

The project « YPS - Youth Promoting Solidarity » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 280 citizens, notably 50 participants from the city of Czarna Dąbrówka (Poland), 60 participants from the city of Comune di Fontegreca (Italy), 50 participants from the city of Gmina Andrychów (Poland), 60 participants from the city of Comune di Pratella (Italy), and 60 participants from the city of Obec Chorvátsky Grob (Slovakia).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Czarna Dąbrówka (Poland), from 16/09/2019 to 26/09/2019

Short description:

The day of 16/09/2019 was dedicated to the transfer to the citizens key strategies related to the Multilateral Meeting. The YPS activities and goals to be reached were presented to the delegates.

The friendship among the Partners was fostered. The activities of the program of the 11 days were explained to the delegations. Local citizens were also involved in the welcome activities.

The day of 17/09/2019 was dedicated to deepen further the discussion on the future of Europe, on what kind of Europe citizens want, also stimulating new forms of civic participation while reinforcing those existing;

Boosting of the awareness, knowledge, understanding on EU policies and future strategies, particularly among citizens who rejected the idea of EU and had never been involved so far; exchange of best practices among NGOs and SMEs; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of the Local Coordinators.

The day of 18/09/2019 was dedicated to the promotion of a more and more sustainable and inclusive society in Europe; raising of the competence of the Project Partners, by the exploration of the added value EU's intervention brings in times of crisis; design a permanent and common strategy for European solidarity and for volunteering development; carried out proposals to development of new future strategies; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of Local Coordinators, always supervised by the Lead.

The day of 19/09/2019 was dedicated to show how social responsibility could be a new source of competitive advantage and innovation; promotion and spreading of a more deeply rooted culture of giving and volunteering, in order to sustain the social sector; fostering of a democratic and active civic participation at local and at European level; exchange of best practices among NGOs and SMEs; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of Local Coordinators, always supervised by the Lead.

The day of 20/09/2019 was dedicated to the stimulation of new methods to turn the young into social solidarity promoters; provision of young people with the correct tools to build a sustainable future; focus and figuration of the different roles SMEs and NGOs could play in various social sectors; raise understanding and tolerance among the civil society and different cultures; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of Local Coordinators, always supervised by the Applicant Organisation.

The day of 21/09/2019 was dedicated to the debate among the citizens about concrete ways to create a more democratic Union so as to make them re-engage with the European project; boosting of an active democratic engagement and exchange of experiences; knowledge about new instruments of civic participation (such as the European Citizens Initiative) and about innovative channels of e-participation (such as social media/ICTs); fostering

of intercultural dialogue; development of the citizens understanding of the EU policy making processes in the next years.

The day of 22/09/2019 was dedicated to allow the exchange of best practices among citizens and disadvantaged groups; encouragement of an innovative and incisive actions that promote better social conditions for the underrepresented groups (immigrants, poor people, women); reinforcement of the sense of mutual friendship and cooperation among the delegations; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of Local Coordinators, supervised by the Lead.

The day of 23/09/2019 was dedicated to the results of the Multilateral Meeting: found out innovative solidarity models; fostering of awareness about the huge importance of volunteering as a practical example to contrast the negative effects of the global crisis; classification of alternative options to improve local social services; involvement of local, national and European key actors in the discussion on the importance to accede to EU funds; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of Local Coordinators.

The day of 24/09/2019 was dedicated to the Official Signature of the Friendship and Cooperation Agreement among all the Partners; planning of the future strategies and concrete actions, not only within the framework of the Europe for Citizens Program; reinforcement of mutual know-how; understanding of EU twinning policies and funds; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of Local Coordinators, always supervised by the Applicant Organisation.

The day of 25/09/2019 was dedicated to planning other future active and creative collaborations; reinforcement of bilateral cooperations in the social service sectors; fostering mutual knowledge and understanding; preservation of high quality actions, under the constant monitoring of Local Coordinators, always supervised by the Lead.

The day of 26/09/2019 was dedicated to the increasement of the cultural and emotional background of all the participants; raise the Partners consciousness about the importance of town twinning processes and policies; seeing the future with more awareness and a democratic and civic participation spirit; thinking about building the basis for new exchanges within the framework of the 2020 strategy; initiate common projects including new Partners as well.