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The second-
hand market
is important
in the fight
against
climate
change
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Ibiza, Mallorca
Job placement
Reuse
Repair



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The Deixalles Foundation is an organization that works on socio-labor training and integration of people in social exclusion situations. The project began in Mallorca in 1986 and opened a delegation in Ibiza in 2003- where there are currently 24 workers.

At Deixalles, waste is the main work tool. The reuse of clothes, furniture and appliances, especially those which are put for sale after they are repaired, make their activity impactful, not only in social and solidarity economy aspects, but also environmentally.

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1. What values do you start from?

Deixalles was already created in its beginnings as an entity focused on the social and solidarity economy, where the environmental activity, as a participatory commitment of society, was a practical way of linking it to social work. PIMEM and Caritas' push was key.

2. What actions have you taken to achieve these values?

People offer their furniture, appliances and everything that can be reused and not thrown away through our telephone service. Every day we collect from between 3 to 5 homes. The truck carries the materials to the warehouse where they are weighed -and now also decontaminated. Once conditioned, they go to the workshops where the integration program's beneficiaries may repair or restore them. We have about 40 street containers for clothes. From everything we take we sort what can be sold in the warehouse. The remaining is sold for fiber recovery in the peninsula, for example, cotton, wool ... which can be used to make new products such as carpets, jeans We get a lot of clothes with expensive brand labels that end up in the container without having ever been used. Everything we consider suitable is put up for sale in our warehouse.

3. What does it mean to apply these actions, what is the return?

Second-hand sales have not declined since COVID. We thought that reusing might create more susceptibility or fear, but it hasn't.

Much more could be done which isn't due to lack of capacity. In Ibiza, for example, we don't have enough space, as the cost per m2 is very high.

The hotel sector generates a lot of waste. Every year, for example, they throw about 10,000 mattresses away because regulations oblige them to renew them. Because of our capacity, we can take on 800 -1000 mattresses, everything else is not recovered. There is a very large market that cannot be catered for.

4. How do you imagine the future?

More initiatives are needed to boost second-hand sales. People need to see its importance against climate change. We have a good relationship with the administration, both City Councils and the Council, but second-hand sales should be further encouraged and facilities provided to make this market grow. We would all come out winning.

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