



JOSEFA FOUNDATION

A charitable foundation

:: BACKGROUND

Today in our European countries, the situation of migrants has become more and more precarious following the reinforcement of laws on immigration and multifaceted social crises. With many foreigners condemned to homelessness, the lack of housing is a sign of this deterioration.

The Josefa Foundation intends to respond, with others who have the will to take action, to the migrant crisis in Belgium.

By creating a living space in the centre of Brussels, in collaboration with various social and economic partners, **the Josefa Foundation** would like to rise to the challenge, within its scope, of welcoming, housing and accompanying migrants who have decided to live in Belgium.

We are convinced that migrants are a valuable asset and that working together as peacemakers, we will all benefit from the renewing of our perspectives.

:: APPROACH

Thus, **the Josefa Foundation** has given itself the goal of contributing to lasting and fair social inclusion through housing, as well as the integral development of refugees, who are made vulnerable by their forced migration.

Our Reception House, "Josefa", will be a beautiful, lasting and convivial habitat: it will be located in a Brussels commune where the public, health and social environment will encourage the inclusion of beneficiaries without jeopardizing the quality of life of the communities around it. Therefore, **the Josefa Foundation** will house beneficiaries who, accompanied by relevant social bodies, have committed themselves to a socially-oriented project aimed at ensuring their inclusion in the community.

In addition, **the Josefa Foundation** commits itself to welcoming the human person in all his/her dimensions (physical, psychological and spiritual) and respecting the personal convictions of each.

Finally, **the Josefa Foundation** will encourage, in its research centre, political thinking on migration, housing and social inclusion.

:: STRUCTURE

As it is set up under Belgian law, **the Josefa Foundation** has established lasting links with the existing authorities. The recognition of public interest will allow the mobilisation of significant material resources. To begin with, the backing of the King Baudouin Foundation will facilitate fundraising outside of Belgium.

The Josefa Foundation is managed by a board of directors assisted by a technical committee composed of four "areas": strategic and operational, human resources, administrative and financial management and fundraising.

:: RESOURCES

To reach its goals, **the Josefa Foundation**, a charitable foundation with capital in part consumable, will have a strong financial independence: a total amount of 10 million euros will be raised (with about 70 per cent coming from private contributions). The foundation depends on donors and philanthropic financial partners who are willing to support a major building project of architectural and environmental quality, in order to welcome refugees in Belgium with dignity and in a lasting way.

Thus in our "Josefa" house, space will be dedicated to an economic (parking spaces, housing, restaurants, food distribution...) or social (health care, daycare, multicultural centre) project. The structure of the building will become a showcase for a real estate developer or an innovative urban planner.

:: ETHICS

The Josefa Foundation will participate fully in the social inclusion of its guests (permanent accommodation, work or training) and in their integral development, through a "quality" approach, on the basis of the commitment of all the stakeholders involved. Therefore, the ethical foundation of **the Josefa Foundation** will be manifested in the abilities and the motivation of the project team and the transparency of the funds gathered, but also in the involvement of all parties, beneficiaries as well as donors, social partners as well as financiers, in order to encourage a peaceable coexistence with a changed perspective on each other.