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EASYTOWNS "European Accessible Sustainable Young TOWNS"**

5 events has been carried out within this project under the period 14/09/2015 – 13/09/2017:

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 127 citizens, including

- 4 participants from the city of Pforzheim (Germany)
- 6 participants from the city of Vicenza (Italy)
- 4 participants from the city of Arad (Romania),
- 4 participants from the city of L'Alfas del Pi (Spain),
- 2 participants from the city of Craigavon (Northern-Ireland),
- 4 participants from the city of Sentjur (Slovenia),
- 5 participants from the city of Heist-op-den-Berg (Belgium),
- 4 participants from the city of Niepolomice (Poland),
- 3 participants from the city of Rijeka (Croatia),
- 4 participants from the city of Pula (Croatia)
- 87 participants from the city of Gozo (Malta)

Indirectly, 4.000 citizens were involved, as a press conference was organized and articles were published in local press and television and on social media and flyers were distributed in all schools of the college network.

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Gozo (Malta)**, from 22/03/2017 to 25/03/2017

Short description:

Each partners town participate with 4 relevant actors on youth and social inclusion policies.

The partnership discussed about the 2nd step of the local creativity contests results and messages. The event, as decided from the partnership at the end of the 3rd project meeting and as allow by EACEA, was held in the island of Gozo (Malta) instead of Pula (HR).

It was proposed to meet in Gozo (Malta) for two main reasons:

- a) Gozo College was the only partner that is not a Municipality and can give a different perspective on project topics, even on organizing the transnational event;
- b) Gozo and Malta are a crucial point for refugees and migrants, that are one of the main focus of our project, so the partnership wanted to have the chance to get closer to the theme not only theoretically, but also practically/physically.

Mr Victor Galea, College Principal welcomed and addressed the present delegations. The delegations consisted of 40 participants from 10 different cities.

Day 2 was dedicated to presentations and updates from all participating countries: Creativity contests and celebrating good practices in Multicultural and Diversity. The partnership made the point on the state of the art and decided the following steps towards the final semester of the project, starting to talk about a possible new project to design all together, to go on building new activities on EASYTOWNS results.

After lunch, a cultural trip to mainland Malta ensued. The excellent organization of Gozo College allow to included a courtesy visit to Her Excellency the President of Malta at the Palace, San Anton Gardens and later a short visit to the Capital city of Valletta. The President was very clear in her message to the present delegates: "Let's keep working with our young people in order to ensure safe environments and peace in our towns". The participants were shown around Valletta and its rich mix of culture architecture and history explained. Free time to roam around Valletta. Return to the island of Gozo and late lunch was served.

Day 3 was the public event day, so an official welcome speech to guests (partners, college students and teachers, EuroDesk Director) was done by College Principal (Mr Victor Galea). Followed presentation by PSCD Teachers regarding their role in cultural-responsive pedagogy, Transformational Leadership for Diversity and Inclusion presentation (Mr Gaetano Calleja); Head of School and Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary Diversity and group of young people.

All those speeches were very well organized and inspiring, especially for those partners representatives that are taking care of young people education (formal or informal).

Many hands were shaken and contacts details shared during the coffee break: a lot of new ideas came into partners minds.

Solidarity with Migrants - Dr Colin Calleja from the University of Malta gave an idea of the actual situation in Malta about migrants and asylum seekers.

Promoting Justice – fostering dialogue between cultures and religions was the theme proposed by NGO Integra Foundation.

And finally a presentation from Gharb Local council Mayor – Reaching out to foreign residents and Mr Alexander Borg, European Commission Representative in Malta, that spoke about how citizens can get in touch with the Commission thanks to their local representatives.

This day included also a cultural tour to the island of Gozo.