

COMPENDIA 2013

Europe for Citizens Programme

<p>Description of the projects selected for funding Round 1/2013</p>

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Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe
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TITLE: JOGGLE - JOin Generations for Getting Legality in Europe¹

Coordinator: Comune di Quindici (IT)

Partner countries: AL, RS, BG, RO

Venue: Quindici (IT), Kamez (AL)

Grant awarded: 91.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

JOGGLE is a bottom-up project to discuss the illegalities which hits citizens' daily lives. It will allow participants to know the means to exert social pressure on legislative processes at the local and European level, to organize awareness campaigns, and to foster partnerships between organizations through the pursuit of joint projects and the exchange of innovative practices and knowledge. JOGGLE will contribute on the objectives of 2013 EU Year of Citizens, 2012 EU Year of intergenerational Solidarity, 2011 EU Year of Voluntary, 2014 EU Year against food waste.

TITLE: Active Citizenship for Stronger Europe²

Coordinator: City of Kerava

Partner countries: FI, DE, EE, IT, LV

Venue: Kerava (FI), Keila (EE), Aschersleben (DE), the District of Sigulda (LV), Municipality of Bormio (IT)

Grant awarded: 140.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

The project Active Citizenship for Stronger Europe is aimed to get citizens up, act together and share good practices and ideas on leisure and adult education services. Five thematic transnational seminars, mobile partner exhibitions and local seminars in close cooperation with the third sector will be organised. The themes are: Sports and Wellbeing, Arts, Alternative and Accessible Travelling, Preserving Folk Traditions, Recycling and Sustainable Development. Between the most relevant outcomes: a data base on good practices and development ideas, documented debates and initiatives to the decision-makers at local and EU level both in the local and transnational seminars and a research on the impact of the project activities on sustainable and economical leisure and adult education services.

¹ 538576-EFC-1-2013-1-IT-EFC-NTT

² 539981-EFC-1-2013-1-FI-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: Handbook of positive European Citizen³

Coordinator: Miasto Radomsko (PL)

Partner countries: LV, UK, HU

Venue: Makó (HU), Olaine (LV), Lincoln (UK), Radomsko (PL)

Grant awarded: 66.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

The project "Handbook of positive European Citizen" is aimed on analysing the dimension of citizenship on local and European level. It is the follow-up of a former one called "Key to identity" which was focussed on building a European identity. The new one promotes European values by developing a sense of European identity, engaging tolerance and mutual understanding between European citizens. It also provides equal access independently of age, gender, origin and religion.

The most important product created within the project will be a "Handbook of positive European Citizen", which will be the result of activities of the project mainly based on debates, workshops, study visits, discussions.

TITLE: Cities of change - co-operation of cities in the field of city development⁴

Coordinator: City of Poznań (PL)

Partner countries: PL, IT, RO, LV, IE, NL, LT, ES, FR, UK, DE

Venue: City of Poznań (PL), Bologna, Padova, Firenze (IT), Bucharest (RO), Daugavpils (LV), Dublin (IE), The Hague, Hengelo (NL), Klaipeda (LT), Murcia (ES), Rennes (FR), Wolverhampton (UK), Hannover (DE)

Grant awarded: 99.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

The project "Cities of change - cooperation of cities in the field of city development" is the first step of creating a thematic network between 14 cities from 11 EU Member States. Establishing such a network will imply innovative methods of monitoring development changes to improve large cities'. It will focus on exchange of experiences and capacity building activities in three thematic areas: systems of strategic monitoring, methods of public consultations involving citizens, analysis of quality of life indicators. Project partners and experts will work together on common publications. The project will produce "tangible" outputs: two publications and a website. The main important result will be the long-lasting, sustainable network to continue co-operation between its members beyond the time frame of the proposed project.

³ 540674-EFC-1-2013-1-PL-EFC-NTT

⁴ 541382-EFC-1-2013-1-PL-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: PLAY EUROPE: Promotion of the Leadership of Active Youth in Europe⁵

Coordinator: ELISAN - European Local Inclusion and Social Action Network (IT)

Partner countries: FR, BE, GR, NL

Venue: Venice (IT), Marseille (FR), Ghent, Brussels (BE), Athens (GR), Rotterdam (NL)

Grant awarded: 144.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

PLAY Europe project intends to promote active leadership at European level among the youth of different EU countries, in order to improve the competence and skills of future political leaders towards European Agenda understanding and setting. This action will be implemented through a permanent cooperation among public authorities coordinated by ELISAN network and composed by public events, seminars, workshop, public debates and study visits. The participants (young people aged 18-30) will be asked to update the Europe 2020 objectives & themes in the field of Social Policies, in order to prepare a new document called Social Europe Agenda 27. The entire project will be accompanied by a strong dissemination and raise awareness action led by ELISAN all over Europe.

TITLE: Little big things in Europe and in our local communities⁶

Coordinator: Municipality of Kastoria (GR)

Partner countries: GR, MT, BE, PT, IT, FR

Venue: Kastoria (GR), Siderno, Locri (IT), Santa Venera (MT), Viroinval (BE), Lousa (PT)

Grant awarded: 142.000€

DESCRIPTION:

«LBTINEU» is a thematic network project, developed among various European municipalities based in 6 countries. The partner municipalities wish to share and valorise little stories in the social, cultural and economic development that represent the values and the objectives of the European Union such as the solidarity, combating of social exclusion and discrimination, the sustainable development, the promotion of economic, social and territorial cohesion. Through a close agreement the promoters intend to perform a two-year pilot project, characterised by the realisation of five international events targeted at the key actors in local development and useful to raise awareness amongst the general public, about the best practices of local and social development promoted by their citizens.

⁵ 541633-EFC-1-2013-1-FR-EFC-NTT

⁶ 541694-EFC-1-2013-1-GR-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: Europe - Teaching and Learning from Each Other⁷

Coordinator: Municipality of Kanjiža (RS)

Partner countries: HU, SK, RO

Venue: Kanjiža (RS), Tata (HU), Sfantu Gheorghe (RO)

Grant awarded: 116.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

The project is conceived as an opportunity to bring Europe closer to our citizens. In particular, the municipality of Kanjiža wants to keep close relationships with its twin towns regarding tradition, culture and institutional cooperation. In order to do so, activities foreseen vary a lot but the aim of all of them will be to increase awareness on understanding the values, rights and opportunities created by the EU, making local citizens advocates of the EU by making them feel part of it. Among the main activities: a summer camp for secondary school students and their teachers; a Swimming and Running Marathon, a New Bread Festival, a Day of the Municipality, 3 workshops. A publication and a short documentary will be made about the activities in this 2 year long period.

TITLE: Consumer rights in the region of SE Europe and European practice⁸

Coordinator: Association of Consumers "Klub potrosaca" Tuzla (BA)

Partner countries: HR, RS, HU

Venue: Tuzla (BA), Osijek (HR), Novi Sad (RS), Pecs (HU)

Grant awarded: 27.000€

DESCRIPTION:

The goal of project CRrSEE is to create a "Consumer 'Networks of twinned towns' aimed to the exchange of useful information about the security/insecurity of consumers, the freedom of market and the quality of supply to consumers (with a specific focus on Croatia soon becoming a Member State of the EU). The objectives of this Project is to have greater security and better quality food for consumers in the region, and through "Consumer' Networks" to highlight the problems of food safety and to promote joint activities and other holders of consumer protection "of twinned towns". A practical list of good practices within the EU should also be provided through the activities of the project.

⁷ 541814-EFC-1-2013-1-RS-EFC-NTT

⁸ 541703-EFC-1-2013-1-BA-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: From YU to EU⁹

Coordinator: Mestna občina Maribor (SI)

Partner countries: BA, HR, SE, RS, MK

Venue: Maribor (SI)

Grant awarded: 23.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

In the framework of "European Youth Capital 2013" hosted by Municipality of Maribor in 2013, the "From YU to EU" project aims to strengthen the bonds between the twinned towns and with others from former Yugoslavian republic, characterised by long-term and productive cooperation in the field of employment. The YU2EU project establishes a policy network between towns to design an innovate model to develop successful mechanisms for youth and those involved in youth employment policy. The project targets are young people and policy makers, professionals and experts from employment sector. Through events, conferences and workshops for good practice exchange the partner countries will present the issues of youth unemployment focusing on how to deal with the challenges of employability issues in the EU.

TITLE: Europa-Dialog zwischen den Partnerstädten von Frankfurt (Oder)¹⁰

Coordinator: Stadtverwaltung Frankfurt (Oder – DE)

Partner countries: DE, PL, BG, FR, FI

Venue: Frankfurt (Oder), Heilbronn (DE), Slubice, Gorzów Wlkp. (PL), Vratsa (BG), Nîmes (FR), Vantaa (FI)

Grant awarded: 150.000 €

DESCRIPTION:

Dieses Projekt wird die partnerstädtlichen Beziehungen zwischen den beteiligten Städten und das sich entwickelnde Netzwerk vertiefen. Dabei wird nun besonders auf das Thema Europa und Europäische Integration eingegangen. Es wird ein Europa-Dialog der Bürger der Partnerstädte angeregt. Mit diesem Projekt sollen möglichst viele Zielgruppen in den Dialog einbezogen werden. Ziel ist es, die Europakompetenz der Städte und Bürger zu stärken um einen Beitrag für die europäische Integration zu leisten. Durch die Vernetzung verschiedener Partner in allen Städten zu einem europäischen Netzwerk, wird der europäische Gedanke in allen Städten verbreitet. Das Projekt wird das Verständnis für die gemeinsame Verantwortung in Europa fördern und im Dialog zwischen verschiedenen Gruppen die Einbeziehung aller Bürger fördern.

Die Bürger kommen zusammen, um Städtepartnerschaften nachhaltig erlebbar zu machen. Durch direkte und aktive Beteiligung werden verschiedene Multiplikatoren angesprochen und so eine breite

⁹ 541681-EFC-1-2013-1-SI-EFC-NTT

¹⁰ 540863-EFC-1-2013-1-DE-EFC-NTT

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Öffentlichkeit erreicht. Durch gemeinsames Musizieren, Fotografieren, Produzieren von Multimediaprodukten, in Diskussionen auf Konferenzen und in Foren und kreativen Workshops wird der Erfahrungsaustausch und die Kompetenzvermittlung gefördert. Dies leistet einen Beitrag zum demokratischen und weltoffenen Europa. Durch gute multimediale Begleitung und Einbeziehung der regionalen Medien wird diese gelebte Unionsbürgerschaft einer breiten Öffentlichkeit beispielgebend vermittelt.

TITLE: ENPCOM: European Network for the Promotion of the Covenant of Mayors

Coordinator: Lega delle Autonomie Locali (IT)

Partner countries: IT; SE. ES. BG. AL. DK. HR. BE

Venue: Pisa (IT); Bruxelles (BE); Rome (IT); Arvika (SE)

Grant awarded: 125.000 €

The EU has adopted policies and medium-term strategies that aim at a reduction of anthropogenic emissions of CO₂, in particular by acting on energy policies. Considering that emissions come largely from cities and in particular the life habits of European citizens, it has been deemed necessary to take the bottom-up approach, represented mainly by the instrument of the Covenant of Mayors. This project will work in this area, strengthening the involvement of European citizens in the fight against climate change by comparing different local experiences and developing methods to enhance individual and collective practices.

The project is divided into four thematic events aimed at disseminating information relating to community policies, discussing the main difficulties encountered in the territories, sharing ideas and experiences and providing materials for citizens and local governments.

The foreseen events are as follows:

1. Census and monitoring of real energy consumption and the behaviour of citizens.
2. The possibilities of action with the interaction between the public and private sector in transport and housing.
3. The possibilities of action with the interaction between public and private in manufacturing companies: innovation, sharing, and energy efficiency.
4. The enhancement of the role of citizens: good daily energy practices, their inclusion in the SEAP and valorisation of results.

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TITLE: From Active Citizenship to EuroCitizenship

Coordinator: Komunitná nadácia Bardejov (SK)

Partner countries: SK; DE; SI;RO;LV; PL; CZ; IT

Venue: Bardejov (SK); Maribor (SI); Prereov (CZ)

Grant awarded: 59.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

Purpose of the Project is to encourage citizens of sister towns involved into the Project to help create a more interactive Europe, to foster the EU citizenship through exch. of experience and cultural diversity. The specific goal is to assist with partner search and to build networks among current/ potential Project participants.

To meet the goals of the Project, the organisation will help the target groups to get to know active people and their activities in the partner towns; facilitate the exch. of experience in the area of public matters; of active elderly age; and to learn more about how their local government's support these activities. The target group of 210 people will learn about EU policies related to themselves and about how to get involved into the debate on these policies, and will participate in group discussions attended also by an EP member and a Team Europe lecturer.

Project activities are needs assessments in partner towns mapping civic engagement and opinions on EU and its policies; workshops and discussions in 2 partner towns; a conference during European Partnership Days in Bardejov and Krynica; cultural performances of artists from partner towns during these days in Bardejov. These will contribute to growth of the now local into active European citizenship in these towns. The newly created networks of partners will work out their Future Collaboration Action Plans aligned with the EU context.

Key tools in creation/ operation of the partnership will be Project's communication/ promotion media (a web site, DVD and brochures about partners and the Project) which will promote EU policies related to life improvements of youth and seniors. Project will produce recommendations for DG EC and for local and regional g governments in the involved regions. The Project partners will also organize public events in their towns on Europe Day, 9

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TITLE: Az európai polgárság helyi perspektívában¹¹

Coordinator: Dél-alföldi Regionális Társadalomtudományi Kutatási Egyesület (HU)

Partner countries: HU ME BE FR PL FI RO RS CY HR UK DE IT

Venue: Lodz(PL); Temesvár (RO); Nice (FR); Szeged(HU); Darmstadt(DE)

Grant awarded: 145.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

The present project aims at involving 10 countries to organize a series of events, to draw attention the current situation of European citizenship in the cities entering into partnerships. Our goal is to raise awareness of the local citizens - especially the younger generations - to how they are to live their rights connecting to right of voting, mobility, study or work in their home countries and in the EU. The project also aims to strengthen participatory democracy, for this reason programs is highlighting the preparation of the 2014 European Parliament elections. In general, we would like to start an active dialogue about the nature and challenges of European citizenship, involving citizens and civil society activists in every city.

In the framework of the project has six thematic meetings will be organized. Each meeting is linked to the mentioned specific topics, during the meetings different national experiences and good practices will be presented.

Each event is planned for 3 days: the morning plenary presentations will be followed by workshops and meetings. In the afternoons, so-called "Dialogue" discussion circle will be organized involving co-workers of NGOs and local residents. The main aim of the afternoon sessions is the in-depth discussion on problem statements of plenary presentations and development of joint strategies.

According to Our plans a total of 120 people will participate in each event.

As a result of a project we would like to create a network of NGOs of twinned towns popularize the idea of Active European Citizenship.

¹¹ 541652-EFC-1-2013-1-HU-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: The Revival of Old Towns and Cities

Coordinator: Isla Local Council (MT)

Partner countries: LT; MT, LV; IT

Venue: Isla; Daugavpils; Zarasai; Fara San Martino

Grant awarded: 132.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

Since the end of World War II, European countries worked hard to join forces and safeguard democracy, human rights and active citizenship. The European Union has become an institution which deservedly won the Nobel Prize for its successful efforts to keep Europe at peace, while encouraging the free mobility of capital, people and goods among Member States. World War II had significantly affected the cultural way of life, mainly through the ruins of architectural great pieces, the preservation of treasures and the displacement of population. Since those times, the population in Isla has continued to decrease, becoming one of the most shrinking cities in Malta. All other partners in one way or another had the same affect. This led to the need to revive our old cities and start creating an identity and a change in the mind-sets of local people to see opportunities, caused by the shrinking city effect. The main aims of this project are: to halt the shrinking effect in our town and cities, to increase active citizen participation, creating an identity through history and education, revive the artistic sector, and increase the economic activity.

The project will target over 300 participants from 4 different countries; Malta, Italy, Latvia and Lithuania. The target groups are: councillors, researchers, academics and policy makers, artists, small businesses in the leisure and recreational sector, NGOs; pensioners and school children (the future generation).

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TITLE: Promoting Social Inclusion through EU Citizenship¹²

Coordinator: Downpatrick Twinning Partnership (UK)

Partner countries: UK, LV, FR, HU, PL, PT, IE, ES, RO

Venue: Listowel; Ceuti; Iezer, Godei, Jelgava; Downpatrick

Grant awarded: 139.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

These themed meetings will bring together policy experts working in the policy area of social inclusion to examine how citizens can engage in the EU by promoting greater EU citizenship for youth, older persons, disabled people, socially disadvantaged and Roma people. The project aims to examine how the Citizens programme help encourage the target groups to engage more fully at local, national and EU level and thereby promoting a more socially inclusive active EU citizenship. It will identify what work at local, national and EU level is undertaken to engage the target groups in the EU; undertake a detailed analysis/ comparison of the social inclusion work to determine if there are any discrepancies; share best practice and debate areas of concern; if work being undertaken is actually making a difference and engaging the target groups in the EU; and examine how twinning can make an impact both locally, nationally and at EU level on active citizenship for the target groups. Each meeting will look at best practice and new innovative ways to encourage greater active citizenship and participation in the EU by the target groups. The themed meetings, while promoting social inclusion and the benefits of the EU and citizenship to the target groups, will also mutually respect and understand why the target groups do not currently participate in EU programmes and feel more a part of Europe during such key events as European Year of Citizens and Europe Day. It will examine ways to address the concerns and issues of the target groups and engage them in such events and other EU programmes. The themed meetings will create synergies between social inclusion policies ensuring coordination at EU, national and local activities aimed at the target groups, with an aim to secure their active participation in EU citizenship and subsequently other EU programmes. Finally it is hoped that the meetings will lead to a more socially inclusive EU and promote citizenship for all.

¹² 542020-EFC-1-2013-1-UK-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: Customised employment-projects for cities; Opportunities for growth¹³

Coordinator: City of Hasselt (BE)

Partner countries: BE; UK; GR; FR; DE, PT; LT

Venue: Covilha (Portugal); Kaunas (Lithuania); Oraiakastro (Greece); Saint-Omer (France)

Grant awarded: 119.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

During the execution of the Europe for Citizens project (515726 / 2011) Climate-change, the idea was raised to use the established network for facing problems caused by the economic situation. All cities have been strongly confronted with the decline of the economy, with direct outcomes in the areas of unemployment, emigration of primarily young residents and the ageing of the population. They continue to find themselves in a negative spiral (economically as well as with regard to the quality of the urban environment).

The local inhabitants and institutions know, like no one else, the problems of their cities and regions, but they are often too close to the problem or feel too closely attached to their customs and surroundings to address these problems themselves. By consulting with citizens and experts of the partner cities in events, the causes of these situations are able to be discussed and possible solutions are sought. The conferences and workshops will invite them to use imagination, out of the box thinking and acting. So therefore we will call the events: DARE-events.

In the events people will also made aware of the fact that they are substantially supported by the EU in their local problematic issues but are also invited to become active partners themselves, and in international collaborations, in the transformation process.

In the mid- to long-term, the conferences will lead to the start-up of local initiatives which create employment, strengthen local economies and contribute to the renewed strength of cities.

In order to develop networks in the cities, resident events and consultation with important, relevant parties (city council, employers ...) are planned. It is the start of local networking in the city and region. Via the international partnerships, further exchange of experience and mutual stimulation remain possible, and the effects can spread out like a spot of oil on water over more and more partners.

¹³ 538669-EFC-1-2013-1-BE-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: Einheit in der Vielfalt der EU - Soziale Inklusion ein europäisches Thema der Städtepartner¹⁴

Coordinator: Stadt Velbert, Büro des Bürgermeisters, Städtepartnerschaften (DE)

Partner countries: DE; UK; FR; GR

Venue: Velbert; Igoumenitsa; Châtelleraut

Grant awarded: 139.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

Der rote Faden, der sich durch das Projekt EidVdEU zieht heißt "soziale Inklusion" u. dient allen am Projekt beteiligten Kommunen als Schnittstelle, als zentrales europäisches Thema (Europa 2020). Grundlegende Themen der Lissabon Agenda, wie Wirtschaftswachstum-Arbeitsplätze-sozialer Zusammenhalt, finden sich als Konferenz - Workshop oder Diskussionsthemen der Maßnahmen wieder u. stehen zur Überprüfung mit der sozialen Wirklichkeit der Bürger. Behinderten-, Jugend- u. Migrantengruppen laden die Bürger zu regelmäßigen Diskussionsforen der zentralen Themen der Charta der Grundrechte ein, mit dem Ziel die Solidarität auf kommunaler, als auch auf europäischer Ebene zu fördern.

Da besonders die Jugend von Perspektivlosigkeit (hohe Arbeitslosigkeit/GR 53%) u. sozialer Exklusion betroffen ist, steht diese Gruppe in einem besonderen Fokus des Projektes.

Dabei beziehen die 4 Partner sich auf den aktuellen EU Jugendbericht, der die Beschäftigung u. Inklusion als zukünftige Prioritäten benennt. Ein weiteres strategisches Ziel, Europawahl 2014, wird es sein, für eine größere Transparenz der Themen, Strukturen u. Gesetze der EU zu sorgen. Wie sehen die nationalen Aktionspläne der Mitgliedstaaten aus? Wie werden die Europäischen Vorgaben in Bezug auf Beteiligung am Arbeitsmarkt, Bekämpfung von Armut u. Ausgrenzung umgesetzt? In Zeiten der zunehmenden Europamüdigkeit möchten wir den Bürgern die Errungenschaften der EU näherbringen. Solche u. andere Fragen werden in gemeinsamen Fachtagungen, Diskussionsrunden u. Jugendcamps behandelt. Priorität haben dabei die Maßnahmen bei denen Bürger aktiv werden, um Andere für Themen wie soz. Inklusion zu sensibilisieren u. ein Miteinander der Kulturen in Europa zu fördern.

Um ein tagesaktuelles Forum zu gestalten u. möglichst vielen (auch immobilen) Bürger europaweit die Möglichkeiten der Beteiligung zu geben, wird ein Online-Forum erstellt. Wir beabsichtigen, mittel- u. langfristig stabile Strukturen zu schaffen, die sich nach Beendigung selber tragen.

¹⁴ 538629-EFC-1-2013-1-DE-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: City for citizens, citizens for city¹⁵

Coordinator: Slovak Governance Institute (SK)

Partner countries: SK; RO, CZ; AL

Venue: Prievidza, Slovakia; Siret, Romania; Vulcan, Romania; Bratislava - Nové mesto, Slovakia; Prague, Czech republic; Kashar, Tirana, Albania.

Grant awarded: 74.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

The objectives of the project City for citizens, citizens for city are promoting volunteering on local level, increasing awareness on volunteering as one of the forms of civic engagement and its benefits for whole society - as a lifelong learning opportunity and an effective free tool for building and strengthening local identity and sense of community. The project would like to demonstrate through the best practice examples to the municipalities how to encourage volunteering and engage citizens. It also aims for encouraging active European citizenship and identity; collecting and promoting the examples of best practice of cooperation between the municipalities, civil society organizations (CSOs) and citizens reflecting European democratic values such as common good, rule of law, openness and transparency with a special focus to use of new information and communication technologies as tools for enabling and encouraging civic participation. The objectives will be fulfilled through a series of events organized in cooperation with the partner cities and CSOs from EU member states and EU candidate and pre-accession countries. The local events in partner cities (Bratislava, Prievidza - Slovakia; Siret, Vulcan - Romania; Kashar, Tirana - Albania and Prague - Czech republic) will be built on prior cooperation between the municipalities and local CSOs with a strong emphasis on volunteering and active citizenship. The final conference in Bratislava will be slightly different in terms of work method and audience. Whereas the first series of events will be open for wide public, the final conference will be oriented on professionals. Some of the speakers and trainers will be experts in implementing e-participatory tools, promoting volunteerism. At the final conference all partners will have a chance to share their experiences from local events, evaluate what was successful and what was not, try to establish the best practice examples applicable in different conditions.

¹⁵ 541789-EFC-1-2013-1-SK-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: Ezer Gyerek Egyesület¹⁶

Coordinator: Szociális vállalkozások az európai polgári kultúra erősítése érdekében (HU)

Partner countries: HU; PL; SK; AT; SI; HR; HU; RO

Venue: Nyírbátor; Tornalja (Szlovákia); Nagykároly (Románia); Sveti Martin na Muri (Horvátország); Solt (Magyarország); Admont (Ausztria);

Grant awarded: 142.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project focuses on the questions of social economy. The project aims to encourage the civil activity of the participating towns, and support the establishment of social enterprises. These social enterprises promote a more cohesive, democratic society, and actively create and promote opportunities for minority groups and gender equality. The project activities strengthen the self-organizing abilities of local communities; it is presenting new practices and tools for the development of active citizenship and promoting the civil rights awareness.

During the events we will be concentrating on the promotion of working enterprises, presenting good practices for the public. The theoretical discussions will be connecting to practical issues to resolve problem emerging during workshops and forums. For every event we tried to select Our topics to be connected to local needs and have local relevance.

Representatives of the partner organizations of networks: local decision-makers, representatives of local non-governmental organizations and interested citizens will be invited to the meetings. The project pays particular attention to the local market actors and the active citizens themselves, who were also invited to lectures and forums.

The goal is establish a common reflection of the social economy - specifically for social enterprises - amongst the similarly situated towns, which later subsequently results the development of exemplary good practices and is directly linked to the implementation of EU policies, most importantly European Citizenship.

¹⁶ 540929-EFC-1-2013-1-HU-EFC-NTT

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TITLE: European Network of Migrations and Mobility (Euro-MigMob)¹⁷

Coordinator: Municipality of Shkoder (AL)

Partner countries: AL; IT; RO. FR; HU.

Venue: ROME(IT); Brussels(BE); Foggia (IT); Shkoder (AL);

Grant awarded: 125.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

The “EuroMigMob” aims to develop a thematic network, between municipalities, on the interconnected issues of (intra-EU) Migration and Mobility. In the last decades, millions of people, driven by labour needs, crossed Europe to start new lives, as it happened for the municipalities involved in our project which have the common characteristic to be/have been an area of origin/destination of immigration in EU. In this perspective we consider, on the one side, how previous experiences of intra-EU-migration had contributed to the economic, social and cultural development of EU; on the other side, we will look at the future of EU as strictly related to the opportunity offered by internal mobility which is one of the fundamental freedoms of the Internal Market (freedom of movement is one of the core rights of citizens) and it is the first of our common citizenship rights.

Mobility is also intrinsic to the phenomenon of migration which has contributed and is still contributing to the economic, social and cultural development of EU societies. The linkage between these two aspects (mobility and migration) relies around the concept of INTEGRATION which implies both the AWARENESS by the right-holders and the ACTIVE PARTICIPATION in the EU society in order to improve individual benefits of every citizen. In this perspective, this action will permit, during the YEAR OF CITIZENS, which citizenship becomes a crucial dimension of EU.

This message will be the central point of our project which, through the organization of four main events (very important the direct participation of the IPA area) and other several fora for public debate, we will try to improve the dialogue and mutual understanding for targets of our project so that to create an integrated and active audience able to discuss and ameliorate the condition of citizens, in the name of effective participation, inclusion and solidarity.

¹⁷ 539150-EFC-1-2013-1-AL-EFC-NTT

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Measure 1.2 Networks of twinned towns

*TITLE: Mining heritage: 'Opportunity Mines' - future share as economic and tourism development¹⁸
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Coordinator: Town of Labin (HR)

Partner countries: HR, SI, BA; PL; IT

Venue: Rybnik (PL); Krakow, Rybnik (PL); Carbonia (IT); Velenje (SLO); Idrija (SLO); Banovići (BIH); Labin, Rabac (CRO)

Grant awarded: 142.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

The project wants to bring to life the unique concept of economic, tourist and cultural product whose purpose is to promote cultural and tourist attractions, and launch of new economic activities in locations whose original purpose was linked to mine. 7 project partners will present their experiences, best practices and challenges related to preserving mining heritage. Project activities will begin in Poland (Rybnik, Krakow) followed by conferences in cities Carbonia, Idrija, Velenje and Banovići. At the end Labin and Raša will present former Labin coal mine as the development generator of our future. Project is supported by Rybnik County Chamber of Commerce with whom Istrian Chamber of Commerce has been developing cooperation. Furthermore, EU Member States will present projects of regional cooperation and the use of EU funds. The fact that in the partners cities there are almost no family in which one of the ancestors or household members was not a miner indicates the importance of mining to the local population. Through the presentations partner cities will educate participants about the importance of active citizenship and involvement in the preservation of mining heritage and traditions. Through discussion and interactive dialogue, participants will discuss the problems and possible solutions that are specifically related to each partner city in the context of mining heritage. The meetings will include lectures by experts, local associations and citizens with the aim of creating a platform for future exchange of experience and intercultural cooperation between the project partners and the European public. The project also includes people with disabilities in order to integrate them into the community and the possibility of including in the labor market. Young people in the project will emphasize and develop relationships as a basis for further continuity in cooperation network of cities and exchange experiences. All activities in 5 countries involve all partners.

¹⁸ 541445-EFC-1-2013-1-HR-EFC-NTT

Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe
Measure 1.2 Networks of twinned towns

TITLE: How to Promote Young People Start their own Business¹⁹

Coordinator: Grobina municipality (LV)

Partner countries: LV, LT, EE, PL

Venue: Grobiņa (LV); Skuodas (LT); Mokrsko (PL); Audru

Grant awarded: 98.000,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

The Lisbon Agenda has set the target for the EU - to become the most competitive knowledge based economy in the world. Young people are an important participant in this project. The general objectives of the project "How to Promote Young People Start their own Business" " are: developing a sense of European identity, based on common history and culture and help young people become active citizens.

The specific objectives are different: bringing together people from Poland, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia to share and exchange experiences, opinions and values; fostering different ways to help people develop initiative to start their own business; raising young entrepreneurs' self-awareness and giving an insight into the culture of all the participating countries.

The project activities will focus on the ways to to raise young people's self-awareness to start their own business. The partners will organize the following activities: theoretical seminars; job shadowing; debates on reducing stereotypes about young people's role in business development; simulation games; sharing expertise visits with young entrepreneurs.

¹⁹ 538284-EFC-1-2013-1-LV-EFC-NTT

Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe
Measure 1.2 Networks of twinned towns

TITLE: Conștientizarea valorilor, drepturilor cetățenilor într-o Europă democratică²⁰

Coordinator: Primăria Odorheiu Secuiesc (RO)

Partner countries: Ro; BG; SK; AT; RS; SE; HU

Venue: Odorheiu Secuiesc (RO); Keszthely(HU); Munții Harghita-Mădăraș(RO)

Grant awarded: 109.500,00 €

DESCRIPTION:

The specific objective of this project is to inform guests about values, rights and opportunities of EU citizens, respectively urging them to participate in the democratic life of the Union.

The expected result is the development of a network of twinned towns. The event will contribute to the majority of the general objectives as follows: citizens' interaction and participation in building a close and democratic Europe; European identity through history, culture, and shared values; mutual understanding and tolerance.

The specific objectives foresee approaching members, European citizenship and democracy and encouraging interaction between citizens and civil social organizations. The project goal is to facilitate interaction between citizens of the five European countries in a meeting and a series of programmes organised in the context of the "Networks of Twinned Towns". It focuses on priorities of 2013 year: development of twinned municipalities through opportunities offered by the EU.

²⁰ 540665-EFC-1-2013-1-RO-EFC-NTT