

@ctive Dialogue on Cultural Heritage for the Future Europe



EUROPE FOR CITIZENS' PROGRAMME 2014/2020 Strand2: Democratic engagement and civic participation 2.2: Network of Towns



Villafranca Tirrena Municipality
Italy

Program of the Meeting

Event nr 1 Italy from 18 to 21 December 2018

Event nr 2 Spain from 27 to 30 March 2019

Event nr 3 Germany from 8 to 11 May 2019

Event nr 4 Hungary from 19 to 22 September 2019

Event nr 5 Malta from 21 to 24 October 2019

Partnership:



Villafranca Tirrena - Italy



Villafranca Giovane - Italy



Villafranca Sicula - Italy



Vrenza - Spain



Alytaus Kolegija
Lithuania



Municipality of Kainik
Croatia



Municipality of Vilnau
Latvia



Municipality of Lukovit
Bulgaria



Municipality of
Szurdokpösköd - Hungary



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Malta



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Message of the Mayor of Villafranca Tirrena

The past two years were truly special for the Municipality of Villafranca Tirrena, which has carried out this important project on European Year of Cultural Heritage with a huge number of municipalities and partner organizations. Futur@ represents a change at national and European level, because we managed not only to look at the garden of our home but to look at reason according to the logic suggested by the European Union. The general objective of the project promoted by our municipality was to stimulate participants regarding the universal value that cultural heritage has for each of us, for local communities, the importance of conserving and transmitting it, also considering its important role in building the future of Europe. This is one of the reasons why the EU wants to reach out to citizens, in particular during the European Year, in order to strengthen their sense of belonging and to defeat Europhobic feelings or disinterest in the European institutions, with the specific objective of supporting the spread of the network with a strong geographic dimension and representativeness, supporting the structured cooperation of the consortium for a long time term in the development of projects with a strong multiplier and sustainable impact. The Futur@ project, opening new horizons also for the young people and citizens involved, aims to guarantee opportunities for economic growth for the municipalities involved that have already started the first protocols for a collaboration in terms of corporate investments and cultural tourism and training opportunities. It seems to me a good wish to dedicate this publication to the young people who participated in this project with careful and sagacious interest and curiosity. To them, who represent the best investment for a better future, we sincerely hope that the EU's hopes will turn into certainty. To the young people it passes the baton of a two-year period dedicated to each one's potential in a scenario of great social, political, geographical and climatic transformations. This publication establishes the highlights of two years of planning but wants to improve the foundations for strengthening the synergies already tested with the partners, promoting all possible actions.

Matteo De Marco
Mayor of Villafranca Tirrena



Europe for Citizens Programme 2014 - 2020

The "@ctive Dialogue on Cultural Heritage for the Future Europe" Project, promoted by the municipality of Villafranca Tirrena (Italy), funded by the European Commission, is part of the Europe for Citizens Program - Strand 2. Democratic engagement and civic participation, Measure Networks of Towns.

The European Union is made of its citizens and for its citizens!

Encouraging and facilitating citizens' wider involvement in the European Union and what it stands for is of great importance. This ranges from the need to increase their participation in current affairs to the need of ensuring a broader understanding of the history of the European Union (hereinafter "Union") and its origins in the aftermath of two world wars.

The Treaty on the European Union of 2009 (the Lisbon Treaty), entered into force on 1st December 2009, led to a number of changes towards bringing the Union closer to its citizens and fostering greater cross-border debate about Union policy issues. Article 11 of this Treaty introduced a whole new dimension of participatory democracy.

Europe has a challenging agenda for the next years, with serious issues at stake. With decisions and policies needed on issues ranging from economic growth, security and Europe's role in the world, it is now more important than ever for citizens to take part in discussions and help shape policies.

Considering the European citizenship as an important element in strengthening and safeguarding the process of European integration, the European Commission continues encouraging the engagement of European citizens in all aspects of the life of their community, thus enabling them to participate in the construction of an ever closer Europe.

In this context, the Europe for Citizens Programme (hereinafter 'Programme') adopted for the period 2014-2020 is an important instrument aimed at getting the Union's 500 million inhabitants to play a greater part in the development of the Union. By funding schemes and activities in which citizens can participate, the Programme is promoting Europe's shared history and values, and fostering a sense of ownership for how the Union develops.

A budget of EUR 187.718.000 for the period 2014-2020 was allocated for the Programme.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME

OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2019-2020

All projects will have to be in line with the objectives of the Programme. Priority will be given to projects additionally targeting the multiannual priorities of the Programme.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Under the overall aim of bringing the Union closer to citizens the general objectives of the Programme are:

- to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity;
- to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Specific objectives shall be pursued on a transnational level or with a European dimension:

- raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the Union's aim that is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples by stimulating debate, reflection and development of networks;
- encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policy making-process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

MULTIANNUAL PRIORITIES OF THE "EUROPE FOR CITIZENS" PROGRAMME

In line with the general objectives of the Programme, multiannual priorities were defined in 2016 by the European Commission after consultation of the Programme Committee.

They will apply throughout the remaining period of the Programme (2019-2020) so that applicants have more time to plan and prepare their projects. This is without prejudice to the possibility for the European Commission to review, adapt and/or modify the list of priorities should the need arise, at any moment, after consulting the Programmes take holders represented in the civil dialogue group¹ and the Programme Committee.

Applicants are encouraged to develop projects in line with the objectives of the Programme and targeting the multiannual priorities.

The multiannual priorities are announced on the websites of the European Commission http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/europe-for-citizens-programme/official-documents/index_en.htm and of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens_en and European Commission.

STRUCTURE OF THE EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME AND TYPE OF GRANTS

3.1. PROGRAMME STRANDS

The Programme is implemented through two strands and a horizontal action:

- Strand 1: European remembrance: Raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the Union's aim.
- Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation: Encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level.

Measures in this strand are:

- Town Twinning;
- Networks of Towns;
- Civil Society Projects.

The two strands are complemented by a horizontal action that is not concerned by this Guide:

- Horizontal Action: Valorisation: Analysis, dissemination and use of project results.

TIMETABLE: CALENDAR 2019-2020 - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND PUBLICATION OF SELECTION RESULTS

The deadlines for submission of applications are scheduled as follows

Strand 1. European remembrance 1 February

Strand 2. Democratic engagement and civic participation

Measure Town-Twinning

1 February

1 September

Measure Networks of Towns

1 March

1 September

Measure Civil Society Projects

1 September

Who Can apply

Public bodies or non-profit organizations with a legal personality can apply.

Applicants must be established in

- the Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.
-Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo

Potentially participating countries

The Programme is potentially open to the following categories of countries provided that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the European Commission on its participation in the Programme:

a) acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation of those countries in Union programmes established in the respective Framework Agreements, Association Council Decisions or similar Agreements;

b) the EFTA countries party to the EEA Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of that Agreement.

Member States and other participating countries

The EU Member States take part in the implementation of the Programme through the Programme Committee, to which they appoint representatives.

The Programme Committee is formally consulted on different aspects of the implementation of the Programme, including on the proposed annual work plan, the selection criteria and procedures, etc. Other countries participating in the Programme also take part in the Programme Committee, as observers, without voting right.

Measure Networks of Towns

Municipalities and associations working together on a common theme in a long-term perspective may wish to develop networks of towns to make their cooperation more sustainable.

Networking between municipalities on issues of common interest appears to be an important means for enabling the exchange of good practices.

Twinning is a strong link that binds municipalities; therefore, the potential of the networks created by a series of town twinning links should be used for developing thematic and long-lasting cooperation between towns.

The European Commission supports the development of such networks, which are important for ensuring structured, intense and multifaceted cooperation, therefore contributing to maximizing the impact of the Programme.

Networks of Towns are expected to:

- Integrate arrange of activities around the subject(s) of common interest to be addressed in the context of the Programme's objectives or multiannual priorities;
- Have defined target groups for which the selected themes are particularly relevant and involve community members active in the subject area (i.e. experts, local associations, citizens and citizens' groups directly affected by the theme, etc.);
- Mobilize citizens across the Europe: a project should involve a minimum of 30% of invited participants. "Invited participants" are international participants sent by the eligible partners¹⁰.
- Serve as a basis for future initiatives and actions between the towns involved, on the issues addressed or possibly on further issues of common interest.

Maximum grant Maximum grant for a Network of Towns project is EUR 150 000.

Specific criteria for Networks of Towns:

A. Applicant and partners

- Type of organization:

Towns/municipalities or their twinning committees or networks;

Other levels of local/regional authorities;

Federations/associations of local authorities. Non-profit organizations representing local authorities.

The other organizations involved in the project can also be non-profit Civil Society Organizations;

-Number of Partners: A project must involve municipalities from at least 4 eligible countries of which at least two are an EU Member State

B. Project nature and dimension

Venue and number of activities: The activities must take place in different eligible partner countries. At least 4 events per project have to be foreseen.

- Eligibility period/project duration: The project must start within the relevant eligibility period, which depends on the deadline of the Measure within which the application is submitted (see Point 3.2). Maximum project duration is 24 months.

Futur@ Project Description

The project @ctive Dialogue on Cultural Heritage for the Future Europe was a Network of Towns promoted by Comune di Villafranca Tirrena (IT), with the involvement of partners from Italy, Slovakia, Estonia, Bulgaria, Spain, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Croatia, Malta, Hungary and Romania.

The design idea was inspired by the priority relating to 2018: European Year of Cultural Heritage.

The aim of the project was to encourage the greatest number of citizens, especially young people, to discover and get involved in the cultural heritage of Europe, with the ICT and to strengthen the sense of belonging to a common European area.

The motto of the 2018 European year was: "Our heritage: where the past meets the future".

Objectives of the project, in line with the priorities of Europe for Citizens program, has been to create a strong and long term transnational network open to the values of friendship, solidarity, intercultural dialogue and interaction between citizens with a bottom up approach to the European Agenda.

The main topics were focused on the reasons why the EU wants to reach above citizens in order to reinforce in them the sense of belonging and to defeat Europhobic feelings towards the European institutions, also in view of the EP elections of 2019.

The project scheduled to the organization of 5 thematic meetings in 5 different European Countries. Each activities, using ICT tools, have been developed such as conferences, round table, case studies, question time, interactive workshop, project work and cultural visit, requires the active participation of citizens with attention to youngster, experts, stakeholders, public administrations, cultural, social and economic actors, cultural heritage company, schools, university, citizens never involved in this kind of project.

The program represented an opportunity for exchange of methodologies, interaction between representatives and citizens, in order to have cooperation in sustainable perspective and to ensure the widest possible public participation.

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Municipality of Villafranca Tirrena (Italy)

Villafranca Tirrena is an Italian town of 8,334 inhabitants overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea in the Metropolitan City of Messina in Sicily. located about 180 kilometres east of Palermo and about 12 kilometres northwest of Messina.

The Municipality of Villafranca Tirrena is a member of the "Association of Municipalities of Villafranca d'Italia" and of the "Associazione delle Villafranche d'Europa" which aims to develop friendly relations, both national and international, between the towns and cities of the name Villafranca, favoring economic, sporting, cultural and educational exchanges.

Starting from 2005, the institution has launched several initiatives in the field of European cooperation aimed above all at the Cultural Promotion and at the linguistic and social enrichment of young people in the area of Villafranca and neighboring countries.

The municipality has carried out numerous European exchange initiatives with a view to experimenting with different European realities and developing and consolidating the community spirit and accepting socio-cultural diversity as a resource and stimulus for individual growth.
www.comunevillafrancatirrena.gov.it



Associazione Villafranca Giovane (Italy)

Villafranca Giovane is a non-profit association, has set as general objectives the following objectives: to improve the ability of young people to plan their future, promote motivation to study and civic participation, combat forms of family and socio-environmental discomfort, to prevent the spread of harmful substances, to develop a culture of youth issues in the area and to give the territory's young people the opportunity to have a reference and meeting point. Since 2011, the association has been managing the Youth Aggregation Center "Fabrizio Ripa" of Villafranca Tirrena. This is the reference point for young people in the area, a safe place where they can learn, have fun and make friends.



Municipality of Villafranca Sicula (Italy)

Villafranca Sicula is a town in the province of Agrigento which has 1,455 inhabitants. Its economy is predominantly agricultural and its excellent products are extra virgin olive oil and oranges of the "Brazilian" variety. The area also produces peaches, almonds, pears, grape must and table grapes. For some years some companies have converted to organic farming and the Municipality of Villafranca Sicula is part of the association of the "cities of Bio". As evidence of the qualitative value of the products and of the potential in the agri-food sector, the municipal area has been included in the production areas of the Arancia di Ribera D.O.P. and the "Val di Mazara" extra virgin olive oil D.O.P. For many years the Municipality has promoted various cultural and educational initiatives aimed, in a particular way, at involving the youth group of the population such as exhibitions, training courses, research, various competitions, etc.
www.villafrancasicula.ag.it



Special Education Needs Diagnostic and Support Centre (Greece) – Thessaloniki

The Diagnostic and Support Centre for Special Educational Needs was a public service of the Ministry of Education, which supervised more than 98.000 students (from all educational levels).

Located in Thessaloniki (North Greece-Central Macedonia) and the main responsibilities were the: evaluation, diagnosis, support and inclusion of pupils 'and youths' with special educational needs. By the 4547/2018 Act the 1st SENDSC/Counseling and Support Centre of Thessaloniki supervised from the Regional Centre of Educational Design (ReCED), a public Body which consisted by Education Coordinators from all scientific disciplines and has as main aim, the implementation of educational policy, the education and training and the pedagogical mentoring of all educational entities and their staff. The Coordinators are Specialists in: Philology, Maths, Physic-Chemistry, Primary School teachers, Preschool Education teachers. FOR ALL EDUCATION LEVELS specialized at: Special Education Needs/Disability Affairs; Sustainability; Physical Education; Foreign languages & Informatics ITC.

The mission of our organization is the:

Pedagogical Autonomy of each Educational Entity,

Regional Educational Design,

Educational and Counseling Support in a Education Directorate level,

Vocational Orientation and labor market access,

Innovation, assistive technology and ICTs promotion,

Education for Sustainability

A holistic approach and contribution to educational community.

www.kday.thess.sch.gr



Alytaus Kolegija (Lithuania) - Alytus

ALYTAUS KOLEGIJA University of Applied Sciences was established in 2000 with the adoption of the new Law on Higher Education which introduced a binary system of Higher education in Lithuania.

In the two faculties of Engineering and Biomedicine and ICT the students develop academic and professional competences in the study fields of Management and Business Administration, Informatics, Informatics Engineering, Transport Engineering, Civil Engineering, Food Processing and Health. ALYTAUS KOLEGIJA University of Applied Sciences is involved in the life of regional business society, through active participation in regional science application activities and research development, fostering the community skills of working under the conditions of rapid change of technologies.

Active involvement in educational EU programmes enables ALYTAUS KOLEGIJA University of Applied Sciences to contribute to the implementation of integration into the development of European higher education. ALYTAUS KOLEGIJA University of Applied Sciences co-operates with foreign institutions of higher education, business and education associations and businesses, it also works on science application in the study areas of social sciences, technological sciences, humanities and physical sciences fostering curriculum development, adult education and distance learning.

In terms of international relations ALYTAUS KOLEGIJA University of Applied Sciences develops co-operation with its international networks and research and development programmes creating favourable conditions for innovations. ALYTAUS KOLEGIJA University of Applied Sciences offers Professional Bachelor's degree programmes.

<https://alytauskolegija.lt/en/>



We Together (Estonia) - Tallin

Organization WeTogether (since 2017)

WeTogether - what is impossible for a person is possible when we do it together!

Organizing and coordinating youth work.

Gives information to young people about life-long learning, voluntary work and youth exchange possibilities.

The aim of the organization is to:

1) develop the activities of the youth and voluntary work in the whole region.

2) promote international mobility of young people through seminars and training courses in foreign countries

Founded by a group of people interested in the topics and problems of young people.

Members have taken part in different Socrates Comenius projects and Erasmus+ projects, which has raised their awareness about EU and European citizenship.

Some of the members have a long experience as teachers of children and adults.



Municipality of Kalnik (Croatia)

Municipality of Kalnik is a small place situated in the north-west part of Croatia, 50 km away from the city of Zagreb, capital. It is famous due to its unique beauty of highlands (643 m) and the ancient city from 13th century.

As a whole it represents a significant natural and cultural heritage which attracts many visitors from Croatia and foreign countries. It is also a suitable site for many different sport exercises, as hiking, paragliding, etc.

The surrounding rural environment also attracts people looking for genuine local food and drinks, particularly cheeses, wine, beef and lamb meat, provided by constantly growing number of nicely adorned tourist, family run facilities.

www.kalnik.hr



FC Alemannia Hamberg (Germany) - Neuhausen/Hamberg

FC Alemannia Hamberg (Germany) was founded in the 1909, Aims and activities of the Organization:

- to organize free time activities, sports, cultural and music programmes for the young people of the municipality
- to create opportunities for our youngsters to get involved in local, regional and international projects;
- to foster youngsters' commitment towards their local community and help them become active citizens;
- representing the European spirit, fostering cohesion and mutual understanding between European people, promoting European consciousness of young people studying at the secondary school of the town through providing them with opportunities to learn about other cultures, supporting their foreign language acquisition, their participation in the mobility programmes of the EU and participation in other school and youth projects.
- to support different initiatives that promote competencies necessary for the young in the European integration process
- promoting the dissemination of information and good practice
- supporting pedagogical projects (in the frames of formal and non-formal education) that aim at the renewal of pedagogical materials and methods, providing the students with modern equipment, materials, accesses that serve the development of their key competencies

The Organization supports talented students facing economic obstacles with a grant and supports projects that involve students with fewer opportunities.

<http://www.fc-hamberg.de/>



Municipality of Lukovit (Bulgaria)

Lukovit is a town in northern Bulgaria, part of Lovech Province. It is situated on both banks of the Zlatna Panega between the Danubian Plain and the foot of Stara Planina. As of December 2009, the town has a population of 9,630 inhabitants.

we have got an Youth Information Office which is highly connected with the youth, cultural and sport organizations that are displayed in our area by providing services through this office. From this point, youngsters can get all the information about the participation in the life of the community such as to register its own youth organization, get free access to information about scholarships, laboral market, grants, contests and leisure time activities.

Recently, we have collaborated with a youth organization in order to implement youth forums with policy makers and youngsters in order to deal with different topics such as: entrepreneurship and youth employment, housing or European mobility.

www.lukovit.bg



Municipality of Safi (Malta)

The Safi Local Council consists of five democratically elected members. The Council's role is to ensure 'the peace, order and good governance' of its municipality. This broadly covers a range of functional activities including strategic planning representation, policy development and law making. People are more likely to have confidence in their local government if decisions are made in a transparent and accountable way. This helps people feel that Local Council will always act in the community's overall interest, regardless of differing cultures and opinions.

One of Hal Safi Local Council's main objective is to take a general interest in youths by encouraging them to take part in various projects. The counsellor responsible for youths is Ms. Joanna Abdilla and throughout year 2016 she has managed to successfully succeed in encouraging youngsters to join the Agenzija Zagħżagħ (the National Youth Agency) to further help them to strengthen their character through working for the community.

Last but not least Hal Safi Local Council is funding 20% of any project that the National Youth Agency proposes.

<https://localgovernment.gov.mt/en/lc/Safi/Pages/Home.aspx>



Milvus (Slovakia) - Lučenec

The task of the association is to coordinate expert assistance in development activities for its members as well as for other partners of the region, as well as independent cross-community development activities.

Milvus Civic Association was established as an institution of civil activists and volunteers for the development of a tolerant community in the Lučenec region and the Banská Bystrica region.

The aim of the association is to spread this scandal in Slovakia and to carry out activities that help the coexistence of Slovaks and other nationalities, ethnic groups in our region.

Within the framework of the association, the project team created in the past 12 years coordinated the project activities of the association in cooperation with the state and self-governing institutions of the Lučenec region.

www.milvuslc.eu



Municipality of Szurdokpüspöki (Hungary)

The municipality of Szurdokpüspöki is a village of 1000-year history, situated in Northern Hungary, and as such, in an economically and geographically disadvantageous region, stricken with high unemployment. On the other hand it is bordered with the ranges of the Mátra Mountains and the River Zagyva and populated by people who cherish their traditions, which makes it an ideal place for a sustainable community.

The territory of the municipality is 26,7 km² with a population of 2000. It has a mayor's office, 2 churches, a surgery, a pharmacy, a midwifery and family assistance centre, a primary school, a gym, a kindergarten, older people's club, library, a telecenter, a row of historical cellars, a local history collection.

www.szurdokpuspoki.hu



Asociatia Sin Fronteras (Romania) - Bucharest

The association was founded in 2005 and it had been involved in many European projects.

Now we have many volunteers, our projects are organized by youth for youth.

The main objective is to work in areas of interest to young people: advice, information, active involvement in society, youth projects.

Objectives:

- To provide an alternative to spending their free time and energy consuming;
- To promote active participation in society;
- To provide equal opportunities for young people regardless of backgrounds;
- To help young people to know other cultures;
- To promote the European Union's fundamental values: anti-discrimination, social inclusion, intercultural learning, tolerance, cultural diversity;
- To promote and to use non-formal education;
- To organize intercultural youth exchanges, seminars and workshops.

www.sinfronteras.ro



Municipality of Vilanu (Latvia)

Vilani municipality is the local government, with 6755 inhabitants. The Municipality provides all services to inhabitants in accordance with a law.

There are different educational establishments in Vilani municipality, for example : Sport school, Musical and Art School and Vilani Secondary School.

Vilani municipality is active in project development and international cooperation.



Association Vrenza (Spain) – Santiago de Compostela

Vrenza is a youth association founded in Teo in 1992. It was born as a direct result of the needs & desires of a group of youngsters who felt the need to express their needs of cultural knowledge of the different cultures which form part of the European community.

Other objectives arose, centered above all, in the cultural knowledge of our country, as well as other subjects which are of interest to young people.

In order to achieve this, a whole series of activities were initiated by the association, such as: youth exchanges, both within Galicia as well as abroad, trips throughout Galicia, conferences, talks, sales of books, youth integration activities...and many other cooperation within the former Youth Program (nowadays Youth in Action Program).

We have also participated actively in Grundtvig programs, as well as Citizens. As a result of our aim & need for inform the young people of Teo, we started up many activities for them: we became a youth information point named by the Ministry of Family, Women & Youth of the autonomous government (Xunta de Galicia).

At this information point, young people are able to obtain updated information on all the current activities available to them, as well as any other type of information which they may require: employment, grants, European opportunities, Eures network...

We recently got the accreditation to become a sending, coordinator and hosting organization within the European Volunteering Service.

Successfully we have hosted a volunteer from Ukraine and implemented in the last years a Youth democracy project and a transnational youth seminar.



Program and Summary - Futur@ Project Meeting Topics

Event 1

Venue of Activities: Villafranca Tirrena (Italy) Dates from 18 to 21 December 2018

1st Session Opening of the Network of Town - Presentation of the project, activities and Network

2nd Session "Digital cultural heritage"

3rd Session "The cultural sector between ICT and Virtual heritage"

Event 2

Venue of Activities: Santiago de Compostela (Spain) Dates from 27 to 30 March 2019

Town Twinning Oath signing Ceremony

1st Session "The Digital Development of the European Cultural Heritage"

2nd Session "Cultural Tourism: Local Heritage Europe. Preserving cultural heritage in a globalized world"

Event 3

Venue of Activities: Neuhausen/Hamberg (Germany) Dates from 29 July to 01 August 2019

1st Session "Building a Europe of Peoples: the EU and Culture"

2nd Session "The Cultural Enterprise"

3rd Session "A Community of Cultures: To protect and To Valorize the Heritage"

4th Session "Territory, Tourism and European Cultural Identity"

Event 4

Venue of Activities: Szurdokpuszpöki/Budapest (Hungary) Dates from 19 to 22 September 2019

1st Session "ICT for Cultural Society"

2nd Session "European Citizenship and Cultural Policies"

3rd Session "Cultural Heritage - Tangible shapes"

4th Session "Intangible Cultural Heritage - the linguistic contamination in the European Region"

Event 5

Venue of Activities: Safi/Valletta (Malta) Dates from 21 to 24 October 2019

1st Session "Information Society - Use and development of ICT technologies in cultural heritage"

2nd Session "Tourism 4.0: Artificial Intelligence at the Service of cultural heritage"

Focus on "European Funds" Horizon 2020, EDEN, Creative Europe

"Workshop of Ideas" Development of new models of fruition of Cultural Heritage.

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Event 5 - Venue of Activities: Safi/Valletta (Malta) Dates from 21 to 24 October 2019

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Contribution of Futur@ Project

The 5 Sessions of Conferences provided an important contribution that guaranteed a high quality standard to all the activities implemented with regards, in particular:

- The involvement and active stimulation for local citizens and young people, in the daily context, to create participation processes in European social life, with greater awareness and enthusiasm;
- The expansion of cultural horizons, knowledge and respect for individual and cultural diversity;
- The development of relationship skills with respect to new experiences;
- The transfer of the tested models aimed at creating similar interventions in the territories of the partner Municipalities;
- The creation of a solid long-term twinning relationship that is an opportunity for broadening perspectives, cultural enrichment and human development for local citizens and young people in the countries involved;
- The launch of concrete remote cooperation initiatives along the axis of the organizations involved.

The participants had the opportunity to compare and take a look at the EU, its functioning and the rights enjoyed by its citizens. The Project had a positive effect on local citizenship, giving rise to a greater knowledge and awareness of other cultures and the opportunities offered by belonging to the EU.

The activities implemented led to new knowledge, offered new challenges, opened up new opportunities. The international comparison ensured the exchange of knowledge and their transferability.

The 5 itinerant events held in Italy, Spain, Germany, Hungary and Malta were an opportunity to hear from the direct voice of the citizens, of the students of the various high schools involved, of the experts of the topics dealt with, of the university world, of industry cultural, civil society organizations, local administrators, young people from the countries involved their opinion on the universal value that cultural heritage has for each, for local communities, the importance of preserving and transmitting it, also considering its important role in building the future of Europe, in order to strengthen the sense of belonging in European citizens and to defeat Europhobic feelings or feelings of disinterest towards the European institutions. Here are some of the most significant testimonies collected during the conference sessions, seminars, meetings, workshops and round tables carried out throughout the life of the Futur @ project:

"The debate on the rich cultural heritage of the European continent has the aim of encouraging citizens and young people, to discover and get involved in the cultural heritage of Europe, strengthening the sense of belonging to a common European area, and supporting the motto of the year: "Our heritage: where the past meets the future"

"The networking of the organizations and public bodies that make up the partnership of the Futurç project, has the specific objective of supporting the spread of the network with a strong geographical dimension and representativeness, supporting the structured long-term consortium cooperation in the development of projects with a strong multiplier and sustainable impact"

"The project promoted an innovative approach to the use and knowledge of heritage through the massive use of ICT, to broaden the target audience by reaching young people, showing them how the common European heritage is the basis of our universal values as European citizens"

"The Futur @ project implemented a wide-ranging involvement from below to exchange good practices and provide knowledge of the various national situations relating to the promotion of cultural heritage, with attention to the professions in which young people linked to cultural enterprise could find employment";

"It is necessary to promote the right to information and participation, allowing participants to acquire skills that can contribute to their personal development, following the inclinations, aspirations and needs of each, also through comparison and debate with the most relevant cultural sector stakeholders and meeting with civil society organizations"

"Support and encourage active European citizenship, civic and democratic commitment, involving and stimulating citizens in the elaboration, construction and realization of the future of the European Agenda from below"

"The aim of the Europe for Citizens program is to give European citizens the opportunity to be active in building the future of the EU through meetings between citizens and activities that promote intercultural dialogue and participation, the exchange of good practice experiences and skills".

The Future of the Project

The Project respected all the established aims and managed to achieve the objectives thanks to a close collaboration with partner organizations.

The Municipalities and Bodies involved have undertaken a collaboration that will continue over the years. The participants, who from time to time composed the various Delegations, and who attended the Conference Sessions around Europe, learned to know each other and to work together to lay the foundations for future collaborations.

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The planning that saw all the partners, covering well-defined roles and tasks, had a strong theme that was faced by everyone almost like a challenge. During the meetings, the ties between the nations involved in the partnership were strengthened, their uses and customs were learned, experiences and common interests were shared.

The project has established links for which the continuity of the projects and activities started can guarantee the path taken, creating strong partnerships: the project represented for the participating Bodies only the beginning of a new phase of both joint and individual work on the respective territories of future initiatives and projects.

Highlights

