After a long year of intense work, we were able to ensure new partnerships, to achieve some of our goals within the communities, and, most important of all, we continued to engage authorities, institutions and social actors to continue collaborating with the networks in order to build an environment of cooperation. Our actions were taken in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals, with focus on those of number 1 (no poverty), 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and 17 (partnerships for the goals).
This initiative had many steps until it resulted in the full revitalization of the area, and it only achieved its goal because it was a collaborative action. It was held during Porto Alegre's Week (March 23 2017) and the Selective Collection Week (July 6 2017). It counted with the participation of volunteers that worked on the revitalization of the space next to Fé e Alegria Institute, an organization that attends children in need, and to the Basic Health Unit (UBS) of Vila Farrapos, a village located in the Northern Zone of Porto Alegre.
The partnership of the Network of Sustainability and Citizenship with AEHN (Association of Companies of the Humaitá and Navegantes Districts) and IPA - Centro Universitário Metodista enabled that the request made by UBS Farrapos, Fé e Alegria Institute and the community ended in the revitalization of the space next to the Basic Health Unit of the village.

However, the process demanded resilience from the many actors that took part in the project. The first attempt to approach the community was taken with caution by local residents, so it was not until the second action that the community took full part in the actions and inserted itself in the project, realising that the space belonged to them.

Former Secretary of Institutional Relations Kevin Krieger and Mayor Nelson Marchezan were present, and the Mayor asked us to schedule a meeting to consider a way to franchise this action.
The picture on the left shows the vision you had when you entered the area, that was already cleaned up by DMLU (Municipal Department of Urban Cleansing). The green building is the Basic Health Unit (UBS) Vila Farrapos, the construction behind the grey wall is Fé e Alegria Institute and the alley between them was used as a garbage disposal location by the population. So the main task of the revitalization project was to clean it and to give the area a new, useful meaning, in a way that the community could interact with the space and appropriate it as their own. The picture on the right shows the work in progress.
THE RESULTS
The colorful writing on the wall says "take care of what is ours!", and the small black letters say "do not throw garbage here".
One of the recreational activities led by Fé e Alegria Institute with the children of the community.
This spot was one very critical because of all the waste left by people. In the end, it turned out being used as a multipurpose space: the wooden structure is used as a "stage" for gym classes for the elderly, as a playground for the kids (who love to play around in the area), as a living space for people to connect with each other and many other activities.
Resilience was the keyword in this whole project. The entire process took around four months to fully achieve its purposes. But now the results are even better than those expected: the community embraced the idea, and is treating the area with respect and taking care of it.

People organize fairs, garage sales and many other activities in the area, keeping it alive. The work of UBS Vila Farrapos and Fé e Alegria Institute is also very important, because they not only take care of the space, but also help people to keep engaged in their work.
THANK YOU