



FUNDACIÓN AFIES

**Foundation for Education,
Research and Study**

Foundation AFIES

- Fundación Asistencial para la Formación, Investigación y Estudio (A.F.I.E.S.)
- Created in April 2002 in Seville.
- Working fields:
 - Education
 - Medicine (prevention of labor risks, dependence)
 - Research (multiculturalism, TICs, self-employment)
 - Project management (national and international)
- National scope (headquarters in Spain)



The team

- Professional
- Multidisciplinary
- Broad experience





Project management department

This department works on the draft, implementation and co-ordination of national and international projects

- by AFIES
- by any other entity

The department works on new call of proposals seeking for new resources in order to better our activities and those services offered to our clients.

Project management department : Main functions

- **Drafting and project implementation** to apply for grants to any administration (autonomous, central, local, European)
- **Drafting of technical specifications** in order to submit proposals to open calls.
- **Implementation, follow-up and assesment of projects.**
- **Follow-up and on-going update of all published novelties** within our interest.
- Draft of adjudication documents, presentations and all necessary documents necessary to the department.
- **Institutional contact** with donors.

Project management department: specialized areas

- **Educational projects.**
- **National projects** on research, dissemination, awareness campaigns, technical seminars, advice for employment, co-operation, etc.
- **Social projects** related to disadvantaged groups at risk of exclusion.
- **European projects** on education, research, dissemination, awareness campaigns, international co-operation, exchange, etc.



European Projects

Goal:

Giving an answer to the need of public entities, small businesses and NGO wishing to implement European projects and having difficulties to carry out them.



Services on European Projects:

- **Common functions to the Project Management Department.**
- Offering **information, documentation, advice and technical support to other entities.**
- Offering **information and education** on EU-related topics.
- Acting as a **Technical Office** for other entities, such as Junta de Andalucía (REVOS, Quality, PEOPLE)
- Participating as **partner in European Projects**, such as PEP, MINEM, NETWORK TO KNOW, QUIN)



QUIN

- Analyse on distance between EU and citizens
- Promotion of active participation, focusing on integration
- Dissemination of information about EU





QUIN: Goals

- **We wanted to listen to and understand the concerns of citizens and entities on immigration.** For that purpose, we organized meetings to provide a forum for this purpose.
- **Policy recommendations would be developed in terms of integration,** taking in consideration the results of the meetings and public participation.
- **To inform authorities about these concerns and citizens' participation,** holding meetings with policy makers at local, regional, national and European level.
- **To inform about the European Union,** by providing relevant information at local and European level.



QUIN: Achievements

- Participation and implication in EU matters through questionnaires and debates in workshops.
- Conclusions:
 - Immigration perceived as a problem
 - EU legislation is felt through effects, but unknown.
- Recommendations



EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME (M2)

- What appealed us:
 - Possibilities to speak up
 - Possibilities for launching a debate on social issues involving citizens.
 - Possibilities of interaction with EU decision-makers
 - Closeness to policy-making
 - Its openness to so many different topics
 - Enlarged participation (non-EU members)



EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME (M2)

- What we/ other entities might have missed:
 - Dissemination of the programme
 - Interaction with other ongoing projects (common pool)
 - Possible feedback on recommendations issued
 - Information on a EU global communication strategy



COMING MONTHS...

- Citizens' participation
 - Analyse
 - Bottom-up strategies
 - Civil society awakening
 - Policy recommendations for both EU policy-makers and participants
- BiH, Serbia, Spain, Other?



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**Thanks for the opportunity
to meet you**

and enjoy your stay!!