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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"

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 51 citizens, including 33 participants from Slovenia, 4 participants from Greece, 5 participants from Kosovo, 3 participants from Poland, 2 participants from Cyprus, 2 participants from Italy, and 2 participants from Montenegro.

Location/Dates: The event took place in Zasavje region, (Slovenia) from 28/03/2019 to 30/03/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to establish the foundations of the project and make acquaintances among project participants. The activities were aimed to strengthen intercultural dialogue, tolerance and to exchange good practices. Association for Developing Voluntary Work Novo mesto (also a partner in ALL IN project) presented migrations and its challenges and gave a theoretical framework to Slovenian experiences with recent migrations. Through a workshop, using World Cafe Methodology, the participants were encouraged to think and to exchange good practices of integration in their countries. At Youth Center Trbovlje, participants were presented with a Safe Haven project, which was co-financed by Erasmus + Programme, and the result of the project – the Suitcase game in which participants were confronted with different situations, which are a part of migrants' everyday life. An important aspect of the project is the variety, which can also be addressed through culinary, so we presented Slovenian culture through a variety of tastes (Zasavje and Slovene cuisine, jointly with the food of foreign cultures that can be found in Zasavje region) together with cultural program. We were also discovering the culture of one of the most represented migration minority in Zasavje region. Dinner and cultural program were hosted by Serbian Cultural Association Sava Hrastnik. Rich cultural heritage of Zasavje region was presented through virtual and augmented reality at 4th Dritel, the Virtual Museum of Coal Mining.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 72 citizens, including 37 participants from Kosovo, 2 participants from Montenegro, 2 participants from Italy, 4 participants from Slovenia, 1 participant from Cyprus, 2 participants from Greece, 2 participants from Poland, 21 participants from Serbia, 1 participant from Switzerland, and 1 participant from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Location/Dates: The event took place in North Mitrovica, (Kosovo) from 5/06/2019 to 8/06/2019

Short description: The aim of the event called "Shape of multi-ethnic" was to make project partners aware of the unique intercultural environment of Mitrovica and northern Kosovo* in general. We were fully aware that the usual image of Kosovo* presented to the world is that of conflict and instability. We wanted to show that behind these narratives common people live. Project partners had the opportunity to visit the Roma settlement in Mitrovica, where the representatives of Caritas Kosova and UNICEF presented the history of the settlement and how its inhabitants migrated during and after the conflict of 1999. Later, partners visited three families, with whom Caritas professional team works (with both,

parents and children) according to Portage methodology, and they witnessed the positive impact it has on education. We saw the documentary “Sound bridges of Kosovo” by Birol Urcan – the unique story of an amateur multi-ethnic big band, one of a kind in former Yugoslavia, which was very emotional for everyone present and raised awareness about the vivid multicultural environment in Kosovo. Through the workshop/panel in Civic Energy Center, partners were introduced with Competencies passport methodology and its application to the work with vulnerable groups, especially with migrants and returnees (repatriated persons). Representatives from local NGOs provided us with information about EU programmes available for students and CSOs in Kosovo* at EU House premises. We were also hosted by the members of an NGO “Vredne Kolasinke”, who promotes and preserves traditional heritage at Gazivode lake, where we experienced traditional cuisine and handcrafts. On the last day, ALL IN participants joined an inclusive creative workshop held at the private cultural center “Aquarius”. Members of the Children’s art studio, pupils from primary school “Vlado Cetkovic”, and members of the informal group “UM za decu” demonstrated some ceramics painting techniques. Later, the products of the workshop were distributed by workshop participants to local cafes.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 81 citizens, including 16 participants from Poland, 8 participants from Ukraine, 7 participants from Italy, 6 participants from Czech Republic, 5 participants from Greece, 5 participants from Croatia, 4 participants from Montenegro, 4 participants from Slovenia, 3 participants from Spain, 3 participants from Portugal, 2 participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2 participants from Kosovo, 2 participants from Germany, 2 participants from Serbia, 1 participant from Belgium, 1 participant from Cyprus, 1 participant from France, 1 participant from Georgia, 1 participant from Ireland, 1 participant from China, 1 participant from Lithuania, 1 participant from Hungary, 1 participant from Malta, 1 participant from Norway, 1 participant from Slovakia, and 1 participant from UK.

Location/Dates: The event took place in Krynica - Zdroj, (Poland) from 3/09/2019 to 5/09/2019

Short description: The aim of the event called “Discussion & dissemination” was to participate in sessions and events, share knowledge and good practices at transnational level, and foster intercultural dialogue at one of the biggest events in Europe – Economic Forum. Through workshop entitled “Neighbours from Across the Eastern Border. Migrants from Ukraine in Polish Society” we got to know about the current status of Ukrainian migrants in Poland – problems they face, forms of assistance, events organized by and for the Ukrainian minority, etc. Project partners took part in two panels concerning migration. The discussion ‘Labour Migration – a Chance or a Challenge?’ focused on various – both positive and negative – aspects of economic migration in Europe, and the panel ‘Integrating Immigrants – Social Challenges to be Faced, Political Price to be Paid’ where participants of the discussion tried to find an answer to the question of how to stop the migration crisis and how to integrate immigrants effectively. They also got to participate in many interesting plenary sessions concerning a variety of topics and with them raise knowledge about European policy and civic participation. Since a big part of the project ALL IN is also local cuisine, with which we can bring a piece of foreign culture to every single household, we were also enjoying an intercultural evening with local Polish cuisine.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 56 citizens, including 39 participants from Italy, 3 participants from Greece, 3 participants from Montenegro, 3 participants from Kosovo, 2 participants from Slovenia, 2 participants from Poland, 1 participant from Cyprus, 1 participant from France, 1 participant from Hungary, and 1 participant from Lithuania.

Location/Dates: The event took place in Rome, (Italy) from 26/11/2019 to 28/11/2019

Short description:

The aim of the event called “Activities for an inclusive society” was to present the characteristics of the Italian reception system, analysing both the criticalities and the initiatives of good reception and integration of migrants. The participants were presented with a good practice, as they visited the headquarters and services to migrants and refugees provided by In Migrazione association. As a part of the study visit they also experienced a guided tour to Esquilino, the Roma multi-ethnic district, and gained new methods and approaches for social inclusion in an experiential workshop at the Italian L2 school for asylum seekers, refugees, and vulnerable migrants, managed by ASINITAS Onlus, which deals with the education and training of migrants, provides the opportunity to learn Italian, and takes care of theatre workshops and various trainings as well as professional courses. One of the important organizations which deals with the integration of immigrants and provides comprehensive support to foreign adults in vocational training is also Inmigracione Onlus. The participants met with Marco Omizzol, a sociologist who has been dealing with key challenges for many years, such as migration, the mafia, the international trade in white goods for the exploitation of workers. Everyone present listened with interest to his true story as he joined the migrant workers in the fields for a few months and got to know the system and the conditions in which they live and work from the inside. Since then, the public has been regularly informed about the issue of migrants, and in recent years it has been successful in changing Italian legislation. Since the title of the project meeting was “Activities for an inclusive society” we visited Programma Integra which develops and implements activities for migrants and asylum seekers; social and educational activities, training and research, and provides comprehensive information on the situation of migrants in Italy. To gain knowledge about working with vulnerable groups and migrants we participated in workshops with two experts on migrant issues – Nino Ginetti and Ercolo Boni, who have been providing initial support and advice on integration into Italian society for many years, thus providing an inexhaustible source of information for anyone interested in such topics.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 68 citizens, including 17 participants from Italy, 15 participants from Slovenia, 12 participants from Greece, 7 participants from Cyprus, 7 participants from Kosovo, 5 participants from Montenegro, and 5 participants from Poland.

Location/Dates: The event took place online and it was hosted by Municipality of Pegeia, (Cyprus) from 15/12/2020 to 16/12/2020

Short description: The aim of the event called “A divided culture” was to raise intercultural dialog and raise awareness and knowledge of the migrant situation in Cyprus as a divided and intercultural EU country. Through workshops and presentations we learned about the physical and mental division of this island country, the migratory picture of the environment, the integration of immigrants into society, the acceptance of diversity, and intercultural dialogue. The organizers also touched on the current topic of the Covid-19 pandemic, which affected both the arrival of migrants and their stay. The presenters made also sure to divert the attention to the migration situation on the island and the almost unbearable obstacles that are posed by the sheer number of flows as Cyprus has the highest number of asylum seekers per capita of all the European Member States. The general public could participate in a lecture by dr. Christos Hadjioannou on racism and inclusion. Several contents were intended for concrete measures that enable the active participation of migrants. The Cypriot society is looking for solutions through employment programs, sports, and other local initiatives implemented by various non-profit, non-governmental, and youth organizations, which aim to empower the multi-ethnic population. The meeting aimed to raise awareness of the importance of policymaking process and successful and smooth integration.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 74 citizens, including 18 participants from Slovenia, 12 participants from Greece, 12 participants from Italy, 10 participants from Kosovo, 8 participants from Poland, 6 participants from Montenegro, 4 participants from Serbia, 1 participant from Cyprus, 1 participant from Ireland, 1 participant from Norway, and 1 participant from Romania.

Location/Dates: The event took place online and it was hosted by Centre for Democracy and Human Rights CEDEM, (Montenegro) from 22/03/2020 to 23/03/2020

Short description: The aim of the event called “Tolerance & Diversity” was to analyse current migration challenges that European society faces and to discuss social inclusion of migrants and ethnic minority families, as well as to enhance the role and contribution of the civil society organizations in the migration time. Through series of panels and workshops we got to learn about the social inclusion of migrants and ethnic minority families. During the meeting, a constructive dialogue was developed together with representatives of local authorities, civil society organizations, and groups directly concerning the topic. Representatives of Civic Alliance, Red Cross Montenegro, Bona Fide, Art of Living, and Juventas NGO presented us with the experiences of direct support providers in various fields. Project partners were also introduced to current methods and possibilities to enhance migrants' inclusion and discuss the role and contribution of civil society organizations in the migration flow. The movie „From intercultural dialogue to social inclusion”, produced within this project, premiered during the event. This event helped stimulate the participants to think objectively about human rights and decrease prejudice.

Event 7

Participation: The event involved 73 citizens, including 29 participants from Greece, 12 participants from Italy, 11 participants from Kosovo, 8 participants from Slovenia, 6 participants from Poland, 5 participants from Montenegro, and 2 participants from Cyprus.

Location/Dates: The event took place online and it was hosted by Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia from Kozani, (Greece) from 15/06/2020 to 16/06/2020

Short description: The aim of our last event called “Final conclusion” was to involve local authorities, citizens, and civil society organizations to develop constructive dialogue on the issue of social and economic integration of refugees and migrants. The meeting included a series of panel discussions and interactive workshops with the participation of very important organizations operating in Greece, such as Urban Resilience Observatory, NAOMI, Perichoresis NGO, NGO Solidarity Now, Ministry of Education, Hellenic Social Welfare Assistance Unit, UNHCR, Hellenic Red Cross, and the Arsis NGO. We got to know the educational aspect of the development of refugee-immigrant students and hear living stories and testimonies of refugees as well as personal stories of people who offer support to them. The final conference formed a basis for future initiatives and actions on the issues addressed.