

**“Observatório da Imigração
- Immigration Observatory”**

This document is part of a larger collection of examples of current policies for young people in Europe. The collection is an outcome of a European research project called “UP2YOUTH – Youth: actor of social change?”

The basic idea of the “current practice” collection is to see how current practices and policies relate to young people as active agents in shaping their lives. Therefore, our intention is not a collection of “good” or “best” practices. Rather, it includes also practices, which are interesting because of their relation to young people’s agency but which involve problematic aspects, such as restricted financial resources, a very thin spread, or no clear evaluation criteria. We have applied a searching pattern which asked for “strengths” and “weaknesses”. This explicitly opens space for your own evaluation, because also policies are included, which definitely do have weaknesses, but are highly interesting for specific reasons. Therefore we have to stress that the researchers did not evaluate these practices themselves.

The whole collection can be found at <http://www.up2youth.org/content/view/192/60/>

Section	Indications of contents
Title of programme/ practice	Observatório da Imigração - Immigration Observatory (IO)
Location	Portugal
Main theme	Transition of young people with an ethnic minority or immigrant background
Practice/Programme-related keywords	Research Funding and Dissemination; Social Inclusion/ Integration of Migrant and Minority Ethnic Groups; Demystification of Stereotypes and Prejudiced Images
Summary of programme/ practice	The objective of the Immigration Observatory is to better understand immigration flows in Portugal. In this vein, the IO has been collecting and disseminating data and research on the topic of immigration, as well as systematically organizing statistical information on immigration flows, and supporting the dissemination of scientific studies by publishing several works on this topic: books, reports and thesis. Besides this, the IO has financially been supporting research projects by establishing protocols with several scientific research institutes. By producing and disseminating scientific information on immigration and immigrants groups, the IO intends to help the process of policy making regarding immigrants or people with ethnic background, and at the same to help demystifying stereotypes and prejudiced images regarding specific migrant and ethnic minority groups.

<p>Target</p>	<p>1) Target area: Portugal and immigrant and minority ethnic groups residing in the country of every nationality, age, social and economic background.</p> <p>2) Several topics on immigration: Attitudes and Values regarding immigration; Rights and Citizenship; Images and Representations; Media and Immigration; Traffic of Immigrants; Family Reunification; Young people and immigration; Second Generation; Migrant Women; Entrepreneurial Strategies of Immigrants; Immigration and Creativity ...</p>
<p>Objectives of programme/ practice</p>	<p>The High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue (http://www.acidi.gov.pt/) has set up the Immigration Observatory in order to deepen knowledge about the reality of immigration in Portugal and to specify, carry out and evaluate efficacious policies regarding the integration of immigrants.</p> <p>COMPETENCES OF THE IMMIGRATION OBSERVATORY</p> <p>From the list of competencies of the Immigration Observatory, the following can be highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather, process and make available at any moment information resources on the issue of immigration in our country and its intersecting aspects at a global level. • Encourage the collection of supplementary data or information not directly accessible from primary sources. • Build up files, studies and research, in collaboration with expert scientific and academic institutions in the subject area, which appear relevant for the drafting, guiding and improving of public policies referring to the issue of immigration. • Publish and distribute publications resulting from its activities, or from other sources of interest, to improving the sphere of knowledge about the issues considered by the Observatory. <p>Following the current dynamic of studies' production on different dimensions of the reality of immigration in Portugal, through the consolidation of studies already in the making and the creation of new research areas, the Immigration Observatory proposes an Activities Plan which main concern is to know more and better about the topic of Immigration in Portugal, in order to better plan, execute and assess public policies on immigrants' integration.</p> <p>To accomplish this goal, the Immigration Observatory will maintain the model of network intervention, by cooperating with Universities, Research Centres and Other Institutions, based on protocols with ACIDI (High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue) and other type of funding supporting institutions, such as the Foundation for Science and Technology and the Luso-American Foundation for Development.</p> <p>All the Studies will have an intermediary step of debate with the members of the Immigration Observatory and other consulting members in a workshop session. The study will be concluded after</p>

	<p>its public presentation and publishing.</p> <p>PROTOCOLS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ACIDI AND EIGHT RESEARCH CENTRES (2007/2008)</p> <p>The Immigration Observatory is structured by means of an informal network composed by the following research centres:</p> <p>PhD Roberto Carneiro, Coordinator of the Immigration Observatory</p> <p>Within the scope of the Immigration Observatory Activities Plan, a session of signature of the Protocols of Cooperation between the High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue and eight Research Centres, took place on the 16th of May of 2007. The protocols of cooperation encompass the development of research projects and the promotion of dissemination and debate activities, involving experienced research units on the study of migrations, intercultural studies, racism, and xenophobia in Portugal recognised by the scientific evaluation carried out by the Foundation for Science and Technology with a final classification of “very good” or “excellent”.</p>
<p>Content of programme/ practice</p>	<p>Creation of several collections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The studies collection; 2) The communities' collection; 3) The thesis collection; 4) The Intercultural Portugal collection; 5) The journal “Migrações” [Migrations]. 6) Newsletters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of several protocols with scientific research institutes for the implementation of new research projects. • Dissemination of any information regarding the topic of immigration: statistical data, scientific studies, meetings, workshops, conferences and seminars; news in the media. • Publications and on-going projects on young migrants, agency and migration, and creativity and migration: <p><u>Publications:</u></p> <p>Possidónio, D. (2006). <i>Descendentes de Angolanos e de Luso-Angolanos na Área Metropolitana de Lisboa: Inserção geográfica e social</i>. [Angolan and Luso-Angolan Descendants in Lisbon Metropolitan Area: Geographical and Social Integration]. Lisbon: ACIDI/OI</p> <p>Marques, M.M. & Martins, J. L. (2005). <i>Jovens, Migrantes e Sociedade da Informação e do Conhecimento</i> [Young People, Migrants, and the Information and Knowledge Society]. Lisbon: ACIDI/OI</p> <p>Nico, M.; Gomes, N.; Rosado, R. & Duarte, S. (2007). <i>Licença para Criar: Imigrantes nas Artes em Portugal</i> [Licence to Create:</p>

	<p>Immigrants and Arts in Portugal]. Lisbon: ACIDI/OI.</p> <p>Oliveira, C. R. (2005). <i>Empresários de Origem Imigrante: Estratégias de Inserção Económica em Portugal</i>. [Immigrant Entrepreneurs: Strategies of Economic Integration in Portugal] Lisbon: ACIDI/OI.</p> <p>Oliveira, C. R. (2004). <i>Estratégias Empresariais de Imigrantes em Portugal</i> [Entrepreneurial Strategies of Immigrants in Portugal]. Lisbon: ACIDI/OI.</p> <p><u>On-going Projects:</u> Crescer fora de água? Expressividade, posicionamentos e negociações identitárias de jovens de origem africana na região metropolitana de Lisboa. [Growing up “out of water”? Expressivity, positionings and identity negotiations of young people of African origin in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area.]. Research team: Marta Rosales; Susana Parma; Vanessa Jesus and António Oliveira – CEMME/UNL [Migration and Ethnic Minorities Research centre – New University of Lisbon]</p>
Time scale	The Immigration Observatory began in 2002 and has been carrying out its mission since then.
Programme/ practice design	<p>1) Development of programme/practice: Portuguese government (Presidency of Ministries Council)</p> <p>2) Decision-making actors and process: Portuguese government (Presidency of Ministries Council)</p> <p>3) Management and leadership of programme: Portuguese government (Presidency of Ministries Council)</p> <p>4) Legal framework: Decree-Law nº 167/2007, of 3 of May of 2007. http://www.acidi.gov.pt/docs/ACIDI/Lei_organica_ACIDI.pdf</p>
Resources involved	<p>The IO is part of the High Commission for Immigration and Intercultural Dialogue, which was first established in 1996 under the name High Commissariat for Immigration and Ethnic Minorities, and changed for a Commission in 2002. It depends directly from the Government, namely from the Ministry of Presidency. The High Commissariat, and later the High Commission, was created in a period characterised by the increase of immigration flows in Portugal. This increase was visible not only in terms of numbers, but also in terms of diversity of migrant groups. The creation of this particular observatory was intended to better understand these new and more diversified migration flows in the country and provide scientific data and studies.</p> <p>The IO is funded by the State – national economic budget.</p>
Evaluation	No information
Lessons to be drawn from programme or practice implemented	The Immigration Observatory has had an important impact on investment and dissemination of information and studies on immigration, which has contributed to a better understanding of

	<p>different realities concerning this topic, and the demystification of certain stereotypes and prejudiced images regarding immigrant groups. However, the Observatory only recently expanded its partnerships with research institutions, which should contribute to new and more diversified approaches to immigration studies.</p>
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<p>Other doc related to the programme/ practice</p>	<p>Collection "Studies and Documents of the Immigration Observatory" http://www.oi.acidi.gov.pt/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=20</p> <p>"Migrações" Journal http://www.oi.acidi.gov.pt/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=88</p>