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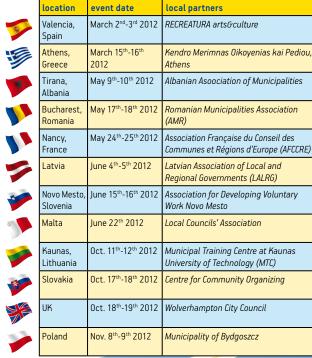
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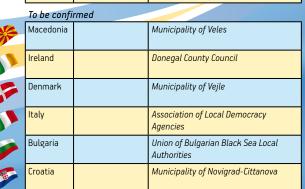
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### **LOCAL EVENTS**









# **Very Important Twinning Volunteering in Town**

Project focused on volunteering and democracy in the enlarged Europe aiming at promoting volunteering in towns



Project co-financed by the European Union within the programme "Europe for Citizens"

# **Description**

The project VIT - Very Important Twinning, Volunteering in Town - focuses on volunteering and democracy in an enlarged Europe. It aims at promoting volunteering in towns from a participatory perspective.

In particular, the project aims to create a platform involving different types of stakeholders, which will encourage and revitalize twinning as a tool for long-lasting cooperation by promoting the European Union values as democracy, volunteering and citizen participation.

# **Objectives**

- Developing long-lasting cooperation between towns;
- Foster citizen participation and interaction with local and European Union institutions;
- Raise awareness on European Union common values with a special focus on volunteering, active ageeing and solidarity between generations and citizens as topics of European Year 2011, 2012 and 2013;
- Involve citizens in the European Union decisionmaking process;
- Facilitate exchanges between citizens from enlarged Europe and contribute to intercultural dialogue.



## **Activities**

The project will last from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and foresees the following activities:

- 18 workshops at local level in the participating towns, which will last two days, involve international and local participants and address volunteering, active ageeing and solidarity between generations and governance at local level.
- Three international conferences, providing opportunities to exchange experiences and develop networking and cooperation in the addressed fields.
- A methodological handbook collecting partners' experiences and recommandations and a DVD explaining the steps creating a network, the benefits of twinning and the opportunity for citizens to actively participate to the development of the society, mainly through volunteering.

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