DECIDES ESPAÑA

For a more equitable access to and exercise of Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Spain

Under the framework of Programa de Ciudadanía Activa - Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA Grants) 2009-2014 for Spain, this project is based on the assumption that cultural factors are very important in the realization of sexual and reproductive rights (SRR) and it is inspired by the learning of cultural cooperation for development.

Given the growing cultural diversity and with the understanding that cultural factors are essential to improve access to and quality of health services as well as to counteract gender violence, this project develops research, training and awareness-raising activities designed to encourage an articulated approach to SRR, with a focus on both young and women of migrant origin.

DECIDES Program
Interarts promotes human development through culture and creates links between civil society, the private operators and public administrations.

Since 2007, Interarts is working on projects that contribute both to social change, that improves the health and welfare of people, and the design and implementation of public policies related to this issue. In this area, the foundation has expanded its projects, developed in collaboration with international NGOs such as FCI or PROMSEX, among others; and with the support of organizations like the AECID, the ACCD and Barcelona Solidaria from Barcelona City Council.

These projects, which have already been implemented in Bolivia, Ecuador, Mali and Perú, are part of the DECIDES Program (Cultural Rights to Promote Health and Development); its thematic areas are related to sexual and reproductive health: prevention of violence against women; the promotion of social inclusion and equity among youth, women and indigenous people; cultural rights; etc. Continuing this line of work, the DECIDES project will be developed in SPAIN.

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DECIDES ESPAÑA promotes a dialogue between sectors usually independent one from another (health, gender, education, culture, etc.) to foster a multidisciplinary and broad approach to SRR (as a right to receive a sexual education or to live in a violence free context).

75% of the activities are implemented in Catalonia, as it is one of the regions with the highest levels of immigration, but the project’s remit is national and its methodology has been designed to be replicated throughout the country.

Activities
Professionals from various public, concerted, private and Third Sector institutions, will develop and implement:

- An ASSESSMENT on equality of access to SRR services
The development of **EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL** on the role of culture in promoting SRR. These materials will **strengthen the cultural competencies** of the health sector as well as of key actors intervening in the field of SRR.

- **10 TRAINING WORKSHOPS** on the use of the educational materials by health professionals
- **5 AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES** geared towards civil society on sexual and reproductive rights and equality in a context of cultural diversity
- **1 WORKSHOP OF AUDIOVISUAL CREATION** and reflection on SRR
- **8 TALKS/PRESENTATIONS** on SRR in a context of cultural diversity and equality.

**Partner Institution for DECIDES ESPAÑA**

**Vall d'Hebron Institut de Recerca (VHIR)** is the research institute of the Vall d'Hebron Hospital, the main hospital structure of the Catalan region. Its public health/community health team of the **Unidad de Salud Internacional Drassanes-Vall d'Hebron (PROSICS Barcelona)**, integrated in its structure since 2013, has extensive experience in the field of **intercultural medicine**, both at local / national and international levels. They also have long experience in several areas of work and project methodologies: **applied research**, production of **educational material** grounded on scientific research, **training of trainers** and specific knowledge about **SRR in groups at risk**.

**Duration of the Project**

The project will have a **TOTAL DURATION** of 17 months

**START DATE**: 01/05/2014  
**END DATE**: 01/10/2015

**Budget**

The **global BUDGET** is **128,980,54€**

**More information**

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