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"To encourage immigrant's civic and cultural participation in Portuguese institutions, especially through their associations, aiming the promotion of full citizenship."

Immigrant NGO are privileged partners of ACIDI and key actors on behalf of the communities they represent.

- Established in 2004

- National Immigrant Support Centres - CNAI

- Promote Immigrant Associativism

GATAI´s Goals

- **Support planning, implementation and evaluation of immigrant associations initiatives**;

- **Technical support, evaluation and monitoring of the financial support** provided by ACIDI to the immigrant associations initiatives;

- **Capacity building activities of immigrant associations** through training of its leaders and the construction of instruments that allows the development of initiatives that promote a better acceptance and integration of immigrants and their descendants living in Portugal;

- **Promotion of immigrant associativism** by raising awareness of immigrants and their descendants to the importance of their participation in organised structures of civil society, as well as public and private entities of the key role of immigrant associations in the integration of immigrants and their descendants.

Working Areas

Recognition

Technical Support

Financial Support

IMMIGRANT ASSOCIATIONS

How can an immigrant association require the representativeness request?

Combine cumulatively the following requirements:

(Law n^{er} 115/1999 of 3 Aug, approved by the Decree-Law n^{er} 75/2000 of 9 May)

- Published statutes;

- Governing bodies regularly elected;

- Be registered on the National Register of Corporations;

- Have as their specific objectives the promotion of the rights and interests of immigrants or their descendants;

- Undertake activities to promote their rights and interests;

- Have a minimum of 100 members;

- At least 2 years of formal existence (COCAI's recommendation).

How can an immigrant association require the representativeness request?

Submit the following documents:

- Copy of the statutes and their statement published at the Government Official Journal;

- Copy of the minutes of the governing bodies's election;

- Copy of the ID card of legal corporation;

- Association's history report;

- Activity and accounts report of the last financial year and annual working plan activities;

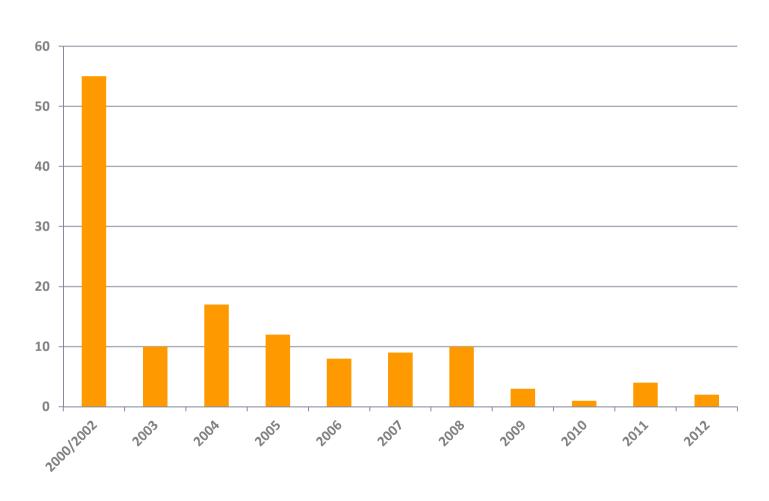- Statement with the total number of members.

Recognition Process

- Applying for recognition and all the necessary documentation

- Application's analysis

- Support and monitoring

- Reconnaissence's visit

- Technical Report by GATAI

- Inform COCAI about the Technical Report
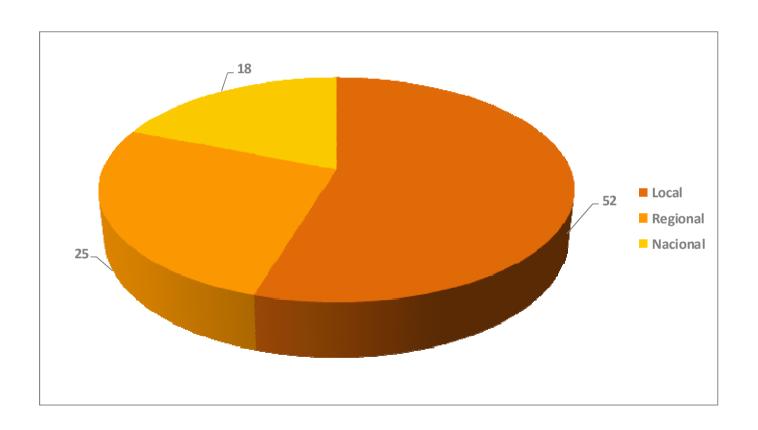
- Notify the associations about the final decision

Recognised Associations

- **Number of recognised associations per year and range**

YEAR	LOCAL	REGIONAL	NATIONAL	TOTAL
2000/01/02	26	19	10	55
2003	5	3	2	10
2004	10	3	4	17
2005	5	4	3	12
2006	6	2	0	8
2007	9	0	0	9
2008	8	0	2	10
2009	2	1	0	3
2010	1	0	0	1
2011	3	1	0	4
2012	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	77	33	21	131

Recognised Associations

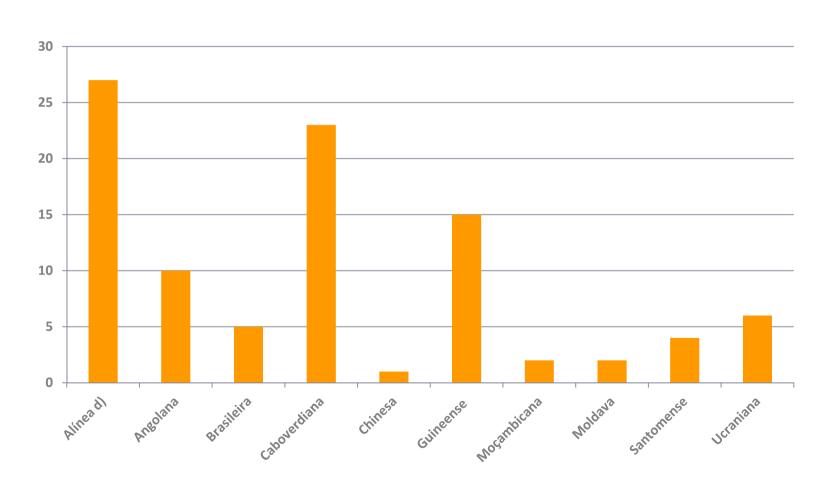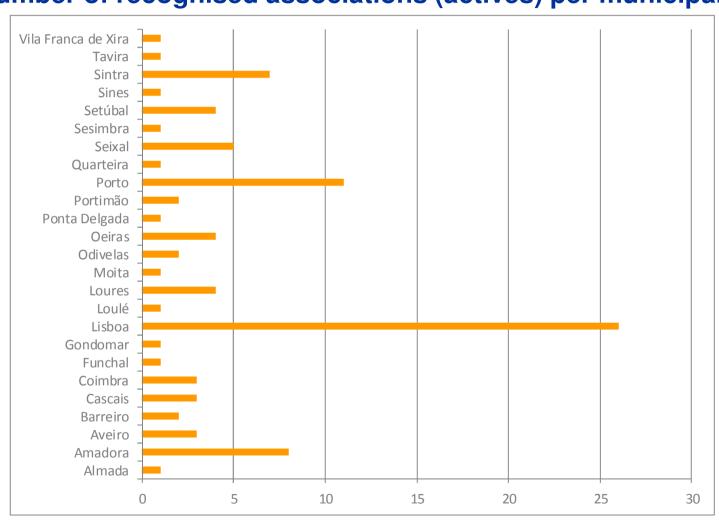■ **Number of recognised associations per year**

Recognised Associations

- **Number of recognised associations (actives) per range**

Recognised Associations

- **Number of recognised associations (actives) per community**

Recognised Associations

- **Number of recognised associations (actives) per municipality**
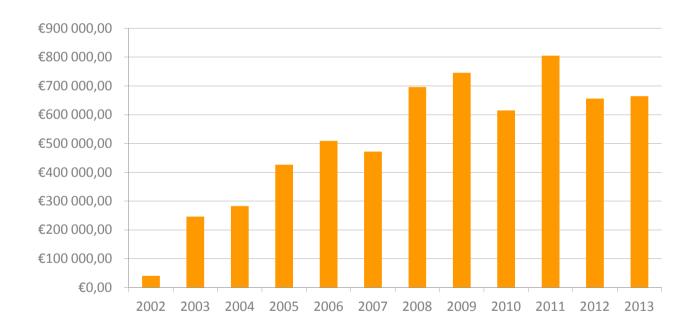
Technical Support

- Dissemination of the initiatives taken by immigrant associations

- Dissemination of the initiatives undertaken by other entities with potential interest for immigrant associations

- Short/Long Term Training Sessions

- Creation of support tools (support manuals, electronic platforms…)

- Documentation

- Availability of spaces for meetings, computers…

- Monitoring and participation in field projects, representing ACIDI in conferences, seminars, cultural meetings, workshops and other events organised by immigrant associations

- "*Conversas sobre o Associativismo*" (meeting about immigrant associativism, exchange of experiences…)

Financial Support

- Dissemination of the annual financing program (Support Program for Immigration Associativism)

- Short Term Training Sessions: How to apply for ACIDI's grants?

- Application's analysis

- Technical Report by GATAI

- Send the Technical Report for COCAI's knowledge and opinion

- Send the Technical Report for Secretary of State's knowledge and final decision

- Notify the associations about COCAI's opinion and the Secretary of State's final decision

- Monitoring of the projects funded by ACIDI

- Evaluation of the funded projects

Financial Support

- Evolution of the Financial Support

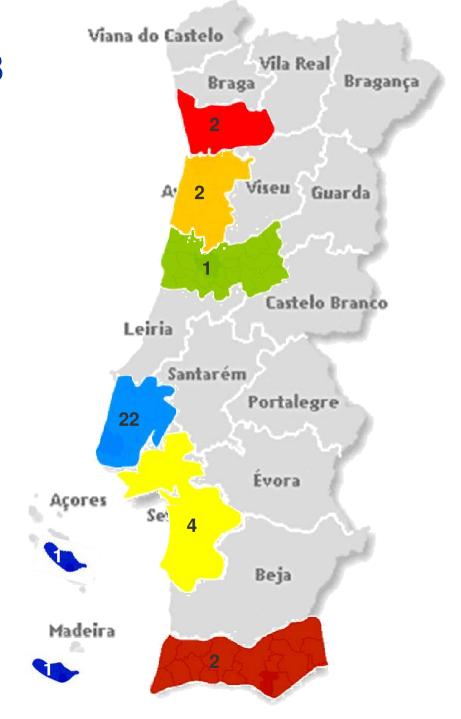- Total Financial Support (2002 – 2013) = 6.159.422,61 €

Financial Support in 2013

- Amount: **664.470,26 €**

- Number of Activities: **132**

- Number of Associations: **35**

- Target: **105.187**

- Number of involved organisations: **331**

Perspectives / Challenges

- **More than a peaceful coexistence among the associations should exist a larger correlation between them**

    - More concerted action

    - More effective work

    - More impact within the communities

- **Keeping "open door" and make other to open up ...**

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