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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

The project « **Strengthening a Europe of solidarity in times of crisis** », Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns", has carried out 5 events as follows:

Venues of the activities:

Event 1. Venue of Activities: A Laracha (Spain) from 12th to 15th November 2019

Event 2. Venue of Activities: Kaunas (Lithuania) from 5th to 8th February 2020

Event 3. Venue of Activities: Qrendi (Malta) from 30th September to 3rd October 2021

Event 4. Venue of Activities: Gornja Rijeka/ Zagreb (Croatia) from 29th November to 2nd December 2021

Event 5. Venue of Activities: Venice (Italy) from 11th to 14th January 2022

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 258 citizens, including 217 local Spanish participants from the Municipality of A Laracha (Spain) and 41 International participants as following:

- 2 participants from the Municipality of Obshtina Mezdra (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Qrendi (Malta)
- 2 participants from Tukuma Novada Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the Community Enterprise of Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 2 participants from Kaunas Ausros Upper Secondary School (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Gmina Andrychow (Poland)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the Association Cultural, Recreativa, Deportiva, Xuvenil Muxema (Spain)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Ceska Trebova (Czech Republic)
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- 3 participants from the Association Innova Europe (Italy)
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- 2 participants from the Organization Education Innovante (France)
- 2 participants from the Il Polo Tecnico Professionale di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Organization BetterMaking Austria Verein Fur Die Aufwetung der Kommunikativen und kommunalen regionalen und Europaischen Jugendarbeit (Austria)

Location / Dates: The event took place in A Laracha (Spain) from 12th to 15th November 2019.

Short description: The first event, held in the auditorium of Municipality of A Laracha (Spain), was the Official Opening of the Project. The program of activities combined round tables along with technical lectures given by professors from the University of A Coruña. Including the different classes from the Secondary School invited, more than 150 people could benefit and listen to the reality of migrations and the integration of migrants in our local territory. Regional politicians such as Diego Calvo, Vicepresident of the Galician Parliament of Galicia or the Ministry of Social Welfare of Galicia, were present during the activities. NGOs, volunteering organizations, as well as entities like Red Cross had an important role in the program.

The program of activities ended with a symbolic town twinning ceremony after listening to the European Anthem.

This event was based on activities whose main axis of action were the European participants and the topics discussed. The working methods used in the activity plan achieved the objectives of the project, in line with those of the Europe for Citizens programme, and chapter 2.2, betting on the facilitation of intercultural knowledge, debate and the assimilation of the multicultural society in the one we live in; were similar to those of non-formal and informal education: promoting dialogue and facilitating reflection on the issues addressed. Throughout the project, use was made of ICT resources and informal work methodologies, which propose innovative activities with a strong impact on citizens.

To ensure the widest possible public impact it was organized several events of dissemination and visibility of the project and the program "Europe for Citizens", as information material was provided with the logos of the program, EACEA and the European Union, such as information brochures, posters, banners...

At the end of the event, an evaluation questionnaire was carried out, especially to analyze the level of interest, participation, commitment, and impact among the participants, where new ideas and suggestions for future projects were also collected.

Tuesday, 12th November 2019

Arrival of International Participants in A Laracha (Spain).

Welcome of foreign delegations in presence of the civil and political society and media.

Conference: Sociocultural context of the project, realities and problems of the migratory crisis in Galicia.

Accommodation in Hotel Gelmirez.

Welcome dinner

Knowledge of the partners involved and their cultural historical framework.

Visit to the historical and artistic heritage of the region.

Wednesday, 13th November 2019

10.00-13:00: Official presentation of the project to the media. Presentation of the project, topics and events to be held. Official reception by **Mr. José Manuel López Varela**, Mayor A Laracha (Spain) in the City Hall.

Opening of the Network of Towns

This first session was dedicated about the Conference: "Realities and problems about the migration in a sociocultural context of the project".

**Open Debate to the public interested in the previous topic. Questions from citizens.
Intervention of politicians, civil society, local associations, and NGOs.**

Moderator: *Fernando Rodríguez*, European Project Manager (Spain)

Speakers:

- **Belén Fernández Suárez**, Professor of Sociology at the University of Coruña. She is a doctor in Sociology from the UDC. Member of the Sociology of International Migration Team (ESOMI) of the UDC.
- **Wolfgang Sieberth**, Better Making Organization - Austria
- **Giancarlo Vettori**, Education Innovante - France
- **Irina Grauengaard**, Koge Business College - Denmark
- **Edita Stankeviciene**, Kaunas Ausros Upper Secondary School - Lithuania
- **Christopher Falzon**, Municipality of Qrendi - Malta
- **Anna Buda**, Municipality of Andrychow - Poland
- **Pedro Leal**, Municipio De Pinhel - Portugal
- **Sandis Ozolins**, Municipality of Tukums - Latvia
- **Despoina Ketoglidou**, Community Enterprise of Thessaloniki – Greece
- **Beatrice Briguglio**, Innova Europe - Italy
- **Felicia Grundsrom**, Musa - Sweden
- **Mariela Goranova**, Municipality Of Mezdra - Bulgaria
- **Liviu Gherghina**, Municipality of Poienarii De Arges – Romania
- **Jaromira Zakova**, Municipality of Ceska Trebova – Czech Republic
- **Rekka Papp**, Municipality of Kalonda - Slovakia
- **Ivan Jedvaj**, Municipality of Gornja Rijeka - Croatia
- **William Becker**, Diggout – The Netherlands
- **David Farkas**, Municipality of Holloko - Hungary

Question time/public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion with local associations, NGOs, and civil society of A Laracha.

16:00 Photographic exhibition in the City of Culture on the migration process of affected people.

Dinner

Thursday, 14th November 2019

09:00 Opening of the Town Twinning Ceremony: Signature of the Brotherhood Agreement- Execution of National and European Anthems, in presence of the civil society and media.

Institutional Greetings by the Mayor of Laracha, **Mr. Jose Manuel López Varela** (Spain)

Town Twinning Oath signing Ceremony

Institutional Speeches of the Mayors of the Municipalities involved, at the presence of several Mayors of the Galician Region, Civil and Military Authorities.

“5 Case Studies of Immigration”

12:00 Meeting with NGOs that work with people in situations of social exclusion, immigrants...
Five Case studies.

Moderator: **Fernando Rodríguez**, European Project Manager (Spain)

Case 1: Ms. Estefania Abelenda (Fundación Mujeres), working with migrants

Case 2: Mr. Yosi Ledesma (NGO ACCEM), National Prize of the Fight Against Poverty

Case 3: Mr. Eduardo Laces, Citizen of A Laracha migrant in the UK for 30 years

Case 4: Mrs. Beatrice Briguglio, a human history of solidarity

Case 5: Mrs. Belén Rosbier, Argentinian Entrepreneur Migrant Living in Galicia

Closure by **Miss Cristina Pichel Toimil**, General Director of Youth, Volunteering and Participation in the Regional Government of Galicia

Question time / public debate, questions about the issues under discussion.

Conclusion of the daily Session.

16:00 Guided Visit to the Parliament of Galicia. Institutional Meeting with the vice-president of the Galician parliament, **Mr. Diego Calvo**, and deputies.

18:00 Exposition: Europe for Citizens Programme: “What opportunities does it offer?”

20:00 Dinner

Friday, 15th November 2019

First Event monitoring and evaluation activities, to receive feedback from the participants on the implemented activities.

Gastronomical immersion.

Planning of the 2nd Meeting in Kaunas, Lithuania, and Farewell greetings.

Departures of International Participants.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 204 citizens, including 162 Lithuanian local participants from the Municipality of Kaunas (Lithuania) and 42 International participants as following:

- 2 participants from the Municipality of Obshtina Mezdra (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Qrendi (Malta)
- 2 participants from Tukuma Novada Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the Community Enterprise of Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 3 participants from Municipality of A Laracha (Spain)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Gmina Andrychow (Poland)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the Association Cultural, Recreativa, Deportiva, Xuvenil Muxema (Spain)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Ceska Trebova (Czech Republic)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Pinhel (Portugal)
- 3 participants from the Association Innova Europe (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Opcina Gornja Rijeka (Croatia)
- 2 participants from the Koge Business College (Denmark)
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- 2 participants from the Organization Education Innovante (France)
- 2 participants from the Il Polo Tecnico Professionale di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Organization BetterMaking Austria Verein Fur Die Aufwetung der Kommunikativen und kommunalen regionalen und Europaischen Jugendarbeit (Austria)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Kaunas, Lithuania, from 5th to 8th February 2020.

Short description: The second event took place in the Secondary School of Auris, partner in the project, more than 190 local people attended the two sessions organized in the auditorium of the gymnasium in Kaunas. A full dose of positivism by listening to the testimony of migrants perfectly integrated into the society as well as technical lectures comparing the good practices and measures implemented in the Baltic countries.

The vicemayor of Kaunas and its team from social services did not want to miss the opportunity to greet the European delegations and give us the opportunity to visit a refugee center in the neighborhood of Kaunas.

This event was based on activities whose main axis of action were the European participants and the topics discussed. The working methods used in the activity plan achieved the objectives of the project, in line with those of the Europe for Citizens programme, and chapter 2.2, betting on the facilitation of intercultural knowledge, debate and the assimilation of the multicultural society in the

one we live in; were similar to those of non-formal and informal education: promoting dialogue and facilitating reflection on the issues addressed.

Throughout the project, use was made of ICT resources and informal work methodologies, which propose innovative activities with a strong impact on citizens.

To ensure the widest possible public impact it was organized several events of dissemination and visibility of the project and the program "Europe for Citizens", as information material was provided with the logos of the program, EACEA and the European Union, such as information brochures, posters, banners...

At the end of the event, an evaluation questionnaire was carried out, especially to analyze the level of interest, participation, commitment, and impact among the participants, where new ideas and suggestions for future projects were also collected.

Wednesday, 5th February 2020

Arrival of foreign Participants in Kaunas (Lithuania).

Welcome of foreign delegations in presence of the civil and political society and media.

Presentation of the project. Introduction to the problem of social and cultural integration. Reality and problems of the migratory crisis.

Accommodation in Hotel.

Welcome dinner.

12:00 Knowledge of the participants and their cultural historical framework. Workshop: "I, you, them and Europe".

Thursday, 6th February 2020

10.00 to 13.00: Welcoming speech and song by the school chorus

Official reception at Kaunas Ausra Upper-Secondary School and institutional greetings by

Mr. Povilas Maciulis, Vicemayor of the Municipality of Kaunas

Conference: "Europe, the old continent: challenges and opportunities of cultural integration"

Opening of the Conference and second Event by the political representatives:

Conference

"Europe, the old continent: challenges and opportunities of cultural integration"

Moderator: **Fernando Rodríguez**, European Project Manager (Spain)

Speakers:

- **Mr. José Manuel López Varela**, Mayor of A Laracha (Spain)
- **Mr. Tomasz Zak**, Mayor of Andrichow (Poland)
- **Mr. David Michael Schembri**, Mayor of Qrendi (Malta)

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion.

Afternoon:

Round table with experts in volunteering.

16:00 Exchange of good practices in the field of cultural integration

18:00 Intercultural workshop: "Without prejudice, without stereotypes, with diversity"

20:00 Dinner

Friday, 7th February 2020

10:00 Meeting with Members of Municipality of Kaunas in Meeting Rukla Refugee Center.

11:00 Knowledge of the institution and social policies. Contributions of the participants of their realities.

12:00 Conference: "Human Rights and the European Union"

Conference
“Human Rights and the European Union”

Moderator: **Mrs. Beatrice Briguglio**, European Project Manager (Italy)

Opening of the Conference.

Speakers:

- **Ms. Reka Papp**, Mayor of Kalonda (Slovakia)
- **Mr. Csaba Szabo**, Mayor of Holloko (Hungary)
- **Mr. Dragos Nicolae Boncea**, Mayor of Poienarii de Arges (Romania)

Conclusion of the daily Session by Director of Rukla Refugee Center.

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion.

Afternoon:

16:00 Knowledge of Cultural Heritage.

18:00 Workshop: "What social policies would you change for greater cultural integration?"

20:00 Dinner

Saturday, 8th February 2020

Documentary screening on refugee camps in southern European countries.

Brainstorming: "Proposals to improve the economic and labor conditions of migrants.

Second Event monitoring and evaluation activities, to receive feedback from the participants on the implemented activities.

Gastronomical immersion.

Planning of the 3rd Meeting in Qrendi, Malta, and Farewell greetings.

Departures of International Participants.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 112 citizens, including 72 Maltese local participants from the Municipality of Qrendi (Malta) and 40 International participants as following:

- 2 participants from the Municipality of Obshtina Mezdra (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from Tukuma Novada Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)
- 2 participants from Kaunas Ausros Upper Secondary School (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Gmina Andrychow (Poland)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the Association Cultural, Recreativa, Deportiva, Xuvenil Muxema (Spain)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Ceska Trebova (Czech Republic)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Pinhel (Portugal)
- 3 participants from the Association Innova Europe (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Opcina Gornja Rijeka (Croatia)
- 2 participants from the Koge Business College (Denmark)
- 2 participants from the Association Musa (Sweden)
- 3 participants from the Municipality of A Laracha (Spain)
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- 2 participants from the Organization BetterMaking Austria Verein Fur Die Aufwetung der Kommunikativen und kommunalen regionalen und Europaischen Jugendarbeit (Austria)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Qrendi, Malta, from 30th September to 3rd October 2021.

Short description: The third event took place in the municipality of Qrendi, Malta. The Mayor of Qrendi showed us different migrant centers and described the everyday life of the people escaping from their home to find a better life in Europe.

The program included the meeting with the Ministry of Social Policies, technicians from NGO's working hand to hand to refugees and migrants and a complete lecture of the possible solutions to increase the quality of life. We could also observe how Mafias take advantage of migrants, describing a horrible situation in the south of Europe.

This event was based on activities whose main axis of action were the European participants and the topics discussed. The working methods used in the activity plan achieved the objectives of the project, in line with those of the Europe for Citizens programme, and chapter 2.2, betting on the facilitation of intercultural knowledge, debate and the assimilation of the multicultural society in the one we live in; were similar to those of non-formal and informal education: promoting dialogue and facilitating reflection on the issues addressed. Each day a specific theme was addressed from a global perspective that was the conceptual framework of the event, each one of them turning around a theme linked to migration and the movements created around it to mitigate its negative effects. Throughout the project, use was made of ICT resources and informal work methodologies, which propose innovative activities with a strong impact on citizens.

To ensure the widest possible public impact it was organized several events of dissemination and visibility of the project and the program "Europe for Citizens", as information material was provided with the logos of the program, EACEA and the European Union, such as information brochures, posters, banners... At the end of the event, an evaluation questionnaire was carried out, especially to analyze the level of interest, participation, commitment, and impact among the participants, where new ideas for future projects were also collected.

Thursday, 30th September 2021

Arrival of foreign Participants in Qrendi (Malta).

Welcome of foreign delegations in presence of the civil and political society and media.

Presentation of the project to the media. Requests and questions.

Introduction to intercultural dialogue.

Debate: "Immigrants and their political rights"

Accommodation in Hotel.

Welcome dinner.

Friday, 1st October 2021

10.00 to 13.00 at the City Council of Qrendi.

European Round Table: "Migration and Human Rights at European borders". Intervention of politicians, civil society, local associations and NGOs.

Welcome speech by Maltese Member of Parliament, **Dr. Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi**, Parliamentary secretary for European Funds.

Institutional greetings from:

- **Mr. José Manuel López Varela**, Mayor of A Laracha (Spain)
- **Mr. David Schembri**, Mayor of Qrendi (Malta)

Conference

“Europe, the old continent, challenges and opportunities for migrants, No Prejudices, no stereotypes”

Moderator: **Fernando Rodríguez**, European Project Manager (Spain)

Speakers:

- Mr. **Alexander Tortell**, Integration Advisor
- Mr **Glen Cachia**, Restoring Family Links Officer
- Minister **Dr. Owen Bonnici**, Minister Equality, Research, Innovation, and the Co-Ordination of Post COVID-19 Strategy.

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion
Conclusion of the morning session

Afternoon:

16:00 Workshop: "Social benefits of the multicultural respect"

18:00 Debate: "Culture, multiculturalism and interculturality"

Visit to the artistic historical heritage of the territory

20:00 Dinner

Saturday, 2nd October 2021

10:00 Visit to: Open Centre at Marsa, The Open Centre at Hal-Far, The Closed Centre at Hal-Far and The Detention Centre at Hal-Safi

12:00 Exposition: Knowledge of the institutions and intercultural support policies

Direct participation of the most relevant stakeholders around the Project initiative.

Exposition

“Knowledge of the institutions and intercultural support policies”

Address on the challenges of migrants living within the community

Institutional Greetings by:

- **Mr. Josef Azzopardi**, Mayor of Marsa (Malta)
- **Mr. José Manuel López Varela**, Mayor of A Laracha (Spain)

Afternoon:

Exposition from the promoter Municipality: "Channels of democratic participation and European citizenship"

Digital updates

Dinner with typical regional dance

Sunday, 3rd October 2021

Third Event monitoring and evaluation activities, to receive feedback from the participants on the implemented activities.

Gastronomical immersion.

Planning of the 4th Meeting in Gornja Rijeka, Croatia, and Farewell greetings.

Departures of International Participants.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 104 citizens, including 62 local Croatian participants from the Municipality of Gornja Rijeka (Croatia) and 42 International participants as following:

- 2 participants from the Municipality of Obshtina Mezdra (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Qrendi (Malta)
- 2 participants from Tukuma Novada Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the Community Enterprise of Thessaloniki (Greece)
- 2 participants from Kaunas Ausros Upper Secondary School (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Gmina Andrychow (Poland)
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- 2 participants from the Il Polo Tecnico Professionale di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Organization BetterMaking Austria Verein Fur Die Aufwetung der Kommunikativen und kommunalen regionalen und Europaischen Jugendarbeit (Austria)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Gornja Rijeka/Zagreb (Croatia) between 29th November 2021 to 2nd December 2021.

Short description: The fourth event, was held in the Municipality of Gornja Rijeka (Croatia). The last European country admitted in the Union, offered a new perspective on the Baltic problem and the mediterranean issue. The participants could discover the Balcanic integration of migrants and rising problem, the extinction of Croations who abond their country, especially young labor force that move to Germany, Switzerland and other countries in Europe with better laboral perspectives. In this event, very moved and touched by covid-19 crisis, was finally implemented, and all entities had the opportunity to visit the European House in Croatia, the office of the European Comission in the Country, as well as the City of Zagreb, where the deputy mayor and all his team detailed the strategy to intregate migrants coming to Zagreb.

One of the objectives, in line with the priorities of Europe for Citizens program, was also to create a strong and long-term transnational network open to the values of friendship, solidarity, intercultural dialogue and interaction between citizens with a bottom-up approach to the European Agenda.

Activities, using ICT tools, were scheduled, such as conferences, roundtables, case studies, question time, interactive workshop, project work and cultural visits, requiring the active participation of citizens with attention to migrants, associations, NGO's, politicians, experts, public administrations, cultural, social, and economic actors, and citizens never involved in this kind of projects. In addition, a working group was created to create new ideas for European projects, as well as other actions of the program for the integration of immigrants and the management of the migratory flow.

The program was an opportunity for a greater exchange of methodologies, interaction between representatives and citizens, to have cooperation in sustainable perspective. The project encouraged citizens to reflect what type of society they want, while they strengthened their sense of belonging.

To ensure the widest possible public impact it was organized several events of dissemination and visibility of the project and the program "Europe for Citizens", as information material was provided

with the logos of the program, EACEA and the European Union, such as information brochures, posters, banners...

Finally, at the end of the event, an evaluation questionnaire was carried out, especially to analyze the level of interest, participation, commitment, and impact among the participants, where new ideas and suggestions for future projects were also collected.

Monday, 29th November 2021

Arrival of foreign Participants in Gornka Rijeka (Croatia)

Welcome of foreign delegations in presence of the civil and political society and media.

Presentation of the project to the media

Introduction to equality policies: "Women, migration and gender equality".

16:00 Visit to the artistic historical heritage of the Croatian territory.

18:00 Interactive workshop: "Goals for Europe: Horizon 2030"

Accommodation in the Hotel.

Welcome dinner.

Thursday, 30th November 2021

10:00 Debate at Secondary school Sidonije Rubido-Erdödy.

European Anthem played by a local musician with the municipal corporation of Gornja Rijeka and representatives of the educational, business and social spheres.

Debate

“Good and bad practices for the promotion of cultural, social and gender equality”

Moderator: **Fernando Rodríguez**, European Project Manager (Spain) Speakers:

Institutional greetings by:

- **Mr. David Fistrovic**, Mayor of Gornja Rijeka (Croatia)
- **Mr. Darko Koren**, Prefect of Koprivnica – Krizevci (Croatia)
- **Mr. José Manuel López Varela**, Mayor of A Laracha (Spain)
- **Mr. Tomasz Zak**, Mayor of Andrichow (Poland)
- **Mr. David Schembri**, Mayor of Qrendi (Malta)

12:00 Conference with the previous representatives: "What is the future of Europe without equality?"

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Conclusion of the daily Session

Afternoon:

16:00 Video forum: "Realistic perspective of Europe in 2030"

18:00 Integration and diversity – Life Stories:

- **Mr. Issam Dbouk** (Lebanon), Doctor living in Gornja Rijeka for 20 years
- **Ms. Nancy Abdel Sakh** (Sudan), Working on migrant issues

Typical Croatian dinner.

Farewell Greeting from the participating authorities.

Wednesday, 1st December 2021

10.00 Institutional Meeting at the House of Europe in Croatia with **Mr. Ognian Zlatev**, Head of the European Commission in Croatia, the youngest EU member state

12:00 Conference on the Future of Europe – experience in Croatia

Getting to know the modern building and Knowledge of democratic institutions and local, regional and national administrative levels.

Round Table
“Unaccompanied minors, what solution does the family have?”

Speakers:

- **Ms. Ivana Perlić Glamočak**, Senior advisor on Directorate for Immigration, Citizenship and Administrative Affairs.
- **Mr. Michel Tromp**, President of Diggout (The Netherlands)
- **Ms. Elvira Omerovic**, CCD NGO Chairman
- **Mr. Yunus Emrea Ozudogrua**, Migrant integrated in the Croatian society

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion
Conclusion of the daily Session

Afternoon:

16:00 Debate on local, regional and European policies on illegal immigration.

18:00 Workshop: "Euroscepticism: Challenge or problem?" by **Mr. Ivan Jedvad**

Update of social networks and profiles

20:00 Dinner

Tuesday, 2nd December 2021

10:00 Presentation of programs to promote solidarity and social integration.

Meeting with the President of the City Assembly, **Mr. Joško Klisović**. Getting to know the integration strategy of the city of Zagreb

11:00 Brainstorming: Incentives for equality and cultural coexistence.

16:00 Cultural and gastronomic immersion of Croatia

18:00 Update of social networks and profiles with the topic discussed

20:00 Evaluation of the event. Conclusions.

Planning of the 5th Meeting in Venice (Italy) and Farewell greetings.

Departures of International Participants

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 122 citizens, including 82 local Italian participants from Il Polo Tecnico Professionale Di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner (Italy) and 40 International participants as following:

2 participants from the Municipality of Obshtina Mezdra (Bulgaria)

2 participants from the Municipality of Qrendi (Malta)

2 participants from Tukuma Novada Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)

2 participants from Kaunas Ausros Upper Secondary School (Lithuania)

2 participants from the Municipality of Gmina Andrychow (Poland)

2 participants from the Municipality of Poienarii de Arges (Romania)

2 participants from the Association Cultural, Recreativa, Deportiva, Xuvenil Muxema (Spain)

2 participants from the Municipality of Ceska Trebova (Czech Republic)

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2 participants from the Organization Education Innovante (France)

3 participants from the Municipality of A Laracha (Spain)

2 participants from the Organization BetterMaking Austria Verein Fur Die Aufwertung der Kommunikativen und kommunalen regionalen und Europäischen Jugendarbeit (Austria)

Location / Dates: The last event took place in Venice (Italy) from 11th to 14th January 2022.

Short description: The last event in Venice gathered several actors and institutions, where they discussed about gender equality, migration policies and the future of EU. Activities, using ICT tools, were scheduled, such as conferences, roundtables, case studies, question time, interactive workshop, project work and cultural visits, requiring the active participation of citizens with attention to migrants, associations, NGO's, politicians, experts, public administrations, cultural, social, and economic actors, and citizens never involved in this kind of projects.

One of the objectives, in line with the priorities of Europe for Citizens program, was also to create a strong and long-term transnational network open to the values of friendship, solidarity, intercultural dialogue and interaction between citizens with a bottom-up approach to the European Agenda. In addition, a working group was created to create new ideas for European projects, as well as other actions of the program for the integration of immigrants and the management of the migratory flow.

The program was an opportunity for a greater exchange of methodologies, interaction between representatives and citizens, to have cooperation in sustainable perspective. The project encouraged citizens to reflect what type of society they want, while they strengthened their sense of belonging to the EU.

To ensure the widest possible public impact it was organized several events of dissemination and visibility of the project and the program "Europe for Citizens", as information material was provided with the logos of the program, EACEA and the European Union, such as information brochures, posters, banners...

Finally, at the end of the event, an evaluation questionnaire was carried out, especially to analyze the level of interest, participation, commitment, and impact among the participants, where new ideas and suggestions for future projects were also collected.

11th January 2021

Arrival of foreign Participants in Venice (Italy).

Welcome of foreign delegations.

Presentation of the project to the media, civil society, businessmen and politicians.

Socio-cultural context of the project, realities and problems of migration in Italy.

Visit to the artistic historical heritage of Venice.

Update social networks and dissemination of results.

Accommodation in Hotel.

Welcome dinner.

12th January 2021

10:00 Interactive debate: "Rediscover the values of the Union"

Debate

“Rediscover the values of the Union”

- **Mr. Michelangelo Lamonica**, Director of the Il Polo Tecnico Professionale Di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner (Italy)

- **Mr. José Manuel López Varela**, Mayor of A Laracha (Spain)

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion Conclusion of the daily Session

Afternoon:

16:00 Screening of a documentary on the situation in the countries regarding immigration in Hungary, Greece and Italy.

- Speaker: **Mr. Michelangelo Lamonica**, Director of the Il Polo Tecnico Professionale Di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner (Italy) about “The huge economic phenomenon of the migration inside of the country of Italy”

18:00 European mobility: Youth programs and EVS promoting European integration

20:00 Dissemination of results

Typical Italian dinner and dance

13th January 2021

10:00 Meeting with political representatives from the social and local sphere in the knowledge of the different integration successful programs in the City of Venice.

12:00 Conference: "Local, regional and European migration policies: a common point"

Conference

“Local, regional and European migration policies: a common point”

- **Mr. Giancarlo Vettori**, Professor of Il Polo Tecnico Professionale di Venezia Vendramin Corner

- **Mr. Venturini**, Social Counsellor of the City of Venezia

Question time/public debate, questions about issues under discussion. Conclusion of the daily Session

Afternoon:

16:00 Meeting with volunteers from local associations to share their experience and work in the field of immigrants, solidarity and cooperation.

Speakers from **Jumping Project Red Capovilla Nandino**: “The network of private social solidarity as a tool for inclusion of migrants from not European countries”

18:00 Presentation of the migratory realities of the 20 participating countries.

Dinner

14th January 2021

10:00 Presentation of the results of all the months of the project.

12:00 Proposal of projects. Elaborate or implement projects resulting from the network cooperation of associated organizations.

14:00 Farewell meal

16:00 Closing ceremony of the project. Intervention of all political and local authorities, representation of local associations with citizens.

Questionnaire of Final Evaluation.

Closing of the project and farewell greetings.

Departures of International Participants

REFERENCE PROGRAMME:
EUROPE FOR CITIZENS' PROGRAM
 Strand2: Democratic engagement and civic participation
 2.2: Network of Towns
**Project: “Strengthening a Europe of
 solidarity in times of crisis”**

<i>Partnership</i>		
Name	Country	Role in the project
Municipality of A Laracha	Spain	Applicant
Obshtina Mezdra	Bulgaria	Partner
Municipality of Qrendi	Malta	Partner
Tukuma Novada Izglitibas Parvalde	Latvia	Partner
Community Enterprise of Thessaloniki	Greece	Partner
Kaunas Ausros Upper Secondary School	Lithuania	Partner
Municipality of Gmina Andrychow	Poland	Partner
Municipality of Poienarii de Arges	Romania	Partner
Association Cultural, Recreativa, Deportiva, Xuvenil Muxema	Spain	Partner
Municipality of Ceska Trebova	Czech Republic	Partner
Municipality of Pinhel	Portugal	Partner
Association Innova Europe	Italy	Partner
Municipality of Opcina Gornja Rijeka	Croatia	Partner
Koge Business College	Denmark	Partner
Association Musa	Sweden	Partner
Municipality of Obecny Urad V Kalonde	Slovakia	Partner
Municipality of Hollókő	Hungary	Partner
Association Stichting Digg Out	The Netherlands	Partner
Organization Education Innovante	France	Partner
Il Polo Tecnico Professionale di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner	Italy	Partner
Organization BetterMaking Austria Verein Fur Die Aufwetung der Kommunikativen und kommunalen regionalen und Europaischen Jugendarbeit	Austria	Partner
<i>TOTAL number</i>		20

Short Program of the Meeting

Venues of the activities:

Event 1. A Laracha (Spain) from 12th to 15th November 2019

Event 2. Kaunas (Lithuania) from 5th to 8th February 2020

Event 3. Qrendi (Malta) from 30th September to 3rd October 2021

Event 4. Gornja Rijeka (Croatia) from 29th November to 2nd December 2021

Event 5. Venice (Italy) from 11th to 14th January 2022

Summary:

"Strengthening a Europe of solidarity in times of migration" was a project promoted by the Municipality of A Laracha, Spain, whose main objective was the search for understanding, integration and the creation of new points of view through dialogue and reflection of European citizens, helping to improve understanding of the European Union, as well as its history and diversity of citizens, promoting European citizenship, increasing citizen and democratic participation, understanding the current situation of the EU in relation to migration policies and to search of alternatives and new challenges to overcome.

The project held the organization of 5 thematic meetings: A Laracha (Spain) from 12th to 15th November 2019, Kaunas (Lithuania) from 5th to 8th February 2020, Qrendi (Malta) from 30th September to 3rd October 2021, Gornja Rijeka (Croatia) from 29th November to 2nd December 2021 and in Venice (Italy) from 11th to 14th January 2022. Participation levels were extremely high: 800 direct participants, more than 350 indirect participants and 20 countries involved (Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, France, Bulgaria, Denmark, Hungary, Bulgaria, Austria, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Croatia).

To achieve the objectives of the project, in line with the priorities of Europe for Citizens program, it was needed to create a strong and long-term network, proposing activities based on the reinforcement of active participation in European society such as round tables, interactive workshops, conferences, case studies, cultural visits... The project aimed to find an answer to the migratory crisis currently experienced in Europe, both internally, between their own countries, and externally; Citizens' understanding of the Union's policy process was strengthened by promoting opportunities for social and intercultural engagement, directly addressing concepts such as migration, Euroscepticism, solidarity that revolves around their environment or social and cultural integration policies. Therefore, participants were encouraged to exchange opinions and best practices with the aim to formulate new ideas and concrete proposals.