



Promoting Intercultural Dialogue and Civic Education

Introduction

Fondazione Mosaico is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting intercultural dialogue, civic education, and positive change in cities, municipalities, and regional communities in Italy, Europe and the countries in the three continents facing the Mediterranean sea.

The foundation was born out of the pressing need to find ways of peaceful coexistence, fostering integration and tolerance. In today's world major migrations are a structural factor and can no longer be approached with a logic of emergency and fear.

In this context, urban space is the most involved geographical and social area, while national governments appear increasingly unable to provide concrete proposals and adequate solutions.

By offering practical experiences, projects, courses, lectures, and cultural initiatives, the foundation aims to create a virtuous circle that fosters collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the development of new models for cultural understanding and pacific coexistence.

Mission and Objectives

The mission of Fondazione Mosaico is to empower local actors, including



administrators, social workers, politicians, entrepreneurs, and cultural operators, to drive positive change and social regeneration in their respective regions. Through research and training activities, the foundation will provide theoretical approaches and share experiences from successful projects, enabling participants to create impulses for the development of new models for cultural transformation in the cities involved in the migration process.

The foundation's key objectives include:

- Facilitating access to practical experiences, projects, courses, lectures, and cultural initiatives for cities, municipalities, and regional communities interested in the foundation's themes.
- Organizing 15-day courses, known as "Summer" and "Winter" Schools, twice a year in Palermo, Italy, with a focus on promoting intercultural dialogue, civic education, urban regeneration and positive changes.
- Ensuring the courses are accessible to participants from various backgrounds, with a particular emphasis on engaging younger individuals.
- Establishing an international network of participants, allowing for ongoing communication, collaboration, and knowledge sharing after the courses.
- Creating a stable network of municipalities and communities, promoting cultural contamination, best practices, and international dialogue for peaceful coexistence.
- Expanding the network globally, fostering intercultural dialogue beyond the Mediterranean region.



Training Courses: "Summer" and "Winter" Schools

The foundation's primary focus is its 15-day courses, the "Summer" and "Winter" Schools, held twice a year in Palermo. These courses will bring together fifty participants from diverse backgrounds, providing them with a platform to learn, exchange ideas, and develop practical skills. The curriculum will revolve around intercultural dialogue, civic education, and the promotion of positive change in local communities.

Course highlights include:

- Engaging lectures and presentations by renowned experts in the field.
- Practical workshops, case studies, and group activities.
- Field visits to local projects and initiatives promoting intercultural dialogue.
- Opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge sharing among participants.

International Network and Collaborative Platform

At the conclusion of each course, participants will have the opportunity to join the international network of Fondazione Mosaico. This network aims to foster ongoing communication, collaboration, and active cooperation among the participants even after they return to their respective regions. Through a dedicated online platform, participants can exchange ideas, share best practices, and develop joint projects, strengthening the impact of their work.

Snowball Effect and Global Expansion

Fondazione Mosaico aspires to create a "snowball system" effect, where the foundation's influence and network grow exponentially over time. By leveraging the knowledge and experiences gained through the courses and international network,



the foundation aims to establish approximately two hundred "branches" for civic education and the promotion of an intercultural model of society in Europe and the Mediterranean region within the first three years of operation.

Furthermore, the foundation intends to have a dialogue with places in other continents, fostering intercultural cooperation on a global scale.

Support and Partnerships

Fondazione Mosaico welcomes support and partnerships from individuals, organizations, and institutions that share its vision. By collaborating with local and international entities, the foundation wants to expand its reach, leverage additional resources, and create a more significant impact.

Join us. Together we can foster positive change, develop new models for cultural transformation, and create a vibrant network promoting peaceful coexistence in Italy, Europe, the Mediterranean region and beyond.

Projects and Initiatives

- *Team "Research and Documentation"*: The Foundation will establish a dedicated team responsible for conducting research on topics related to mobility, environment, identity, rights, migration policies analysis and lifestyles in urban spaces and metropolitan cities. The research findings will contribute to the structuring and construction of the courses offered by Fondazione Mosaico. Furthermore, the team will compile a comprehensive database of research results, which will be made available to journalists as a valuable resource.
- *Mosaico Award*: Starting from 2023, the Foundation will present annually the "Mosaico Award" to those who have best represented the themes of "Freedom,



Equality, Peace" in the previous and current year. The award will recognize outstanding contributions in the fields of art, economics, society, politics, and community life. By highlighting these achievements, the Mosaico Award aims to inspire and celebrate individuals who embody the values and principles promoted by the Foundation.

- *"M – Mosaico Magazine"*: Fondazione Mosaico will publish a magazine called "M -Mosaico Magazine", three times a year. The magazine will feature articles, essays, and reports written by international journalists and experts, focusing on the central themes of the Foundation's work. Each issue will revolve around a specific topic such as "Water," "Migration," "Climate Change," and more. The magazine will be multilingual, ensuring a broader readership and a diverse range of perspectives.
- *Think Tank/Lab*: The Foundation will establish a Think Tank/Lab, bringing together international experts and journalists to engage in in-depth discussions and debates on the key issues related to the Foundation's work. This platform will complement the research carried out by the team as well as the content published in the "M" magazine. The Think Tank/Lab will foster intellectual exchange, generate innovative ideas, and contribute to the ongoing development of the Foundation's initiatives.
- *Local and Individual Initiatives*: In addition to its core programme, Fondazione Mosaico will support and encourage local projects in Palermo as well as in the places of origin of lecturers and seminar participants. These initiatives may include specific research projects, seminars, conferences, exhibitions, and artistic endeavors focusing on intercultural relations, interdependence, and cultural contamination. By embracing local and individual initiatives, the Foundation aims to diversify its impact and extend its reach within various communities.
- *Scholarships*: Fondazione Mosaico will offer scholarships for individuals interested in participating in "Mosaico" courses, pursuing further studies, or engaging in research related to the Foundation's mission. These scholarships will provide financial support to individuals who demonstrate a commitment to promoting intercultural dialogue and civic education. By offering scholarships, the Foundation aims to enhance accessibility and inclusivity, enabling a broader range of individuals to benefit from its educational and research programmes.

On migration: related projects

Fondazione Mosaico will illuminate the plight of migrants and immigrants.



Research and Documentation

a) Comprehensive Data Collection: Conduct in-depth research and data collection on migration patterns, including the routes taken by migrants, their demographics, and the challenges they face upon arrival in various countries.

b) Mapping Services and Resource Guide: Develop an interactive online platform that provides migrants and immigrants with essential information, including legal resources, healthcare facilities, language assistance, and support services available in different regions.

c) Policy Analysis: Analyze existing immigration policies and their impact on migrants and immigrants, highlighting gaps, areas for improvement, and opportunities for more inclusive approaches.

- *Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns*

A) Media and Public Awareness: Launch multimedia campaigns utilizing various platforms (social media, traditional media, community events) to raise public awareness about the experiences, contributions, and challenges faced by migrants and immigrants.

B) Cultural Events and Exhibitions: Organize cultural events, exhibitions, and artistic initiatives that showcase the rich cultural diversity brought by migrants and immigrants, fostering intercultural dialogue and challenging stereotypes.

C) Engaging Local Communities: Implement community engagement programs that facilitate direct interaction between migrants, immigrants, and local



communities, promoting mutual understanding, empathy, and social cohesion.

D) Integration Programs: Develop comprehensive integration programs that support migrants and immigrants in learning the local language, acquiring job skills, and understanding cultural norms, aiming to enhance their social integration and economic self-sufficiency.

E) Networking and Mentorship: Facilitate networking opportunities and mentorship programs that connect migrants and immigrants with established professionals in their individual fields, fostering career development and creating support networks.

- *Cross-Border Collaboration*

a) Regional Cooperation: Foster collaborations among countries to address common challenges related to migration, such as sharing best practices, harmonizing policies, and establishing joint initiatives for improved reception and integration.

b) Partnerships with NGOs: Forge partnerships with local and international NGOs working on migration-related issues, leveraging their expertise and networks to enhance the impact of Fondazione Mosaico's projects.

c) Academic Research and Exchange: Collaborate with universities and research institutions to conduct interdisciplinary research, exchange knowledge, and develop innovative solutions for the challenges faced by



migrants and immigrants.

By implementing these projects, Fondazione Mosaico can shed light on the realities faced by migrants and immigrants and advocate for their rights and inclusion, fostering a more compassionate and welcoming society.