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The UN migration agency [International Organization for Migration \(IOM\)](#) and UFRGS will be working together in the certification of local migration policies as of this year. The cooperation agreement was signed in December 2019 by the IOM's Chief of Mission in Brazil, Stéphane Rostiaux, and UFRGS' President, Rui Vicente Oppermann.

The first joint action will be the certification of local migration policies developed by states and municipalities. The implementation of an online course about local migration governance and the creation of a methodology for the certification of municipalities involved in the process are also expected. The project intends to certify up to 30 municipalities in the first year, assisting them in mapping initiatives and building action plans. "Municipalities have a key role in successfully welcoming migrants," reinforces Stéphane Rostiaux. Pointing out that Brazil has more than 5 thousand municipalities, she emphasizes that "it is in the urban centers that the migrants settle and it is also where they access services and participate in the economy".

Roberta Baggio, UFRGS' project leader and professor for the Faculty of Law, highlights the leadership position of the institution regarding the matter: "Besides showing the growing relevance migration has been gaining in our university, the IOM partnership reasserts UFRGS' commitment both to the Brazilian society and to the international community". In its initial phase, the IOM partnership will involve professors and students of Law, Economics, and International Affairs and will include 2 full-time research grants destined to students of the institution. These students will act in facilitating the acquisition of knowledge by the University from the IOM and the Brazilian National School of Public Administration (ENAP). They will also help mobilize municipalities to participate in the process of certification.

OIM's role

The OIM acts in building tools that allow governments to appreciate how broad their migration policies are, unlocking migration's potential of development in favor of migrants and communities taken in. The certification tools open the dialogue on migration and allow sharing of information, recommended practices and identification of priority areas for improvement, what contributes to better planned and well-managed migration policies, aligned with objective 10.7 of UN's Sustainable Development Goals: a safe, orderly and responsible migration.

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