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Cyprus Training Session

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AZORES ?



- AZORES is an archipelago with very beautiful 9 island with 260.000 hab.;
- Far from Lisbon on 2 hours flying and 4.5hours from US (Boston);
- Large communities of immigrants in Toronto and Boston (more Azoreans outside Azores than in Azores);
- One of the ultra peripheral European Regions with specific funds;
- Agriculture and Tourism are de main economic activities.

EXPECTATIONS:



- Share **NC** best practices about European funds and local developments projects already implemented with other organizations;
- Learn more about European funds;
- Develop a network with other organizations about local development projects and best practices of European funds to apply in **Norte Crescente**.

NORTE CRESCENTE:



- NGO founded in 2003 actually with 1.000 users
- Main goal is the local development of 8 villages from the north coast of Ponta Delgada (the biggest Azorean town and municipality with 65.000 habitants);
- Is located in a rural area from an ultra peripheral region in a peripheral country with a very depressed economy (PIIGS);
- Local development is improve the local services about education (educational supplement), environment, sports, employment, culture, youth occupation and social exclusion;
- Local network with all the organizations (share resources).

MAIN PROJECTS:



- SPORTS CENTER :
 - youth, medium age and seniors:
 - 2 times per week with a accredited professor
 - Competition and occupation
 - Adventure sports, fitness and futsal
- BASIC EDUCATION FOR YOUTH:
 - young people with learn difficulties;
 - Basic skill, social behaviors, employability
- IT TRAINING:
 - unemployed youth

MAIN PROJECTS:



- ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION:
 - a change behavior project);
 - All ages but specially for children (to create new generations)
- PHOTOGRAPHY:
 - competition and training
 - creativity as way to social inclusion
 - promote local landscapes
- LOCAL FREE INTERNET POINTS:
 - one per village
 - a very important base of our work (were everybody goes when they need something from NC)

MAIN PROJECTS:

- DAY CARE CENTER
 - Family protection
 - Increase nativity
- EQUALITIES:
 - a citizenship project against prejudice
 - change behaviors
 - Strong partnership with the local school



FUTURE:

- EMPLOYMENT (actual unemployment is 16%)
 - unemployed low-skilled
 - Femenim unemployed
- TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
- LESS PROJECTS BUT BIGGER PROJECTS
- STABILITY
- NEW FINANCIAL RESOURCES
- BETTER LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

