

## **COMPENDIA 2013**

### **Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

#### **Europe for Citizens Programme**

**Description of the projects selected for funding  
2013**

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION THE FOLLOWING PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS REFLECT THE PROPOSALS AS  
SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS FOR THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "Citizens Beyond Walls" <sup>1</sup>*

*Coordinator: Servizio Civile Internazionale (IT)*

*Partner countries: IT, HU, ES, NL, RS, GR, BG, DE*

*Venue: Rome, IT*

*Grant awarded: 145.870 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

"Citizens Beyond Walls"- is a project led by SCI Italy with an action lasting 16 months, involving 8 EU countries, aimed at activating European Citizens to counter the mentioned process, to elaborate inclusive narratives and to advocate with policy makers for initiatives to stem the phenomena.

The project foresees: a prep-meeting where designing a journalistic research to be carried out in each country. Aim of the research is outlining the activity of extreme right wing groups and the presence of citizens' initiatives to support Peace and inclusion of new citizens and minorities; a Kick off Seminar "Racism vs. Peace" to be held in Athens; a capacity Building Training, in Sofia, to mobilize multipliers on the subject of the research; 8 Residential Peace Weeks dealing with research outcomes, reflecting on European Memory of the past and allowing EU citizens to exchange ideas and a Public Event for presentation of research results and to advocate for citizens' rights with policy makers.

The project builds on the capacity of carrying on researches as expression of civil society activation. Aim of the project is fostering inclusive policies to respect Citizens' rights in Europe, with specific focus on new citizens and minorities. The Peace Nobel awarded European Union is facing a worrying growth of right wing extremist groups. In several countries they have been able to influence media narrative on citizenship and on EU itself. They were able to affect national policies and to hinder the process of inclusion for new citizens' (immigrants) and marginalized citizens (Roma). Extreme right wing groups are a threat for peace in Europe, where peace is not only absence of conflict but the condition where citizens' are equally endowed of rights.

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<sup>1</sup> 541042-EFC-1-2013-1

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*TITLE: "TRANSEUROPA CITIZENS FESTIVAL " <sup>2</sup>*

*Coordinator: European Alternatives Limited*

*Partner countries: FR, DE, BG, IT; NL; RO; ES; FR; DE; UK; PL*

*Venue: Letchworth Garden City, UK*

*Grant awarded: 149.000 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

Transeuropa Citizens Festival is an annual festival of citizenship happening across Europe. For the European Year of Citizens it will take place in 9 cities simultaneously in October 2013 and will celebrate free movement. The festival promotes active citizenship: it is made by and for citizens from throughout Europe (particularly central and eastern Europe). About 300 active citizens will meet and work together to make events which promote their vision of Europe to a wider public. Citizens will act as European Citizens of the future and peer-leaders. The festival will focus on the issues of precarity, poverty and solidarity in a Europe facing the financial crisis, as well as themes of common goods, media pluralism, migrants and Roma rights and the fundamental rights given by Europe. The event welcomes organisers of ECIs, candidates for the EP elections and campaigners and emphasise the different ways citizens can influence EU policies (elections, petitions, ECIs, courts, consultation, and activism.)

The audience itself participates in an act of European Citizenship. All activities use participative methods so that all voices are heard equally and integrate the cultural and experimental dimensions of EU citizenship, thereby embracing the full meaning of citizenship as lived everyday by citizens. During all events the participants are themselves direct 'makers' of the events, invited to create the Europe they want to live in.

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<sup>2</sup> 541513

*TITLE: "E.U. CITIZENS WITH NO FRONTIERS"<sup>3</sup>*

*Coordinator: M.K.O. CIVISPLUS*

*Partner countries: FR, DE, BG*

*Venue: Αθήνα*

*Grant awarded: 45.000,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The main purpose of the project is to explore and highlight the most common obstacles to working or studying in another Member State, to record the fears and hesitations of the European citizens and subsequently open a dialogue between the participating countries on how to overcome the obstacles and open a safe way for European citizens to transmigration.

The overall goal of the project is to create a European mobility culture by informing European citizens for their free movement rights. During the project, organizations coming from 13 different European countries will meet in Greece to organize their actions, will carry out local researches on good practices and problems related to European mobility, will distribute questionnaires to their country for exploring the reasons making EU citizens hesitate to move to another Member State and organize focus groups and local campaign.

An international conference will take place in Greece during which partners will present the results of their researches, exchange good practices and look for solutions. During the conference they will have the opportunity to discuss and to exchange speculations leading to a joint policy action which will be reflected on a common declaration of EU mobility. Moreover a transnational webportal informing EU citizens about their rights of free movement within Europe, the services offered in the participating countries, the Solvit centers, ECAS services, Eures and other sources for finding job or educational opportunities abroad will be created. Finally participants will be interviewed on how they reached these achievements and why the declaration is important for their country creating a DVD.

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<sup>3</sup> 541080

*TITLE: " SUCCESS " <sup>4</sup>*

*Coordinator: Institut français des relations internationales (FR)*

*Partner countries: IT; PT*

*Venue: paris, CEDEX*

*Grant awarded: 150.000,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

SUCCESS est un réseau de jeunes citoyens européens d'origines culturelles, sociales et nationales différentes qui repensent ensemble la citoyenneté en Europe. L'objectif est de contribuer au renversement des discours populistes, racistes et xénophobes sur la citoyenneté en Europe et de promouvoir les valeurs fondatrices de la citoyenneté européenne.

La dimension européenne du projet encourage l'échange de bonnes pratiques et le renouvellement de la réflexion sur la citoyenneté. SUCCESS inscrit sa démarche dans une perspective "bottom-up", en s'appuyant sur la citoyenneté telle qu'elle est vécue au quotidien dans plusieurs quartiers populaires et multiculturels de grandes villes européennes: Montreuil (près de Paris), Palerme, Oeiras (près de Lisbonne) et Birmingham. Dans chaque quartier, un groupe d'une quinzaine de membres réunit habitants et représentants d'institutions (santé, police, éducation, culture). La composition de ces groupes reflète la diversité sociale du quartier, privilégie la participation de jeunes citoyens et promeut l'égalité de genre.

Pendant une année, chaque groupe se réunit une dizaine de fois pour réfléchir aux questions liées à la citoyenneté en Europe. En juillet 2014, les participants se réuniront à Birmingham pour trois journées d'ateliers où ils discuteront les résultats de 10 mois de travail local et formuleront des recommandations sur l'avenir de la citoyenneté européenne. L'objectif est de contribuer au renversement des discours populistes, racistes et xénophobes sur la citoyenneté en Europe et de promouvoir les valeurs fondatrices de la citoyenneté européenne.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: " Active European Citizenship for Democracy and Participation: Bridging EU and Western Balkans " <sup>5</sup>*

*Coordinator: Pertej Barrierave - Beyond Barriers*

*Partner countries: UK, RS; MK, PL, DE*

*Venue: Tirana, AL*

*Grant awarded: 60.000,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project "Active European Citizenship for Democracy and Participation: Bridging EU and Western Balkans" is a joint activity of NGOs from Albania, Poland, Germany, the United Kingdom, Serbia and Macedonia. The entire action will last for 17 months and features activities in Albania, Germany, Macedonia and Serbia.

The project is aimed to intensifying the involvement of citizens on local, national and European levels at a moment where the successful model of a European integration (at the 20th birthday of EU citizenship) based on economic and political integration is challenged by an economic crisis.

The steps undertaken are the following:

- analyse the perception of the notion of citizenship and European citizenship among citizens of Western Balkan countries
- explore the impact EU policies and prospective EU membership of Western Balkan countries have on democracy and participation across EU and the Western Balkans
- develop proposals for local initiatives implemented by NGOs for fostering civic engagement and political participation in the Western Balkans
- enhance citizen's participation in the democratic life of the EU by encouraging interaction between citizens, civil society organisations and policy-makers in partner countries on issues of relevance for European citizens

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*TITLE: "The city ghettos of today" - exploring the memory and the present-day reality of migrant communities in the European cities"*<sup>6</sup>

*Coordinator: Fundacja Strefa Wolnościowa*

*Partner countries: IT; PL; FR; FI, PL*

*Venue: Warsaw (PL)*

*Grant awarded: 126.000 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

At the heart of the project lies a desire to redefine and re-examine the concept of ghetto in the context of today's closed migrant districts. Through artistic creation and the sociologic research we aim to create a space where the story of Europe's migrant ghettos can be examined and discussed.

The project consists of a series of workshops open to the local communities in different European cities – Warsaw, Paris, Bologna, Milan, Helsinki and Berlin. Each workshop, run by artists and cultural operators, will be concluded with an art installation and debate on the themes of the project.

The project will involve artists, cultural operators as well as academics and social workers who will explore the theme of districts with large concentrations of migrants (the districts where they live, work, or study) in the European cities. The interdisciplinary feature of the Strefa Wolnościowa foundation is reflected in the character of the project which combines academic and theoretical approaches to the problem with the artistic and cultural creation. Through artistic and academic research, the project aims to explore the theme of migrant ghettos of today, reflecting on the various definitions and visions of ghettos within the contexts of Warsaw, Paris, Bologna, Milan, Helsinki and Berlin.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "Building Bridges of Democracy 2nd Phase - Danubiana project" <sup>7</sup>*

*Coordinator: European House Association*

*Partner countries: RS; CZ; DE; RO; SK; BG; AT; HR*

*Venue: Budapest (HU)*

*Grant awarded: 147.500,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The EU Danube Region Strategy (EUDRS) adopted in 2011 is a new EU policy field. Civil society involvement in its implementation is strongly encouraged. The previous, first phase of our "Building Bridges of Democracy" project with the support of EACEA contributed to the elaboration of the EUDRS, produced a civil Danube strategy with concrete proposals for follow-up actions.

As the EUDRS has entered into a pilot phase of implementation in the Danube region, the objective of the current 2nd phase of the "Building Bridges of Democracy" project is to contribute by means of civil society organisations from 9 countries to the successful implementation of the EUDRS.

Innovative programme elements include a 9-country monitoring of implementation of the EUDRS on national level, a 2-week volunteer exchange programme, the holding of Danube classes in schools with the use of an educational kit and a research work on Danube identity vis-à-vis European identity. The project seeks to compare experience of the EUDRS and the Baltic Sea Strategy through a study trip to Sweden.

Activities are assisted by communication tools: Best of Danube, a Danube identity – European identity publication, the Danube Connect magazine, leaflet and poster. A website with social media integration will be set up. The whole programme should be seen in the context of the European Year of Citizens 2013 and the upcoming EP elections in 2014 with the ultimate objective of promoting active European citizenship.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "The role of men in building gender equal and violence-free Europe"<sup>8</sup>*

*Coordinator: Center E8*

*Partner countries: RS, PT, UK, BA, EE, IT; BA; FR; ME: MK; BG; RO, ES, HR*

*Venue: Belgrade (RS)*

*Grant awarded: 62.000,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project will bring together young people from 14 Countries to explore the role of men in building gender equality and violence-free Europe. Its aim is to explore and deconstruct the challenges young people face related to social and cultural norms of masculinity in different parts of Europe.

Activities of the project will include interactive trainings on the issues of masculinity, gender equality and violence prevention. The central event of the project will be the "MAN 2014" conference to be held in Belgrade in spring 2014. The conference will gather participants from all the partner countries to discuss the role of men in process of advocating for gender equality, transformation of masculinity and combating violence. The outcomes of the project will be presented in joint publication created by the partners and distributed in all of the participating countries.

This project will provide a rather unique opportunity for young people from South Eastern Europe and the EU to join in a youth movement for engaging around gender equality and violence prevention and thus presume the role of active European citizens inside and outside the borders of the EU.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "Active Women for EU - Encouraging the Activities of Women in Politics, Economics and in the Civic Society"<sup>9</sup>*

*Coordinator: ERGO - Európai Regionális Szervezet*

*Partner countries: PL, SK, RO, HR, CZ, AT, RS*

*Venue: Budapest (HU)*

*Grant awarded: 32.000,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

"Active Women for EU - Encouraging the Activities of Women in Politics, Economics and in the Civic Society" project is an innovative program to provide new ideas and adaptable knowledge for women to influence and play a more active role in the society. The global economic crises affected harmfully the women society: their role has changed on all level and their tasks increased in the families, at work, in politics and in the civic society.

The project consists of three elements: a workshop in Kecskemét, a conference in Budapest, a seminar at Budapest. During these events our partners present the recent situation of women society; they share information with the participants on their work, problems and problem solving methods. A special focus goes to the best practices in EU. Using the experiences and knowledge connections between women groups in EU and their influence on the society is strengthened. And this at different levels: young and elderly generations are both implied and an intergeneration platform is provided. During the whole project the media are associated to produce a wide publicity.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: " INTERACT: Inclusion through environmental activities " <sup>10</sup>*

*Coordinator: AKTH KENTPO MEΛETΩN KAI EPEYNAS/ AKTI KENTRO MELETON KE EREVNAS*

*Partner countries: CY; IT*

*Venue: Nicosia (CY)*

*Grant awarded: 92.000, 00€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

This project aims to provide immigrants, especially children and women, arriving to Italy and Cyprus from other EU countries with support and opportunities for improving their integration in society and thus their quality of life. The proposed activities and events will bring Cypriot/Italian citizens and immigrants together to work for a joint cause: the environment. The dialogue among civil society and the participation of target groups in community affairs across Cyprus and Italy will be supported using awareness raising campaigns and non-formal education activities, as the tools of doing so, thus contributing in strengthening the European citizenship. The project also aims to empower immigrants and especially women by introducing and promoting social entrepreneurship and green jobs for combating unemployment and social exclusion.

The number of EU immigrants arriving in Cyprus and Italy has increased dramatically over the past few years, but there is still a lack of concerted national action to promote and ensure their integration, particularly that of women and children, the two most vulnerable groups, into society. The result is that immigrants often feel isolated and excluded. The language barrier is not the main reason for this isolation. The lack of opportunities for joint goals and a lack of sense of belonging are. Environmental education and environmental activities can promote integration between locals and immigrants, and also install a sense of belonging based on common values and promote civil society involvement and the formation of a tighter-knit Europe.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "Perspectives on the Euro(pean) Crisis " <sup>11</sup>*

*Coordinator: Sharing Perspectives Foundation*

*Partner countries: NL, FI, DE, ES, IT, EE, GR, SI*

*Venue: Amsterdam (NL)*

*Grant awarded: 123.770,00€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

'Perspectives on the Euro(pean) crisis' is a Virtual Exchange Program initiated by the Sharing Perspectives Foundation that allows 8 universities across Europe to work together in order to teach 1 curriculum on the Euro(pean) Crisis. The program gives 96 students - 12 from each university - the opportunity to collaboratively learn about the challenges within the European Union and the Eurozone and to conduct research together to gain a better understanding of sensitivities surrounding these challenges. Moreover, the program stimulates and facilitates the exchange of perspectives on the financial and political crises in the European Union between youth and academia across 8 European countries. Our innovative Virtual Exchange methodology is designed to stimulate participants to discuss controversial topics, in such a way that they gain understanding of each other's perspectives.

The project holds the following objectives:

- Provide students with the opportunity to have an intercultural dialogue on the Euro(pean) Crisis, thereby enhancing mutual understanding between students in the European Union;
- Contribute to reducing intolerance and nationalist rhetoric by addressing the root issues that fuel these feelings;
- Raise awareness through active debate on the implications of European policies on the lives of citizens across Europe;
- Enable students to use survey data to gain a better understanding on how different societies view and understand Europe and the Euro(pean) Crisis;
- Connect universities all over Europe and bridge academic silo's in order to stimulate academic institutions throughout Europe to align their curricula and teach collaboratively on the issues concerned;
- Innovate higher education by implementing a constructive and synchronous (live and direct) online education program;
- Facilitate interaction between European policymakers and informed students on the Euro(pean) Crisis, its implications and possible outcomes and solutions.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "The role of the civil society and volunteering in the welfare and wellbeing of the citizens " <sup>12</sup>*

*Coordinator: Sektor3 - think tank for civil society*

*Partner countries: SE, DK*

*Venue: Stockholm (SE)*

*Grant awarded: 146.000,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

This project aims to reach a greater understanding of possible alternative/complementary strategies to handle changes in our welfare systems, through a broadened public debate. This can be achieved by deepening the understanding of different welfare systems within the European Union through a comparative approach, and by giving opportunities to citizens to discuss the common goal of wellbeing and democratic inclusion for all citizens.

An important aspect is to make contemporary research available, particularly to citizens engaged in organizations dealing with welfare service. This is achieved through a unified effort consisting of a Nordic reference group (with partner Frivillighet Norge), two study trips from the Nordic countries to Germany and UK, an international conference based on a publication, an opinion poll, a scholarship for master students, a round table conference, and a series of open seminars. The target group is primarily civil society leaders and politicians / officials concerned with the questions, and public social commentators/journalists and secondarily academic researchers.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "Active Senior Citizens for Europe" 13*

*Coordinator: AGE Platform Europe*

*Partner countries: BE, PL, BG, PT, GR, IE, BG, Si, IT, SK*

*Venue: Bruxelles (BE)*

*Grant awarded: 142.371,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project aims to bring the EU closer to senior citizens in 8 Member States. In those countries few are fully aware of what the EU is doing to translate our shared values into concrete outcomes for EU citizens, what are EU competences and how EU policies impact their daily life. Even fewer know how to engage in a constructive dialogue with the EU institutions to help shape the EU political agenda. The current crisis and language barriers create additional challenges for seniors in those countries to become fully involved in EU civil dialogue.

As a contribution to EY2013, we will build the capacity of groups of seniors to become trainers and mobilise wider groups of seniors in their country on active EU citizenship and help them develop a stronger sense of belonging to the EU.

Part of the activities will focus on the EP elections and how senior citizens can voice their concerns, needs and expectations to their MEPs. Training material will be developed based on the brochure "Active Senior Citizens for Europe: A Guide to the EU" and adapted to national contexts during 2 EU workshops organized by AGE in Brussels following a train-the-trainers approach. Partners will commit to continue to promote active EU citizenship among seniors with AGE support. All material developed will be disseminated through AGE and national partners' communication channels to allow access to wider groups of senior citizens.

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*TITLE: " Mehrwert Europa - Mehrwert Frieden" <sup>14</sup>*

*Coordinator: Salzburger Bildungswerk*

*Partner countries: BA, FR, AT, HR, CZ, NL; SK*

*Venue: Salzburg (AT)*

*Grant awarded: 69.000,00€*

## **DESCRIPTION:**

Mehrwert Europa – Mehrwert Frieden

Nach dem Fall des „Eisernen Vorhangs“ kam es in Europa zur Auflösung und Neugründung von Staaten. Viele dieser neuen Staaten sind heute Mitglieder der EU und damit Teil dieses Friedensprojektes, andere streben diese Mitgliedschaft an.

Ein besonderer Fall ist jedoch Bosnien & Herzegowina. 3 zerstrittene Volksgruppen, Bosniaken, Kroaten und Serben, leben mehr neben- denn miteinander in einem ungeliebten Staat. Der Vertrag von Dayton beendete den Krieg, führte aber zu einem fragilen Staatsgebilde, von dessen Dauerhaftigkeit kaum jemand überzeugt ist.

Unser Projekt weist drei Hauptziele auf:

1. Teilnehmern aus EU-Staaten deutlich machen, dass Frieden in Europa nicht selbstverständlich ist. Dass es einer aktiven europäischen Bürgerschaft bedarf, unsere europäischen Grundwerte Freiheit, Demokratie, Menschenrechte, kulturelle Vielfalt, Toleranz und Solidarität zu sichern. Dies wollen wir am Beispiel Srebrenica, dem Ort des Massakers von 1995, „demonstrieren“.
2. Teilnehmern aus Bosnien & Herzegowina zeigen, wie die europäischen Grundwerte das Leben in der EU beeinfluss(t)en und den Frieden sicher(te)n und ihnen die EU als mögliches Friedensmodell präsentieren.
3. Eine Vernetzung der beteiligten und teilnehmenden Organisationen sowie der Teilnehmenden aller Nationen untereinander zum nachhaltigen Aus- und Aufbau vorhandener und neuer Strukturen.

Diese Ziele werden in mehreren Schritten erreicht: In vorbereitenden Seminaren in den EU-Staaten, die sich den neuesten Entwicklungen in Europa widmen und in die Situation des Staates Bosnien & Herzegowina einführen. Und mit einem Europaseminar und einer internationalen Konferenz mit EU-Bürgern und Bürgern aus Bosnien & Herzegowina in Srebrenica.

Das Projekt und dessen Ergebnisse werden unter anderem durch einen Dokumentarfilm der Konferenz in Srebrenica verbreitet.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: "Learn about your benefits from Active European Citizenship" <sup>15</sup>*

*Coordinator: Association for human rights and media freedoms "Cenzura Plus"*

*Partner countries: BE, BA, ME, MK, HR, SI*

*Venue: Split (HR)*

*Grant awarded: 149.900,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

Project aims to improve sense of the European citizenship in New member state-Slovenia, Acceding country-Croatia, Candidate countries-FYR Macedonia and Montenegro and Potential candidate-B&H through increasing: awareness on EU, Citizens rights' and opportunities for citizens created by the different EU policies, citizens participation in political processes and decision making on all levels (including EU level) and capacity of the civil society sector, as one of the leading agents in mentioned democratic processes.

Emphasize of the Project is dedicated to sheering experiences among 8 countries on important principles, tools and processes that are supporting active citizenship (European citizens' rights and the role of E. Ombudsman, Civil dialogue, Partnership principle, European citizens' initiative and European parliament/EP elections 2014). For the maximum outreach, to include the biggest possible number of citizens, the media production is important part!

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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TITLE: " Veranstaltungsreihe "Der Wert Europas" sowie Produktion des Europa-Filmquiz "In Vielfalt geeint" und der Textsammlung "Europa""<sup>16</sup>

Coordinator: Bürger Europas e.V.

Partner countries: BG, PE, SK, LV, HU, RO, MK, LT, PL, CZ

Venue: Berlin (DE)

Grant awarded: 73.000,00 €

**DESCRIPTION:**

Im Mittelpunkt des Projektes steht unsere Zielsetzung, die Vermittlung des „Europagedankens“ und die Ausprägung des Europäischen Bürgerbewusstseins für fast zwei Millionen junger Leute aus möglichst vielen Länder Europas innovativ zu fördern. Dazu führen wir zunächst eine Reihe von 3tägigen Konferenzen zum Thema "Der Wert Europas" in sieben Partnerländern durch.

Teilnehmer dieser Konferenzen sind 500 Multiplikatoren/Fremdsprachenlehrer sowie Gäste der Europapolitik aus zehn Partnerländern. Bei diesen thematischen Konferenzen werden wir insbesondere bewährte Erfahrungen, Modelle und Instrumente zur Vermittlung von europäischen Themen im Rahmen von Jugendprojektarbeit und Fremdsprachenunterricht aus unseren 10 Partnerländern vermitteln. Weiterhin fördern wir durch unsere Konferenzen den europapolitischen Dialog zwischen unseren Teilnehmern und Europapolitikern verschiedener Ebenen, insbesondere des Europäischen Parlaments und der Europaausschüsse der nationalen Parlamente.

Darüber hinaus arbeiten wir während des Projektes sowie der Konferenzen an der Entwicklung und Produktion von innovativen europapolitischen Bildungsformaten. Dem Europa-Filmquiz „In Vielfalt geeint“ und einer Textsammlung "Europa". Im Verlauf unseres Projektes und weit darüber hinaus werden die vermittelten Erfahrungen, Modelle und Instrumente, u.a. das neue Europa-Filmquiz und die Textsammlung „Europa“, zur Vermittlung des Europagedankens von unseren 500 Konferenzteilnehmern und weiterer 3000 Lehrer unserer 9 nationalen Partnerorganisationen im Unterricht und an Projekttagen in ihren Ländern praktisch angewandt. Durch die Partnerschaft mit dem Weltverband der Deutschlehrer werden die europapolitischen Erfahrungen, Modelle und Instrumente dieses Projektes an weitere 4000-7000 Fremdsprachenlehrer in 20-35 Staaten Europas und der Welt vermittelt. Damit leistet unser Projekt einen spürbaren und grenzübergreifenden Beitrag zur Ausprägung des Europäischen Bürgerbewusstseins unter der Jugend Europas.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
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*TITLE: "Volunteering InDEED"<sup>17</sup>*

*Coordinator: Valmieras novada fonds/Valmiera Region Community Foundation*

*Partner countries: RO, SK, BE*

*Venue: Valmiera (LV)*

*Grant awarded: 149.917,59€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project main aim is to promote volunteering on Facebook through voluntary activities in real life. To make this, partners will organize Kick-off meeting, mid-evaluation meeting and final evaluation meeting at the end.

InDEED will be an application for most popular social networks in all countries, specially in Facebook for all. There "on the wall" everyone could publish their voluntary stories and experience, and thereby collect voices from other FB users to get special badges with specific nomination so everybody could see them and inspire to volunteering themselves. Everybody have to collect all 100 badges with different meanings on their store in FB profiles and get special badge about every 10 voluntary works. From February till December will be highlighted to post stories of volunteer activities, which connected with special International days in concrete months. The expected impact is to get at least 2000 users of InDEED.

The Grand Opening for InDEED will happen at weeks of Charity-School when at least 7 schools with 2500 students and 125 teachers in all countries will make volunteering, make publications about it. Then they post the stories on the wall in InDEED so everybody could see it. After Charity School its participations get questionnaires to evaluate the system of InDEED (was it easy to post, how they like design, what kind of functions they white etc.) in all countries. It is summarized and discussed with all partners and IT company in 2nd meeting how to improve the InDEED . The Ceremony of International Volunteers Day with best 11 InDEED volunteers from every month will be translated in national TV in all partners' countries. After it will be partners' evaluating meeting of the project.

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<sup>17</sup> 541838

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: " European Citizens for European Foreign Policy " <sup>18</sup>*

*Coordinator: Združenje Slovensko Panevropsko gibanje/Slovenian Paneuropean Movement*

*Partner countries: Ro, SK, BE*

*Venue: Ljubljana (SI)*

*Grant awarded: 57.000,00€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project main aim is to promote volunteering on Facebook through voluntary activities in real life. To make this, partners will organize Kick-off meeting, mid-evaluation meeting and final evaluation meeting at the end.

InDEED will be an application for most popular social networks in all countries, specially in Facebook for all. There "on the wall" everyone could publish their voluntary stories and experience, and thereby collect voices from other FB users to get special badges with specific nomination so everybody could see them and inspire to volunteering themselves. Everybody have to collect all 100 badges with different meanings on their store in FB profiles and get special badge about every 10 voluntary works. From February till December will be highlighted to post stories of volunteer activities, that connected with special International days in concrete months. The expected impact is to get at least 2000 users of InDEED.

The Grand Opening for InDEED will happen at weeks of Charity-School when at least 7 schools with 2500 students and 125 teachers in all countries will make volunteering, make publications about it. Then they post the stories on the wall in InDEED so everybody could see it. After Charity School its participations get questionnaires to evaluate the system of InDEED (was it easy to post, how they like design, what kind of functions they white etc.) in all countries. It is summarized and discussed with all partners and IT company in 2nd meeting how to improve the InDEED. After this will follow another promotion activities for new and loyal users. The Ceremony of International Volunteers Day with best 11 InDEED volunteers from every month will be translated in national TV in all partners' countries. After it will be partners' evaluating meeting of the project.

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<sup>18</sup> 541439

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

TITLE: "Enhancing Responsible Citizenship" <sup>19</sup>

Coordinator: Pontis Foundation

Partner countries: PL, UK, CZ, HU

Venue: Bratislava (SK)

Grant awarded: 30.500,00€

**DESCRIPTION:**

The objective of the project is to increase awareness of Slovak and Central European citizens on the concept, benefits and related EU policies regarding Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in order to make them more active in their consumer and employment decisions, with overall aim to contribute to enhancing smart and sustainable economy.

By organization of a public event in Bratislava, Slovakia in May 2014, which will accompany the biggest expert event on CSR in the CEE region, the dialogue on CSR and its potential to make our way through the crisis will be enhanced between citizens, companies, EU and national state representatives, as well as NGOs. The public event will consist of two parts – afternoon documentary screenings and panel discussions on CSR in a cultural centre and a Marketplace of CSR solution in a shopping mall the day after. Furthermore, a brochure "Why to be responsible matters" will provide the Slovak citizens with information on CSR in an attractive and understandable way. The publication will be free for translation and usage in the CEE partner countries afterwards. News, best practices and responsible consumption tips will be regularly published in a new section "Responsible Consumer" of the Slovak website " zodpovednepodnikanie.sk" (corporate responsibility) in the course of the project, as well as afterwards.

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<sup>19</sup> 540312

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: "Enlargement and Citizenship: Looking to the Future" <sup>20</sup>*

*Coordinator: Sdruzeni pro podporu otevrene spolecnosti/Policy Association for an Open Society - PASOS*

*Partner countries: RS, LV, PL, ME, BG*

*Venue: Praha (CZ)*

*Grant awarded: 113.500,00 €*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project will conduct an in-depth assessment of the achievements of enlargement, the level of engagement of the new member states, and of new EU citizens, organise citizens' taskforces and public seminars, run media campaigns, and publish policy briefs targeted at the public and policymakers in new member states and prospective accession countries and with EU institutions in Brussels.

The project has 3 main objectives: firstly to educate European citizens and civil society actors in the processes through which the policies of the EU take form, and in communications strategies for advocating for EU policies, and spreading ownership of EU policymaking among EU citizens.

Secondly to raise awareness among the publics in EU members and prospective member countries around the need for citizens' engagement to ensure their elected representatives and governments fully engage at the EU level in achieving policy decisions that meet the needs of their citizens. Finally, to strengthen citizens' engagement in the policy process ahead of the European Parliament elections in 2014.

The activities to implement the project foresee: a baseline study on 11 new EU member states' level of integration and engagement in EU decision-making, opinion polls on citizens' knowledge of EU policymaking and level of engagement in four new member states; comparative study, focusing on four EU member-states, and also level of EU engagement of two prospective members; create in four new members states a citizens' taskforce to debate the findings of the studies, and to identify the strengths and weakness of their governments in engaging in EU policymaking, and ways of strengthening citizens' engagement and organise national roundtables and media outreach around greater governmental and citizens' engagement in European integration.

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**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: "We the European People - European Radio Campaign" <sup>21</sup>*

*Coordinator: Asociación de Emisoras Municipales y Comunitarias de Andalucía de Radio y Televisión*

*Partner countries: IE, DE*

*Venue: Sevilla (ES)*

*Grant awarded: 127.700,00€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The projet « We, the European People » – European Radio Campaign - consiste à mettre en place une campagne radiophonique citoyenne dans 3 pays de l'Union (Espagne, Irlande et Allemagne) sur le thème de l'identité européenne afin de transmettre aux auditeurs les valeurs portées par l'Union Européenne, souligner les avancées démocratiques des dernières décennies, l'Histoire commune que nous partageons tous, tout en mettant un accent particulier sur le futur de l'Union.

Pour ce faire, 3 réseaux de radios locales et citoyennes seront les organisations responsables de la campagne dans leur pays respectif pour une audience totale d'environ 2,2 millions de citoyens.

La campagne radiophonique se déroulera en trois étapes: l'établissement d'une liste de 20 sujets sous-divisés en trois catégories : Histoire et Valeurs partagées, L'Europe des Citoyens et propositions citoyennes pour un Avenir commun. La réalisation des programmes radios. La troisième phase consistera à émettre la campagne, c'est-à-dire 20 programmes hebdomadaires de 20mn chacun dans 3 pays et 110 radios, soit un total de 60 programmes radios produits et émis pendant 5 mois. Enfin un site web sera construit et contiendra toutes les informations relatives à la campagne.

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<sup>21</sup> 539568

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: "European Participation Initiatives for Citizens"<sup>22</sup>*

*Coordinator: The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux*

*Partner countries: BE, HU*

*Venue: Bucharest (RO)*

*Grant awarded: 109.719, 00€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The project aims at enhancing citizens' ownership and usage of their rights as European citizens by promoting and increasing knowledge on four EU level participation tools: European elections, petitioning to the European Parliament, complaining to the European Ombudsman and the European Citizens Initiative (ECI). The project is made of three phases:

**Increasing know-how on the usage and usability of four EU level participation tools:**

Under this objective, we will map the usage of EU level participation tools in EU 27, looking at the degree to which each of the tools is used. This assessment will help us develop materials for a better understanding of how participation mechanisms work at EU level, namely a publication on EU participation tools, a brochure for CSOs on how to use such mechanisms and user friendly materials for citizens that will participate in the following activities within the project.

**Capacitating 30 CSOs from Romania and Hungary in using EU level participation tools:** Under this objective we will encourage interaction between CSOs, thus increasing their capacity of participating in EU level initiatives. We will organize two international conferences (in Romania and Hungary). Both events will focus on EU level participation, debating opportunities and limits of EU participation mechanisms. We will then select 30 CSOs in Romania and Hungary and train them in EU participation mechanisms. The results will be working plans that will be implemented in the next phase.

**Promoting grassroots participation in EU policies:** The grassroots work in Romania and Hungary will consist in a "Go to vote" campaign prior to the EU parliamentary elections, two set of ten citizen assemblies following plans developed within the CSOs trainings and one online campaign on ECI. At the end of the project, citizen delegations from Romania and Hungary will take part in a study visit in Brussels.

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<sup>22</sup> 541006

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: "The Road of the Citizen": Information and implementation of the rights of the citizens of the European Union (according to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union) " <sup>23</sup>*

*Coordinator: House of Art and Education*

*Partner countries: LT, DK, PL, LV*

*Venue: Vilnius (LT)*

*Grant awarded: 103.000,00€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

This project aims to spread the information about the citizenship of the European Union, rights of these citizens, the Charters and Treaties which declare these rights and to encourage young people and their surrounding environment to be more conscious about it, feel it; not only to know about the issues theoretically but also to experience them in practise in the Forum theatre performances, through the specific situations of the violation of the fundamental rights.

The new generation learns to see themselves as citizens of the free country but even for them it is still not easy to believe that they can be not only a part of and defended by the country they live in, but also of the broader community of the European Union. Project will reach remote areas where people do not have enough possibilities to participate in life of the European Union. Countries with the longer experience of being a part of Europe will be able to share it. During the whole project participants will share information, will have a possibility to contact specialists of NGO "House of Art and Education" for consultations and information.

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<sup>23</sup> 538888

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: "Real Civil Society Democracy Europe"<sup>124</sup>*

*Coordinator: Forum for International Cooperation*

*Partner countries: UK, FR, IT, BE, IE*

*Venue: Copenhagen (DK)*

*Grant awarded: 149.554,30€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

As part of the European Year 2013 Europe for Citizens to increase the knowledge in civil society organizations in EU Countries and on European level about their rights and possibilities democratically to influence the EU policy decision making processes in the national parliaments and in the EU institutions based on the Lisbon Treaty and The Charter for Fundamental Rights, and because of the models/systems used in the countries to give citizens and civil society organizations access to influence. To train and build up the capacity in the civil society organizations to demand a strong role as important actors at national and European level in the decision making processes, in the public political debate and in the implementation of the EU policy to secure a stronger citizen ownership to the European cooperation and to raise the quality of the common policy. To raise awareness in the public and in the political systems at national and European level about the value of an organized and systematic participatory model for involving civil society organizations in the European cooperation processes, and to influence the politicians to take responsibility for realizing it in practice inspired from the experiences and ideas throughout Europe.

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<sup>24</sup> 541009

**Action 2 - Active Citizens in Europe**  
**Measure 2.3 Support to Projects initiated by Civil Society Organisations**

*TITLE: "Campaign Europe! - European Citizenship in the 21st Century" <sup>25</sup>*

*Coordinator: Eurooppalainen Suomi ry*

*Partner countries: SI, IE, AL*

*Venue: Helsinki, FI*

*Grant awarded: 110.462,52€*

**DESCRIPTION:**

The aim of the project is to bring Europeans together in order to campaign in favour of the European idea, active citizenship and integration. Project will focus on active promotion of European citizenship and social inclusion of civil society as well as up-coming European elections in 2014. Project will emphasize the meaning of citizenship as a lifetime process, active civil dialogue, social citizenship and democratic citizenship as it is the European Year of Citizens in 2013. These themes will be implemented into action through various activities on local, national and European level.

The project consists of events, a photo competition and exhibition, publications and a web portal. The activities will be organized in different cities in Albania, Finland, Ireland and Slovenia. Aim of the Campaign Europe! -exchange is to implement a truly European campaign to promote European integration and democratic European citizenship in the eve of European elections in spring 2014.

Person from each group of national volunteers will join national Europe Day festivities of other project partner country. Together these volunteers will take part in the Europe Day celebrations and promote European idea to fellow European citizens in Albania, Finland, Ireland and Slovenia through "Campaign Europe!" exchange. "Campaign Europe!" is a diverse action, firstly as deliberative action as such, but a as well as level of an idea; European idea and integration are worth campaigning.

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<sup>25</sup> 541646