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

Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

7 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 129 citizens, including 2 participants from the country of ALBANIA, 6 participants from the country of BELARUS, 2 participants from the country of BELGIUM, 4 participants from the country of FRANCE, 1 participants from the country of GEORGIA, 4 participants from the country of GERMANY, 3 participants from the country of GREECE, 2 participants from the country of ITALY, 1 participants from the country of LATVIA, 1 participants from the country of MACEDONIA, 2 participants from the country of PORTUGAL, 6 participants from the country of REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, 1 participants from the country of ROMANIA, 6 participants from the country of RUSSIA, 1 participants from the country of SERBIA, 3 participants from the country of SLOVAKIA, 3 participants from the city of SLOVENIA, 3 participants from the city of SPAIN, 1 participants from the country of SWEDEN, 25 participants from the country of UKRAINE, 2 participants from the country of UNITED KINGDOM.

Location / Dates: The event took place in KRAKOW (Poland), from 27/03/2017 to 28/03/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was to create platform of discussion for stakeholders from Malopolska Region and from all project's areas involved about migration problem on the local level in Europe.

Participants took part in the panels:

1. Municipalities in the Face of the Challenges of Migration Policy in Europe
2. Migration Crisis and its Influence on Labor Market
3. Integration of Immigrants at the Local Level – Challenges and Good Practices

The panels was a part of the European Congress of Local Governments, which brought together over 1500 guests across Europe: representatives of local governments, public administrations, governments and parliaments, nongovernmental organizations. The inclusion of this topic in the Congress will represent an important opportunity of debate on the topic of migrants and minorities inclusion and of meeting for stakeholders coming from all Europe.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 155 citizens, including 2 participants from the country of POLAND, 2 participants from the country of GREECE, 1 participant from the country of GERMANY, 2 participants from the country of SLOVENIA, 2 participants from the country of SPAIN.

Location / Dates: The event took place in TURIN (Italy), from 11/05/2017 to 12/05/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was dedicate a conference of information and sharing to the reception and inclusion projects of refugees in the Piedmontese rural Municipalities, especially in the mountains. During the meeting, detailed topics were discussed such as:

- What opportunities for refugees in the Italian mountains? What opportunities for the Italian mountains in welcoming refugees? ": Presentation of research results
- The reception of refugees in extra-urban areas: risks and potential for integration
- How the rural community is able to express social integration
- The testimonies of the territories

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 83 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of TURIN (Italy), 2 participants from the city of COMUNE DI PRIERO (Italy), 2 participants from the city of MADRID (Spain), 2 participants from the city of ZAGORJE OB SAVI (SLOVENIA), 2 participants from the city of WARSAW (Poland).

Location / Dates: The event took place in VERIA and THESSALONIKI (Greece), from 20/06/2017 to 21/06/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was the identification of best practices for the facilitation of refugees leaving conditions in regional level and how the local authorities correspond to the humanitarian crisis and the necessary steps towards the refugees' integration into the local communities.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 600 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of TURIN (Italy), 2 participants from the city of MADRID (Spain), 2 participants from the city of ZAGORJE OB SAVI (SLOVENIA), 2 participants from the city of WARSAW (Poland), 2 participants from the country of GERMANY, 2 participants from the city of THESSALONIKI (Greece).

Location / Dates: The event took place in PRIERO (Italy), from 19/10/2017 to 21/10/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was International Focus group on migrations' good practices in Europe.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 53 citizens, including 14 participants from the city of ZAGORJE OB SAVI (Slovenia), 10 participants from the city of TRBOVLJE (Slovenia), 6 participants from the city of HRASTNIK (Slovenia), 5 participants from the city of LITIJA (Slovenia), 3 participants from the city of MADRID (Spain), 2 participants from the city of LEIPZIG (Germany), 2 participants from the city of WARSAW (Poland), 2 participants from the city of DRESDEN (Germany), 2 participants from the city of THESSALONIKI (Greece), 2 participants from the city of Turin (Italy), 1 participants from the city of PRIERO (Italy), 1 participants from the city of BUDAPEST (Hungary), 1 participants from the city of TOHOLAMPI (Finland), 1 participants from the city of CHICLANA DE LA FRONTERA (Spain), 1 participants from the city of LÜNEBURG (Germany), 1 participants from the city of DRUSKININKAI (Lithuania).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zasavje region, in municipalities of Hrastnik, Trbovlje, Zagorje ob Savi, Slovenia, from 08/05/2018 to 10/05/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the variety of cultures in Zasavje region through food. Participants were able to see the consequences of working migrations in the region and how people and children are integrated into the society. We visited local primary school and take part in English lesson, with the emphasis on how to include other cultures into classes and what does that mean for pupils and their internalizing of intercultural dialogue.

The main event was the public even 'Južna, Južna' which took place in Zagorje ob Savi. The organizer invited foreign local associations, EVS volunteers and associations from Slovenia, which presented their typical dishes and diversify the event with cultural programme. Part of the event was also Living Library, where participants were able to choose 'the book' and listen to the one's story, which was connected to migration and foreign culture. The whole purpose of the 'Južna, Južna' event was to give people the view into the foreign cultures, living in their region and make space for intercultural dialogue.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 160 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of TURIN (Italy), 2 participants from the city of MADRID (Spain), 2 participants from the city of ZAGORJE OB SAVI (SLOVENIA), 2 participants from the city of THESSALONIKI (Greece), 2 participants from the city of THESSALONIKI (Greece), 4 participants from the city of WARSAW (Poland).

Location / Dates: The event took place in LEIPZIG (Deutschland), from 25/06/2018 to 26/06/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the developments of university in the labour market and perspectives for refugees on the labour in Saxony, Thuringia and the EU. The EU partner discussed at the workshop the labor market integration from an EU perspective.

Event 7

Participation: The event involved 141 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of LEPZIG (Germany), 2 participants from the city of ZASAVJE (Slovenia), 2 participants from the city of COMUNE DI PRIERO (Italy), 1 participant from the city of TURIN (Italy), 4 participants from the city of KOZANI, FLORINA and PTOLEMAIS (Greece), 2 participants from the city of KRAKOW (Poland).

Location / Dates: The event took place in COSLADA (Madrid - Spain), from 22/11/2018 to 23/11/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was share experiences about the economic impact of immigration in EU, during the meeting the participants explained the different strategies applied at European Level in the context of immigration.

With the aim of completing the experiences described in the event, during the second day visits were made to centers of attention to immigrant and refugee population.