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**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"
"Democratic engagement and civic participation"**

Events:

5 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 160 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of Palma Del Condado (**Spain**), 13 participants from the city of Gallese (**Italy**), 8 participants from the city of Ermesinde (**Portugal**), 17 participants from the city of Finiq (**Albania**), 14 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 9 participants from the city of Kelme (**Lithuania**), 12 participants from the city of Naxxar (**Malta**), 11 participants from the city of Vasalemma alevik (**Estonia**), 16 participants from the city of Novi Sad (**Serbia**), 8 participants from the city of Ettenheim (**Germany**) and 42 participants from the city of Agia(**Greece**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Agia, Greece, from 30/06/2022 to 04/07/2022.

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the project to the partners and to foster multicultural exchange and integration among delegates and locals.

30/06: Arrival and accommodation of the participants in the hotels. The programme of activities was presented and explained, its aims and objectives of the event, strategies and main topics, basic information about the hosting town. Participants got to know each other through an ice-breaking game.

01/07: Participants took part in a guided tour of "Larissa Diachronic Museum" by the Chief of the Ephorate of Antiquities, Mrs. Sdrolia and visited the city of Larissa. In the afternoon there was a workshop at "Thalassa" Open Theater (Velika), where the project, main priorities and EU for Citizens Programme were presented to participants.

02/07: They visited St Panteleimonas Monastery in Agia. Then, there was the Official Meeting in "Chryssallida" Cultural Center, Open Theater.

03/07: Citizens took part in a guided tour of Velika Castle. They analysed meeting's results and planned the next Event.

04/07: Conclusions and final greetings. Departures of partners.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 110 citizens, including 8 participants from the city of Palma Del Condado (**Spain**), 7 participants from the city of Gallese (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Ermesinde (**Portugal**), 8 participants from the city of Finiq (**Albania**), 23 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 7 participants from the city of Kelme (**Lithuania**), 6 participants from the city of Naxxar (**Malta**), 8 participants from the city of Vasalemma alevik (**Estonia**), 10 participants from the city of Novi Sad (**Serbia**), 8 participants from the city of Ettenheim (**Germany**) and 19 participants from the city of Agia(**Greece**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Deryneia, Cyprus, from 06/12/2022 to 10/12/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss "Channels of dialogue: bridging the gap between institution and citizens".

06/12: Arrival of delegations in Cyprus. The programme of activities was presented to every participant. The programme of activities was presented and explained, its aims and objectives of the event, strategies and main topics, basic information about the hosting town. Participants also visited the Christmas Village in Deryneia.

07/12: Delegations made a tour of Deryneia and visited Deryneia Folklore Museum. They visited also local volunteering organisations.

08/12: They took part in the workshop “Channels of dialogue: bridging the gap between institution and citizens”. It was created a space for member of the civil society and public authorities to meet and work together, where it was possible to exchange points of views. It fostered multilevel debate on the needs and actions.

09/12: They took part in the Seminar “National and European policies to support civic engagement”. It was shared national policies on CSO and informed participants to the EU policies.

10/12: Conclusions and final greetings. Departures of partners.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 80 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Palma Del Condado (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Gallese (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Ermesinde (**Portugal**), 8 participants from the city of Finiq (**Albania**), 7 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 7 participants from the city of Kelme (**Lithuania**), 4 participants from the city of Naxxar (**Malta**), 3 participants from the city of Vasalemma alevik (**Estonia**), 18 participants from the city of Novi Sad (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Ettenheim (**Germany**) and 18 participants from the city of Agia(**Greece**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Novi Sad, Serbia, from 18/05/2023 to 22/05/2023.

Short description: The aim of the event was to explain to citizens “European integration and the enlargement- The role of citizens to foster a tighter knit and bigger Europe”.

18/05: Delegations arrived and visited the village of Mala Remeta. The programme of activities was presented and explained, its aims and objectives of the event, strategies and main topics, basic information about the hosting town.

19/05: They made a tour of the settlement of Irig and “Mihiz’s house” with a guide. This day took place the workshop in the Serbian reading room in Irig. It was about “Resilience strategies in times of crisis – key report from partners”. After that, they tasted typical food and wine.

20/05: They attended the 90th International Agricultural Fair in Novi Sad and later visited the city. In the evening they visited the Night Bazaar in Vrdnik and attended a concert.

21/05: Participants visited the Old and New Hopovo Monastery and Fruska Gora National Park. Then, there was a second workshop about “Volunteering as an instrument of resilience”, where they exchanged experiences, strategies, and practices of resilience.

22/05: Conclusions and final greetings. Departures of partners.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 80 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Palma Del Condado (**Spain**), 1 participant from the city of Gallese (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Ermesinde (**Portugal**), 18 participants from the city of Finiq (**Albania**), 6 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 4 participants from the city of Kelme (**Lithuania**), 2 participants from the city of Naxxar (**Malta**), 2 participants from the city of Vasalemma alevik (**Estonia**), 7 participants from the city of Novi Sad (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Ettenheim (**Germany**) and 26 participants from the city of Agia(**Greece**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Finiq, Albania, from 26/06/2023 to 30/06/2023.

Short description: The aim of the event was “Tools for civic engagement and volunteering: key tools, financial support, networking skills, use of ITC to empower civic actions”.

26/06: Arrival and accommodation of the delegations. The programme of activities was presented and explained, its aims and objectives of the event, strategies and main topics, basic information about the hosting town.

27/06: Participants took part in the seminar “EU tools to support civic engagement initiatives: the policies”. It was offered training to volunteers, delegates, and locals on EU policies for volunteering and funding programmes.

28/06: Participants visited Finiq and met local volunteers. In this way they achieved knowledge of local culture and of the functioning of local associations.

29/06: They participated in the conference “Tools for Civic participation: financial support, networking skills, ITC to improve the effectiveness of civic actions at local and EU level” with intervention of experts. It raised awareness on the main topic of the meeting among a wider audience. They tried also typical Albanian food during a degustation.

30/06: Conclusions and final greetings. Departures of partners.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 210 citizens, including 15 participants from the city of Palma Del Condado (**Spain**), 17 participants from the city of Gallese (**Italy**), 14 participants from the city of Ermesinde (**Portugal**), 19 participants from the city of Finiq (**Albania**), 20 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 13 participants from the city of Kelme (**Lithuania**), 16 participants from the city of Naxxar (**Malta**), 16 participants from the city of Vasalemma alevik (**Estonia**), 19 participants from the city of Novi Sad (**Serbia**), 16 participants from the city of Ettenheim (**Germany**) and 45 participants from the city of Agia (**Greece**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Agia, Greece, from 22/07/2023 to 26/07/2023.

Short description: The aim of the event was “The social tissue of Europe: citizens contributions and recommendations”.

22/07: Arrival and accommodation of delegations. The programme of activities was presented and explained, its aims and objectives of the event, strategies and main topics, basic information about the hosting town. They visited the historical center of Agia and in the traditional village of Metaxohori.

23/07: Participants visited St Ioannis Theologos Monastery. They took part in the seminar “European Solidarity Corps” and “Civil Society Projects - Europe for Citizens Programme”. In the evening, there was the show of the Cypriot theater group.

24/07: They visited the Castle of Velika. In the afternoon, there was the workshop and meeting with local stakeholders. It began with the welcome of the Mayor, Mr Antonis Gkountaras.

25/07: They took part in a guided tour at the Ancient Theater in the city center of Larissa.

26/07: Conclusions and final greetings. Departures of partners.



