

# VIT Action Plan

## Partners

Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA), France  
 Association Française du Conseil des Communes et Régions d'Europe (AFCCRE), France  
 Romanian Municipalities Association, Romania  
 Municipality of Bydgoszcz, Poland  
 Centre for Community Organizing, Bratislava, Slovakia  
 Consortium for Development of Polesine, Italy  
 Municipal Training Centre at Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania  
 Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, Latvia  
 Local Councils' Association, Malta  
 Municipality of Veles, Republic of Macedonia  
 Municipality of Vejle, Denmark  
 Wolverhampton City Council, United Kingdom  
 Local Democracy Agency Shkodra, Albania  
 Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities, Bulgaria  
 Kendro Merimnas Oikoyenias kai Pediou, Athens, Greece  
 Municipality of Novigrad, Croatia  
 Balkan Assist Association, Bulgaria  
 Albania Association of Municipalities, Albania  
 Municipality of Monfalcone, Italy  
 Municipality of Brindisi, Italy  
 Municipality of Reggio Emilia, Italy  
 Province of Milano, Italy  
 RECREATURA arts&culture, Valencia, Spain  
 Associazione Solo Uguali Diritti (S.U.D.), Italy  
 Association for Developing Voluntary Work Novo Mesto, Slovenia  
 National Forum Alternatives, Practice, Initiatives, Plovdiv, Bulgaria  
 Donegal County Council, Ireland







## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Bydgoszcz (Poland) July 8<sup>th</sup> 2011  
 Udine (Italy) June 8<sup>th</sup> 2012  
 Ireland 2013

## LOCAL EVENTS

location	event date	local partners
 Valencia, Spain	March 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> 2012	RECREATURA arts&culture
 Athens, Greece	March 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Kendro Merimnas Oikoyenias kai Pediou, Athens
 Tirana, Albania	May 9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Albanian Association of Municipalities
 Bucharest, Romania	May 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Romanian Municipalities Association (AMR)
 Nancy, France	May 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Association Française du Conseil des Communes et Régions d'Europe (AFCCRE)
 Latvia	June 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments (LALRG)
 Novo Mesto, Slovenia	June 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Association for Developing Voluntary Work Novo Mesto
 Malta	June 22 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Local Councils' Association
 Kaunas, Lithuania	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Municipal Training Centre at Kaunas University of Technology (MTC)
 Slovakia	Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Centre for Community Organizing
 UK	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Wolverhampton City Council
 Poland	Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Municipality of Bydgoszcz

### To be confirmed

 Macedonia		Municipality of Veles
 Ireland		Donegal County Council
 Denmark		Municipality of Vejle
 Italy		Association of Local Democracy Agencies
 Bulgaria		Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities
 Croatia		Municipality of Novigrad-Cittanova



# VIT

## 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 ageing and solidarity between generations and citizens as topics of European Year 2011, 2012 and 2013;
- Involve citizens in the European Union decision-making 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 ageing 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 recommendations 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.

