



Fonds zur Förderung der Menschenrechte
in Gemeinden und Regionen
Elisabethstraße 50b
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Bericht über die Umsetzung des Arbeitsprogrammes/report on the implementation of the work-programme 2023

zur Vorlage und Beschlussfassung im Projektgremium des UNESCO Cat2 Zentrums zur Förderung der Menschenrechte in Gemeinden und Regionen/
to be approved by the governing body of the UNESCO Centre for the promotion of human rights at local and regional levels

Beschluss Projektgremium/ Decision of Project Committee: 15 April 2024

Genehmigung im Aufsichtsrat am /Approval in Governing Body on 27 June 2024

1 Management, Administration, Public Relations, Stakeholder Cooperation

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Rechtliche, finanzielle und organisatorische Geschäftsführung, Vertretung vor dem Fonds, nach außen und gegenüber Behörden;

Verwaltung, Personal, Beschaffung;

Inhaltliche Leitung, Arbeitsprogramm, Projektgremium, Berichtswesen;

Öffentlichkeitsarbeit;

Stakeholder Cooperation;

Legal, financial and organisational management, representation before the Foundation, externally and before the authorities;

Administration, human resources, procurement;

Strategic planning, work-programme, Project Committee, reporting system;

Public Relations;

Stakeholder cooperation;

Aktivitäten / Activities 2023

- Laufende Geschäftsführung und Verwaltung
- Rechnungsabschluss und Wirtschaftsprüfung 2022 und 2023
- Bericht zur Umsetzung des Arbeitsprogrammes 2022 und 2023

**International Centre for the Promotion of
Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels
under the auspices of UNESCO**

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- Evaluationsbericht 2022 und 2023 für UNESCO
- Teilnahme am Projektgremium, Aufsichtsratssitzungen
- Leitung und Koordination der Umsetzung des Arbeitsprogrammes 2024
- Erstellung des Arbeitsprogrammes 2024
- Personalwesen, Budgetierung und Drittmittelinwerbung
- Öffentlichkeitsarbeit, Erweiterung und laufende Aktualisierung des Internetauftrittes
- Kooperation: WHRCF, C2CPHR Argentina, RWI, UCLG, ALGA, UNESCO, UNHabitat, OHCHR, DESA, Council of Europe and European UNION agencies, ICCAR
- *Ongoing management and administration*
- *Statement of accounts and audit 2022 and 2023*
- *Report on the implementation of the work-programme 2022 and 2023*
- *Evaluation report 2022 and 2023 for UNESCO*
- *Participation in Project Committee and governing body meetings*
- *Management and coordination of the implementation of the work-programme 2024*
- *Establishment of the work-programme 2024*
- *Human resources, budgeting and acquisition of third-party funds*
- *Public Relations, increase and ongoing updating of the web presence*
- *Maintaining IT infrastructure*
- *Stakeholder Cooperation: WHRCF, C2CPHR Argentina, RWI, UCLG, ALGA, UNESCO, UNHabitat, OHCHR, DESA, Council of Europe and European UNION agencies, ICCAR*

Gesamt / Total 2023

100.711,78 (100.000,00)

Mittelherkunft: Deckung durch den Fonds / Sources: covered by the Foundation

2 Research and Monitoring

2.1 Schriftenreihe Zentrum/Chair / Publication Series Centre/Chair

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

UNESCO Lehrstuhl und Zentrum geben eine gemeinsame Schriftenreihe zu Menschenrechten auf lokaler Ebene (Human Rights Go Local) heraus. Publikation Volume 4. Vorbereitung Band 5.

UNESCO Chair and Centre publish a joined publication series on human rights at the local level (Human Rights Go Local). Publication of Volume 4. Preparation of Volume 5.

Gesamt / Total 2023

15.482,70 (20.000,00)

Mittelherkunft: Deckung durch den Fonds / Sources: covered by the Foundation

2.2 Monitoring the Right to Science

No financial means for the implementation could be made available by the Republic of Austria and other donors.

3 Capacity Building

3.1 Human Rights Education and Training

3.1.1. Roma Integration in Education

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Maßnahmen und Projekte zur Integration von Roma, insbesondere zum Recht auf Bildung. Maßnahmen zur besseren Schulintegration und zur Verringerung von Drop-out.

Measures and projects aiming at the integration of Roma, particularly focusing on the right to education. Measures for a better integration in school and reducing drop-out cases.

Ziele / Goals

Erarbeitung von Desegregationsplänen für Roma in der Bildung

Development of desegregation plans in education

Aktivitäten / Activities 2023

- Aufgrund der politischen Verhältnisse in Plovdiv/Bulgarien konnte keine Beratung von Plovdiv bei der Erarbeitung eines Desegregationsplanes in der Bildung durchgeführt werden.
- *Due to the political situation in Plovdiv/Bulgaria the implementation of desegregation projects in education could not been completed.*

Gesamt/total 2023

0,00 (10.000,00)

3.1.2. Human Rights Trainings African Academy for Local Gov. (ALGA)

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Erstellung und Durchführung von Online-Seminaren für den von ALGA in ganz Afrika angebotenen Fortbildungen für lokale öffentliche Verwaltung in Zusammenarbeit mit dem UNESCO Lehrstuhl für Menschenrechte und Menschliche Sicherheit und dem UNESCO Fieldoffice Cairo – sh daher 3.3.1.

Creating and conducting online seminars for the ALGA Africa-wide master's programme for local public authorities in cooperation with the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Human Security and the UNESCO Cairo Office – see TISCA 3.3.1.

3.3. Policy Toolkits

3.3.1. Arab Coalition of Cities and ICCAR (TISCA)

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Erstellung von digital-learning Toolkits und Women's rights chapter mit Verwaltungsmanagement und Politik aus arabischen Städten in Zusammenarbeit mit ICCAR (International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities) und UNESCO Cairo zum Toolkit for Inclusive Cities Modulen für den arabischen Raum im Rahmen der New Urban Agenda (NUA).

Conducting presentations and seminars for administrative management and politicians from Arab cities in cooperation with ICCAR (International Coalition of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities) and the UNESCO Office Cairo on the modules for the Toolkit for Inclusive Cities for the Arab region within the framework of the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

Aktivitäten / Activities 2023

- Dissemination der Toolkitsprachfassungen (arabisch, englisch, französisch)
- Publikation des Frauenrechtkekapitels in 3 Sprachen.
- Start des Projektes „Preventing Genderbased Violence on Campus“
- *Dissemination of the Toolkit in relevant language versions (Arabic, English, French)*
- *Publication womens rights chapter 3 languages.*
- *Start Project „Preventing Genderbased Violence on Campus“*

Finanzbedarf / Resources

Gesamt / Total 2023

11.335,96 (15.000,00 + 10000

(3.1.2.))

Mittelherkunft: Deckung durch den Fonds / *Sources: covered by the Foundation*

3.3.2. Toolkit for Equality (ECCAR)

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Der Toolkit for Equality ist ein Politikhandbuch für Städte in derzeit 13 Modulen und 9 Sprachen und wurde in Kooperation mit ECCAR, EC und UNESCO erstellt. Begleitend gibt es ein Selbstevaluierungstool mit 150 Indikatoren und ein Methodenhandbuch zur Erstellung von Toolkitkapiteln. Zur Umsetzung der im Toolkit angebotenen Politiken werden Seminare für Städte durchgeführt.

The Toolkit for Equality is a policy manual for cities currently comprising 13 modules and available in 9 languages. It was developed in cooperation with ECCAR, EC and UNESCO. There is an accompanying self-evaluation tool consisting of 150 indicators and a methodological handbook for the development of Toolkit modules. In order to implement the proposed policies in the Toolkit, seminars are conducted for cities.

The ACTION project supports European cities in the establishment of municipal 10-PPAs by means of direct consulting, webinars, and online courses.

Capacity building efforts for target cities were already initiated through webinars and consultation processes in the first project year. As started two months ahead of schedule, the project-partners initiated consultancy processes with 11 distinct cities by the end of the first project year.

Overall, the capacity building materials, including the dissemination of the TKE-chapter, have so far reached more than 500 professionals from local authorities due to the organisation of big events by the ECCAR, the ETC, and other institutions such as the FRA of the European Union. Exchange has been facilitated through seven events so far, each with between 20 to 100 attending participants.

In terms of the ACTION consulting offers, 63 counted beneficiaries were reached through direct exchange and consulting meetings. The active involvement and participation of European cities in the ACTION project has been one of the key achievements so far.

In order to monitor the quality of the project and to evaluate the results, the ACTION Steering Board (ASB) was established during the Assembly of ECCAR in Wroclaw on 19 June 2023

Aktivitäten / Activities 2023

- 4 Toolkit Workshops
- Erstellung neuer Module (10PPA, Equality Data Collection)
- Dissemination des Online-Evaluation-Tools
- *4 Toolkit workshops*
- *Developing new modules (10PPA, Equality Data Collection)*
- *Dissemination of the online evaluation tool*

Finanzbedarf / Resources

Gesamt / Total 2023

17.503,94 (25.000,00)

Mittelherkunft: Deckung durch den Fonds / Sources: Covered by the Foundation

3.3.3. City Reporting Online Tool

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

In collaboration with the ECCAR vice-presidency city of Barcelona, scientific support from the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels under the auspices of UNESCO and the ECCAR Office, ECCAR started a special project to launch a new digital reporting tool.

At the heart of this project were the needs of the ECCAR member cities. Therefore, the city of Barcelona launched a specific Working Group to understand what kind of reporting would be helpful for cities. Based on the needs expressed by the ECCAR member cities, the vice-presidency city of Barcelona, the International Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels under the auspices of UNESCO and the ECCAR office worked on a new digital reporting tool.

The aim of the new digital reporting tool was to make a simple online questionnaire and turn it into an easy-to-use database system. This makes it easier to report information by collecting data in a clear, organized, and consistent way. The development of the new digital reporting tool was financially supported by the European Union.

Gesamt / Total 2023

0,00 (15.000,00)

Mittelherkunft: Finanzierung durch ECCAR und EC/ Sources: **financing by ECCAR and EC 15.000,00**

4 Facilitating Knowledge exchange

4.1 Clearing House and Library

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Betreibung einer Onlinebibliothek

Maintaining an online library

Finanzbedarf / Resources

Gesamt / Total 2023 See 1.1.

4.2 Academy & Conference: Human Rights at Local Level: What Works

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Die „Winterakademie und Konferenz zu Menschenrechten in Gemeinden und Regionen“ unterstützt inklusive gesellschaftliche Entwicklung und Gleichstellung. Dabei sollen Brücken für alle Regierungsebenen, Wissenschaftsdisziplinen und Regionen gebaut werden. Austausch zwischen Politik und Wissenschaft wird moderiert. Die Umsetzung lokaler Menschenrechtspolitik wird dabei durch die Bereitstellung von Ergebnissen der Akademie an die Lokal- und Regionalpolitik im Rahmen der Konferenz angestoßen.

The Winter Academy and Conference on Human Rights at the Local and Regional Levels aims to support inclusive social development and equitable societies. The goal is to exchange expertise on methods of local human rights research in order to create a scientific basis of data as foundation for local level policy-making. The event aims to build bridges between all levels of governance, scientific disciplines and regions. Exchange between research and policy-making is moderated. The implementation of local level human rights policies is initiated by providing results of the Academy to local and regional authorities in the framework of the Conference.

As in previous years, the main output of the Academy was the adoption of an Outcome Document. It is a collection of 14 encouragements with which the participants of the event aim to motivate local governments worldwide to adopt effective human rights action plans to strengthen their accountability. The encouragements will further be complemented with explanatory remarks so that they can also serve as concrete guidelines for the effective and sustainable integration of human rights into local action plans.

At the culmination of several intensive days of the Academy, the closing Conference took place on February 8, 2024. This year's hybrid Conference was hosted in the Styrian television studio of the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation and broadcasted live via Zoom. A total of 50 invited guests attended the Conference in person at the television studio, while an additional 350 attendees from 44 countries joined online.

Ziele / Goals

Austausch von erprobten Methoden der Menschenrechtsforschung
Capacity-building betreffend Anwendung, Innovation, Kontextualisierung und Weiterentwicklung von Menschenrechtsindikatoren
Verstärkung der Verbindung zwischen Politik und Wissenschaft
Schaffung der Rahmenbedingungen für Menschenrechtsforschung auf lokaler Ebene
Schaffung eines Netzwerkes von Partneereinrichtungen zur zukünftigen Kooperation
Einbindung von Studierenden, um die nächste Generation von Menschenrechtsexpertinnen entsprechend vorzubereiten.

Exchange of field-proven practices of human rights research

Capacity building on the application, innovation, contextualization and further development of existing human rights indicators

Strengthen the links between research and policy-making

Establish the framework conditions for human rights research at the local level

Establish a network of partner institutions for future cooperation

Engage students, to adequately prepare the future generation of human rights experts

Aktivitäten / Activities 2023

- Vorbereitung und Durchführung der Akademie
- Vorbereitung und Durchführung der Konferenz
- Dokumentation
- Networking
- *Organization of the virtual Academy*
- *Organization of the conference*
- *Documentation*
- *Networking*

Finanzbedarf/resources

Gesamt/ Total 2023

56.477,54 (65.000,00)

Mittelherkunft: Deckung durch den Fonds, Kofinanzierung durch BMEIA/ Sources: Covered by the Foundation, cofinancing by **Republic of Austria (BMEIA) 20.000,00**

4.3 UNESCO Roadmap Policy Dialogues

UNESCO requested Centre to coordinate regional policy dialogues in order to fight and prevent structural racism.

No financial means for the implementation could be made available by the Republic of Austria and other donors.

4.4 Staff Visiting Programme

3 guests in 2023:

Svitlana Andreichenko, International Humanitarian University, Odessa, Ukraine

Kamilla Galicz, Scuola Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy

Vanessa Suelt Cock, Javeriana University, Bogotá, Colombia

Gesamt / Total 2023

0,00

Mittelherkunft: Finanzierung durch Universität Graz und EU/ Sources: Covered by the University of Graz and EU (Erasmus and other programmes)

4.5 Academic Cooperations in Teaching

In development with RWI Lund and Papisca Institute Padova

Co-Creation of AI engineering in a human rights based approach, together with Concordia University Montreal

The Director of the UNESCO Centre, Klaus Starl, taught a four-part module series at the University of Padova titled "Multi-level Governance: Human Rights at Local Level". The course blended theoretical and practical methods, and discussed several issues pertaining to the relevance of human rights at the local level. These included the importance of the local level for human rights, the multi-level governance framework, Human Rights Cities, the human rights-based approach to policy-making, and the role of cities, networks, and international organisations in the implementation and promotion of human rights.

Gesamt / Total 2023

0,00

Mittelherkunft: Finanzierung durch Universität Padua / Sources: Covered by the University of Padova 5.000,00

5 LABS!

Kurzbeschreibung / Description

Das Human Rights Lab Styria ist die Zusammenfassung aller Aktivitäten in Graz und der Steiermark, die der Erforschung und Erprobung von Menschenrechtsumsetzung und -projekten dienen. Aus den gewonnenen Erkenntnissen werden Methoden und Maßnahmen entwickelt, die dann andernorts eingesetzt werden können.

The Human Rights Lab Styria comprises all activities in Graz and Styria which serve the research and testing of human rights implementation and projects. Findings serve as input for development of methods and measures that can be applied elsewhere.

Ziele / Goals

Durchführung und Erprobung von Projekten, neuen Methoden und deren Evaluation, Aufbereitung und Verfügbarmachung für die Allgemeinheit.
Implementing, testing and evaluating projects as well as new methods and processing and making them available to the public.

Aktivitäten / Activities 2023

- Kinderrechtstadt: Konzept, Maßnahmen, Aktionsplan
- Kenne deine Rechte: Online Journal und Beteiligung
- Aktionsprogramme für Menschenrechte als Dienstleistung entwickeln
- Menschenrechtliche Evaluation für eGovernment
- Grundlegung für Menschenrechtsökonomie
- Grundlegung für ein MRStadt-Zertifizierungsverfahren
- *Children's Rights City: concept, measures, action plan*
- *Know Your Rights: online journal and participation*
- Action programmes as services
- Human rights evaluation of e-government
- Human Rights Economy concepts
- Concept for human rights city certification programme

Gesamt / Total 2023

35.232,97 (45.000,00)

Mittelherkunft: Deckung durch den Fonds,

Gesamtbedarf an finanziellen Mitteln durch den Fonds/ *total financial resources provided by the foundation:*

Euro 236.744,89 (290.000,00)