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Participation: The project involved 295 citizens, notably 115 participants from the city of Gallese (ITALY), 20 participants from the city of Deryneia (Cyprus), 52 participants from the city of Kelme (Lithuania), 30 participants from the city of Agia (Greece),30 participants from the city of Hernádkak (Hungary), 48 participants from the Organization KELMES MIESTO VIETOS VEIKLOS GRUPE (Lithuania)

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Gallese (Gallese, Italy), from 04/07/2022 to 10/07/2022

Short description:

The day of 04/07/2022 was dedicated to the arrival of the delegations and accommodation; welcome ceremony and lunch; tour of Gallese; meeting with the local community; presentation of the activities, ICTs techniques and website; Seminar: "The risk of Euroscepticism. Facing disaggregative movements inside the EU"; practical activities: team building, presentation of the participants; integrational activities; Practical activity: Problem family tree: how to transform a negative and disaggregative ideology in a positive outcome for EU; dinner.

The day of 05/07/2022 was dedicated to the Greetings of the authorities-speeches by the Mayors; Intervention of experts from the Agency; coffee-storming with the experts; Introduction to the European policy-making process by experts and confrontation; lunch; practical activity: project working on policy-making processes; debates; European solidarity in times of crisis. How social crisis affects reciprocity and responsibility at EU level; Visit in a structure supported by EU funding; visit in Corchiano and meeting with local communities; dinner; integrational activities.

The day of 06/07/2022 was dedicated to introduction of the daily activities; workshop - "Drawing an history of Euroscepticism"; practical Activity: drawing the map of Euroscepticism by country; lunch; confrontation: is Euroscepticism the same in each country?; visit to local activities that have been supported by EU; Dinner; Integrational activities.

The day of 07/07/2022 was dedicated to Introduction of daily activities; round table: "Hearing the voices of the sceptics" gathering of points of view opposing the EU; conclusions and debates; citizens to citizens: the participants illustrate dates and information about EU functioning; lunch; practical activity: Role Playing-simulation of a campaign opposing the EU and its counterpart pro EU; conclusions; Seminar "Effects of European desegregation on EU values"; Migrant routes and borders in EU, the influence on perception of EU; cultural visit in Civita Castellana; problem Solving Dinner.

The day of 08/07/2022 was dedicated to visit to the European Parliament-Information office in Italy (Rome); Workshop with experts "Active European citizenship. How to submit a popular initiative law to the Parliament"; Lunch; Tour of Rome - Visit to the main places that made the history of the Union (such as the Campidoglio); Free time; Dinner; Return to Gallese and dinner in Orte.

The day of 09/07/2022 was dedicated to live diary - The participants collected interviews on the perception of the EU from the citizens, constantly updating social networks with posts, photos, videos, tags. Scavengers hunt through OCR codes; European lunch: participants will prepare typical dishes from their country; discussion on the results of the live diary; the common thread: working on stereothipes and prejudices on EU; confrontation and problem solving; Twinning ceremony-signature of Cooperation Agreement; dinner.

The day of 10/07/2022 was dedicated to the official Meeting among the Mayors to plan future collaborations; illustration of the activities by the participants; Story telling: Personal experiences and opinions on Euroscepticism Greetings ceremony; departure of delegations.