







Transferring knowledge on climate change and circular economy from the Mexican diaspora

ACTION BASICS

Beneficiary	 <p>Mexican Talent Network UK (RGMX-UK) is a diaspora organisation founded in the United Kingdom in 2010 by diaspora with close links to academia. RGMX-UK is a national chapter of Red Global MX, a network founded in 2005 by the government-led Institute of Mexicans Abroad (IME) with the intention of connecting and engaging with highly qualified members from the Mexican diaspora.</p>
Duration	12 months
Sustainable Development Goals	  

MAIN FEATURES

Context & needs	<p>The main objectives of RGMX-UK have been to inspire and facilitate the creation of networks, partnerships and empowerment processes among their members and other stakeholders, to amplify the contribution of highly qualified diaspora professionals to Mexico's development from abroad, fostering knowledge transfer, entrepreneurship and strengthening the Mexican diaspora community.</p> <p>In line with its global priorities, RGMX-UK wants to continue contributing to the SDGs by engaging the academic diaspora in concrete actions for Mexico's development. To do so, they require capacity development to systemise diaspora knowledge transfer to bolster the development work of civil society organisations in Mexico. RGMX-UK has decided to pilot a system to do so in relation to SDG 13.3 (Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning). Mexico has made education around climate crisis a priority issue, recognising its global responsibility to act, especially being one of the most biodiverse countries in the world. As a megadiverse country, it can benefit from evidence and knowledge to enhance its education initiatives and inform further action.</p> <p>This action will create a pilot scheme to test how to complement government efforts via knowledge transfer from the diaspora and academia. In order to achieve a greater reach and impact, RGMX-UK seeks to strengthen interactions of the Red Global MX network system and to systematise and expand its membership base.</p>
Objectives	<p>General objective</p> <p>Create a structured scheme of knowledge generation and transfer between academic diaspora and Mexico and pilot it in climate change and circular economy education.</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map Mexican academia working on climate change (initially in the UK and eventually in Europe) • Strengthen RGMX-UK's network at the global level and promote its work • Co-design a toolkit for citizen climate change and circular economy education among RGMX-UK, CSOs and diaspora experts • Generate guidance to replicate and scale up academic diaspora knowledge transfer in other development sectors



ACTION PLAN

EUDiF areas of intervention

- Empowering diaspora organisations based in Europe
- Supporting partner countries in enabling diaspora engagement for development
- Fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships

Capacity development support

- Conduct assessments, research and/or evaluations**
 - Assistance in the **evaluation** of RGMX-UK's existing database of academia to identify gaps and the specific networking needs of the organisation
 - Assessment of needs and capacities** of RGMX-UK to prepare and coordinate the design of the toolkit, as well as the capacities of the relevant CSOs part of the network involved in its drafting, and to understand the educational needs of CSOs in Mexico
- Organisation of knowledge transfer events**
 - Training session** on the methodology to extend RGMX-UK's network
 - Organisation of **co-creation workshops** involving RGMX-UK's members and other chapters, diaspora members identified to work on the production of the toolkit
- Development of strategic documents and/or training tools**
 - Creation of a **methodology** to expand and strengthen the RGMX-UK's network of academics
 - Preparation of **tools** to organise co-creation events providing RGMX-UK with capacities to replicate such processes in the future
- Visibility and communication activities**
 - Organisation in Mexico of a **launch and dissemination event** for the toolkit to promote the work of RGMX-UK and build bridges between academic diaspora and CSO in Mexico

Outputs

- Needs assessment report** on RGMX-UK's database to identify its current status, gaps and understand the specific networking needs of the organisation
- Methodology** to expand the RGMX-UK network of academics, which will also provide tools to map academia for future co-creation knowledge transfer events
- Needs assessment report** on the capacities and needs of RGMX-UK and CSOs regarding climate change and circular economy education for the drafting of the toolkit
- Guide** for the organisation of co-creation events capturing the lessons learned from this pilot co-creation process
- Toolkit** for citizen climate change and circular economy education in Mexico, co-drafted by RGMX-UK, CSOs and the diaspora experts

Expected results

- RGMX-UK increases its institutional capacities to expand their network and map academic diaspora
- RGMX-UK increases its capacities to implement development actions in Mexico through the organisation of co-creation events
- Enabling environment for diaspora engagement is improved by strengthening RGMX-UK's relations with components of the global Mexican Talent Network (including other chapters and clusters, nodes in Mexico, and the Mexican government)
- Climate change and circular economy awareness is raised among Mexican CSOs involved in the action

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