

The Municipal Immigrant Day was instituted on September 17, 2008 and is a recognition of the Sintra City Council in view of the strong presence and valuable contribution of immigrant citizens in local life: *"We must recognize the role of all these men and women who left their countries of origin and chose Portugal as their homeland, and the county of Sintra as an address, contributing and enriching our country, not only with its work, but with a different perspective of being and acting"*.

In 2012, the City Council launched a challenge to its partners to carry out the actions that had already been programmed to promote cultural diversity and interculturalism during the month of September. This challenge was embraced and, thus, it was possible to construct a very diversified program that includes activities such as the presentation of films and documentaries, meetings, thematic lunches, exhibitions,... During this month, and thanks to the generosity, commitment, availability and enthusiasm of immigrant associations and institutions that work with the immigrant population in the territory of Sintra, there is also a day of celebration together with a program that invariably integrates activities such as workshops on cultural aspects of some of the communities in Sintra, musical performances, dances, exhibitions, gastronomic sharing with dishes from various origins or handicrafts shows.

Starting from the context of a work of permanent articulation with the Sintra City Council, which is developed throughout the year, September has thus been designated as the Migration Month always with the active participation of associations and institutions, which in the municipality of Sintra work with immigrant citizens.

The Sintra City Council and the Associations involved want participation in the activities - open to all residents and interested people - to be a moment of exchange and fraternal sharing between the various migrant communities in attendance and the local host communities