Ensuring the protection and human security of internally displaced youth and women and the host community in a vulnerable situation in the Kurdish territories of Syria**

Sector Conflict prevention and resolution, peace and security and conflict resolution
Government and civil society, general
Democratic participation and civil society

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates (D/M/Y)
North-East Syria	182.253€	Coordinator	Barcelona Municipality	142.600 €	From 01/12/2022 to 30/11/2024

Objectives of the action

The general objective is to promote human security in the Kurdish territories of Syria through the reinforcement of the protection of people in a situation of vulnerability - internally displaced population, especially young people and women survivors or at risk of gender violence (VdG) -, the prevention of VdG and the promotion of gender equality in contexts of humanitarian crisis and conflict.

The specific objective is to strengthen the protection of the population in a situation of vulnerability in the Kurdish territories of Syria - internally displaced population and host population, especially women and young people - in the context of a humanitarian crisis through: 1. Reinforcing knowledge and skills in non-violent conflict resolution among the personnel responsible for revitalizing the care and reception centers for women and young people in a vulnerable situation in the governorate of Hassaka (Kurdish territories of Syria); 2. Supporting safe spaces that promote community resilience, social cohesion and the protection of vulnerable people in these municipalities; 3. Increasing awareness and social mobilization for the promotion of human rights and women's rights in contexts of humanitarian crisis in the Kurdish territories of Syria.

Results of the action

R1. Strengthened and expanded the knowledge and skills of the social workers of the Mala Jin centers - women's house in Kurdish - for women affected by the Syrian conflict, including women survivors and at risk of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), and the youth facilitators of the civil society centers for youth and women in Hassaka governorate in non-violent conflict resolution and empowerment and inter-community dialogue in order to strengthen their leadership in promoting social cohesion and peace building.

R2. Promoted the protection of women and young people in vulnerable situations (at risk and survivors of VdG, internally displaced persons and host population) of Hassaka governorate (especially in the municipalities of Qamishli, Markada, and the camps of Newroz and Areesha) in through support for safe leisure spaces for the reinforcement of community resilience, the promotion of women's rights and the contribution to psychosocial rehabilitation of victims of the conflict.

R3. Increased awareness and social mobilization for the promotion of human rights and women's rights in contexts of humanitarian crisis in the governorate of Hassaka

Name of the organization

NOVACT. International Institute for Nonviolent Action.

Lead applicant

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Co-applicant

Union of Palestinian Women Committees (UPWC)
Sa'ir Municipality

Affiliated entity

Project title 1064

Young Defenders for Peacebuilding and Gender Justice in Sa'ir

Sector

Protection of Human Rights Defenders
Government and civil society, general
Democratic participation and civil society

Location of the action

Palestinian
Occupied Territory

Cost of the action

142.757 €

Role

Coordinator

Donors to the action

Barcelona
Municipality

Amount contributed (by donor)

112.600 €

Dates (D/M/Y)

From 1/11/2022 to
31/10/2024

Objectives of the action

The overall goal is to promote gender justice and the right to a life free of violence for the women and young people of Sa'ir (Hebron) through the reinforcement of the role of young rights defenders, local civil society and the municipal government in the protection and promotion of women's rights

Specific objective 1 is to improve gender justice and the protection of women's rights in Sa'ir (Hebron) through: 1. The strengthening of knowledge, skills and tools of young defenders and women members of CSOs to be able to promote and lead collective actions of political influence and social mobilization in their communities in the matter of protection and defense of women's rights (R1), 2. The strengthening of the mainstreaming of the gender approach in the policies, actions and internal functioning of the local authority through the reinforcement of the council's capacities in matters of gender equality (R2), and 3. The implementation of processes of mobilization and citizen participation at the local level to favor the adoption of public policies and community strategies for the promotion of gender equality and the strengthening of the protection of women's rights (R3).

The specific objective 2 is to promote the human security of the women and young people of Sa'ir (Hebron) through the implementation of processes of political advocacy, social mobilization and awareness at local and international level in matters of protection of women's rights and rights defenders in Palestine

Results of the action

R1.1. Strengthened the knowledge, skills and tools of young defenders and women CSO members from Sa'ir (Hebron) to be able to promote and lead collective actions of political advocacy and social mobilization in their communities in matters of protection and defense of women's rights

R1.2. The City Council of Sa'ir (Hebron) has capacities and tools for the incorporation of the gender perspective in its internal organization and in the definition, execution, monitoring and evaluation of public policies

R1.3. Citizen mobilization and participation processes are launched at the local level to encourage the adoption of public policies and community strategies for the promotion of gender equality and the strengthening of the protection of women's rights focused on: 1. The design of policies with a gender focus that will culminate in the mainstreaming of the gender focus in the city's Local Development Plan, 2. The realization of community accountability sessions with the City Council focused on monitoring progress in matter of protection of women's rights in general and in matters of transversalization of the gender approach in the Local Development Plan in particular; 3. The activation of the Women's Center as a safe space

R2.1. Improved the impact of advocacy and social mobilization campaigns on the violations of women's rights and the protection needs of women and young Palestinian rights

defenders in the Hebron governorate, at the local and international level, using Digital tools Organizing

R2.2. Reinforced social mobilization and impact on the protection needs of the defenders in Palestine at local and international level

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Co-applicant

Alimaya - Center for the defense of human rights

Affiliated entity

Name of the project

ALHIMAYA – DEFENSE OF CIVIC SPACE AND PROTECTION OF WOMEN DEFENDERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Sector

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Location of the action	Cost of the action	Role	Donors to the action	Amount contributed (by donor)	Dates
Spain	700.000,00€	Coordinator	Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation	700.000,00€	From 01/01/2023 to 12/31/24

Objective

Alhimaya, protection in Arabic, seeks to contribute to the creation of societies free of violence that face the growing authoritarianism in the Euro-Mediterranean region -with special attention in Catalonia, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia, Egypt, Palestine, Israel, Jordan and Iraq- by offering support, protection, defense and comprehensive care to human rights defenders.

Alhimaya, which has been running for 24 months, places human rights defenders at the center of the intervention to stop the degradation of democracy in the region, placing special emphasis on the defense of civic space as a fundamental tool for the exercise of defense of rights.

G.O. Contribute to the creation of societies free of violence that face the growing authoritarianism in the Euro-Mediterranean region

S.O. Strengthen human rights defenders and collectives in the Euro-Mediterranean region for sustainability and the achievement of their task in physical and online spaces.

Results

R.1. Detected the techniques, agents and actions that limit the civic space and the right to defend rights in the Euro-Mediterranean region, consolidating a participatory and applied research methodology for the action of political and social change.

R.2. The people and entities that defend human rights in the Euro-Mediterranean region have and appropriate sustainable and efficient mechanisms/resources for improving the protection of people and entities that defend human rights in the region.

R.3. Developed and applied a crossmedia communication and awareness strategy to raise awareness for the critical mobilization of civil society in Catalonia in the protection of civic space and the right to defend rights.

R.4. Implemented a multilevel sociopolitical advocacy strategy to promote the coherence of public policies based on human security, transparency and accountability in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

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