



# TROS MEETING #2 - SPAIN

SEVILLA – CEUTA, 12-18 MARCH 2018

The route of the Strait and the Spanish south border



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### Introduction

The “Frontera Sur” (the south border of Spain) is located in the African continent. Due to the specific situation of Ceuta and Melilla, the Spanish enclaves in Morocco, the border is closed by an high fence popularly known as “la valla”.

Thousands of migrants are stuck in Morocco for months, or even years, waiting to jump or surrounding the fence and finally stepping into Spanish territory to apply for asylum.

The border between those two Spanish enclaves and Morocco is still marked by the phenomenon of “Porteo” (carry), an informal border trade practiced by women.

Seville is a transit city for migrants usually proceeding to the north of the country or to other European countries.

During the so called refugee crisis, Spain was supposed to receive 17.000 refugees through the relocation system. Less than 2000 arrived in the country and only few families in Sevilla.

### The Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía

APDHA is a no-profit organization established in 1990 that work for the full recognition of human rights as a tool for the society transformation. The aims and the activities of the organization are the following: Support to the people victims of human rights violations, Raising awareness on the need of the full application of human rights, Advocacy, policy making and research in the field of human rights defence. The organization counts 800 members and 9 local committes in Almería, Bahía de Cádiz, Campo de Gibraltar (Algeciras), Córdoba, Granada, Huelva, Málaga, Sevilla.

### THE ROUTE OF SOLIDARITY

*The aim of the project is to support active citizens fostering inclusion and mutual understanding with migrants and refugees in the European society by developing an international network of volunteers, strenghtening the knowledge of volunteers on EU migration policies and on the situation in border and transiting countries, exchanging best practices of developed at grassroot level, analyzing the new forms of active citizenship, and building a counter-narrative on refugees and migrants.*

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## PROGRAMME OF THE ACTIVITIES

### 12<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**Arrival of participants in Seville, Hostal Atenas**

**21.00: Welcome dinner in El Coco Verde**

### 13<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**9.00 Breakfast in APDHA corner bar**

**9.30 Welcome session by APDHA**

**10.00 Welcome session by European Citizenship Focal Point**

**10.30 Presentation of the participants & organizations/groups**

**11.15 Break**

**11.30 Exchange of practices and discussion on common challenges**

**14.30 Lunch**

**16.00 Workshop on “Frontera Sur” (The Southern border) by Ana Rosado , Diego Boza and Ana Castaño (APDHA)**

*Introduction to the Frontera Sur, Facts and figures, Ceuta & Melilla borders cities, The reception policy: CIE, CETI Y CAR, Unaccompanied minors. Women goods carriers*

**20.00 Aperitif and daily feedback in El Coco Verde**

**21.00 Presentation of the Soundroutes Project + Masharabiya concerts**

[www.soundroutes.eu](http://www.soundroutes.eu)

**21.30 Dinner**

### 14<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**8.30 Departure to Algeciras (transfer with van & cars)**

**11.30 -12.30 Concentration in front of the CIE with local activists**

**14.00 Ferry to Ceuta and lunch on-board**

**16:30- 18:00 Meeting with Red Cross – EIRE**

<https://www.facebook.com/Cruz-Roja-Ceuta-279486578812641/>

**18:30-20:00 Asociación Digmun**

<http://digmunceuta.blogia.com>

**20.30 Dinner**

## 15<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**7.30-10.30 Border circuit with local volunteers and “Porteo” observation**

**10.30 – 12.00 Free time**

**12.00 - Meeting with ACCEM** *(to be confirmed)*

<https://www.accem.es/>

**14.00 Lunch**

**16:30-18:00 Meeting with Pedagogía Ciudadana.**

<https://es-es.facebook.com/pedagogiaciudadana.ceuta/>

**18:30-20:00 Meeting with Association Elin**

<http://www.asociacionelin.com>

**20.30 Dinner with local activists.**

## 16<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**10.00-12.30 Visit to the CETI (Temporary reception center)**

**14.30 Ferry to Algeciras & feedback session onboard**

**15. 30 Departure to Seville**

**18.00 Arrival in Seville and check-in in Kitsch Hostel**

**18.30 Free time and free dinner in the city**

## 17<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

**9.00 Breakfast in APDHA corner bar**

**9.30 Workshop on European and Spanish legislation on migration** *by Carlos Arce (APDHA)*

**11.00 APDHA's advocacy work** *by Ana Rosado (APDHA)*

**12.00 Debate**

**14.00 Lunch in the framework of the day against racism** *organized by Plataforma Somos Migrantes.*

**16.00 Shaping a common message to address decision makers**

**18.00 Evaluation of the meeting**

**20.00 Public event: documentary movie “Samba”** *directed by Mariano Agudo with Mahmud Traoré in Caotica Café*

<http://intermediaproducciones.com/portfolio/un-nombre-borrado/>

## Discussion with Mariano Agudo with Mahmud Traoré

22.30 Good by dinner

18<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

### Departure of the participants

## HOW TO PREPARE THE DISCUSSION

In preparation of the group's discussions participants are required to prepare and elaborate the following points in relation to their experiences/organizations/groups/context:

- Sector of intervention
- Main Activities of the organizations
- Skills they can share with other activists
- Skills they would like to learn from other activists
- Social & Political challenges
- Discussion points on EU migration policies.

## WHAT YOU HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT CEUTA

The population of Ceuta and the administration, are very sensitive to the public image of the city. It is a bordering city and it is quite small, besides it has got an exceptional and specific political situation, due to its border management and migratory issues.

There is huge presence of soldiers, police officers and civil servants in and around the city, not only at the border or the nearby areas. In 2015, the Law of Citizen Security in Spain was approved, known by those organizations which work for human rights as "Ley Mordaza". Some of the key points to consider:

Police officer could force any citizen to identify themselves without any reason. The authorities have the right to do that and the rejection could lead into an economic fine.

It's forbidden filming or taking photos to any security force body based on their own security, under economical fine. There are many cases of organizations that despite having the authorization to film, have been fined even at an individual level.

Unauthorized gatherings of more 20 people and the obstruction of public roads-streets are also subject to sanctions or fines.

Some of the international organizations that work in the city which legal status is recognized as autonomous, work based on the principle of "neutrality". Organizations, activists and volunteers who work with migrants are very well known and committed.

APDHA is well known in the autonomous city and works frequently in the field, researching and reporting the migrants situation and issues as well as "porteadoras". Our relationship with other organizations and activists is very good. However, relations with the Ceutian administration is not exempt from obstacles and sometimes impediments. Filming inside the CETI is not allowed.



## GOOD TO KNOW

The meeting implies some traveling. Be prepared: reaching Ceuta from Seville take around half day each way.

The time of meals in Andalusia are delayed compare o other EU countries and the schedule of the programme follows the local costumes.

Some walk is expected, bring comfortable shoes.

If you have food restriction or special needs please inform APDHA before the arrival.

## ADDRESSES AND USEFUL LINKS

Hostal Atenas - Calle Caballerizas 1

[www.hostal-atenas.com](http://www.hostal-atenas.com)

El coco Verde - Plaza Jose Luis Vila 1

APDHA office - Blanco White, 5

Kitsh Hostel – Calle San Gregorio 1

<http://sevillakitschhoste.wixsite.com/hostelart>

Caotica Café – José Gestoso, 8



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