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Measure 2.3 "*Civil Society Projects*"**

50 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1- Launch of the WISE Project: “ Spring for Europe. Towards the European Elections!”

Participation: The event involved 102 citizens, including 61 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 3 participants from Spain, 4 participants from Romania, 3 participants from Czech Republic, 2 participants from Serbia, 3 participants from Portugal, 3 participants from Bulgaria, 3 participants from Croatia, 3 participants from Slovenia, 3 participants from Albania, 3 participants from North Macedonia, 2 participants from Belgium, 2 participants from the Netherlands, 3 participants from Greece, 1 participant from Montenegro, 3 participants from France

Location / Dates: The event took place in Rome, Italy, from 9/03/2018 to 21/03/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to publicly launch the project and have a first reflection among international and local stakeholders on the EU history, seizing the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Rome Treaties. The event has then focused on the challenges of the EU today and on the role of the civil society to build a stronger EU (using the SWOT analysis). A public conference has been organized as well with a participatory approach and a quiz, including experts and students.

Event 2 EU LEARN – SPAIN

Participation: The event involved 51 citizens, including 51 participants from the city of Merida (**Spain**),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mérida, Spain, on the 25/07/2018

Short description: During the 25th of July took place in Merida the First Local Activity of the WISE Project in Mérida where we were talking about the History and scopes of the European Union, during this event we promote democratic engagement and active citizenship in local and union policy-making, in order to make citizens the importance of belonging to the EU. Mr Alejandro Cercas, Profesor of "Jean Monnet" of the EU-HOPE at the University of Extremadura, talked about social issues and legitimization requirements for the exit of the

crisis. MS Elena de la Gala Morales, researcher at the University of Extremadura, talked about the case of Spain and Portugal in the negotiations to enter the EEC. And Mr. Juan Carlos Moreno Piñero, Director at Yuste Foundation who moderated the debate.

Event 3 EU REFLECT – SPAIN

Participation: The event involved 70 citizens, including 70 participants from the city of Merida (**Spain**),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mérida, Spain, on the 26/10/2018

Short description: We Debate on the future of Europe., as a result of the activity it was agreed that more coordination between the European Commission, National Government, Local and regional government and NGOs should exist. We encourage democratic and civic participation at Union's level, by developing citizen's understanding of the Union policy-making process and promoting societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at European level. We contribute to Combat stigmatisation of immigrants and build counter narratives to foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding by explaining the CivAct Project and its results.

Event 4 EU ACT – SPAIN

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, including 40 participants from the city of Merida (**Spain**),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mérida, Spain, on the 10/05/2019

Short description: EU ACT. 3rd phase of local activities focuses on the future of the EU. It has had a focus on its

potential threats, challenges and opportunities, employing non-formal education methods (i.e. European awareness scenario Workshops). The importance of one's endeavor in bringing positive changes on local and global scale has been raised.

Event 5 EU LEARN – ROMANIA

Participation: The event involved 47 citizens, including 47 participants from the city of Mioveni, Romania.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mioveni, Romania, on the 12/06/2018

Short description: The local project manager presented a Power Point with the most important items of the project: beneficiaries, leader, partners, aim, objectives, activities, results, financing institution. An expert, a history teacher presented all the Treaties of the European Union and made a short excursus through the history of European Union. The seminar “The Treaties of European Union” was an interactive activity because the students were invited to put questions and also to answer of some questions about elementary

items about European Union such as: capitals, the headquarters of European Institutions and their role. We gave to the students T-shirts, flyers and pens. We posted posters with the three emblems and published articles in local newspaper. At least 40 students more aware about the history of European Union, about its Treaties and having more knowledge about the European Institutions and their role. We also distributed 40 T-shirts with WISE emblem, 40 pens, and shared 200 flyers in the school. We made group and representative photos. We awarded 6 diplomas to the teachers involved in our activities.

Event 6 EU REFLECT – ROMANIA

Participation: The event involved 30 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Mioveni, Romania.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mioveni, Romania, on the 28/10/2018

Short description: A debate about Euroscepticism was organized with pupils and teachers from Mioveni schools. Also one open lesson were organized at George Topârceanu school on the same theme. Teachers and the local manager of the project explained the importance of EU and what are the negative sides of Euroscepticism. All the participants received flyers about the WISE project, agendas, caps, T-shirts and ballpoint pens. The debate was a very interactive activity, pupils asking questions and receiving due answers. 30 people aware about EU role and functioning, and about the negative effect of Euroscepticism; 30 people aware about the role of civil society in shaping a safety and sustainable EU; 30 T-shirts having "Wise" inscription distributed; 30 caps having with "Wise" inscription distributed; 30 agendas having "Wise" inscription on them – distributed; 30 ballpoint pens having "Wise" inscription on them –distributed; 30 flyers distributed; 4 posters posted

Event 7 EU ACT – ROMANIA

Participation: The event involved 43 citizens, including 43 participants from the city of Mioveni, Romania.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mioveni, Romania, on the 23/01/2019

Short description: The activity was a public debate titled "The future of Youth of Europe under the presidency of Romania". The theme was chosen considering the theme regarding the future of Europe of the third Phase of the project "EU Act" and the fact that Romania holds the presidency of the Council of European Union. It was held at the Cultural Centre in Mioveni and it registered a number of 43 participants: Mr. mayor ION GEORGESCU, Mrs. Simona Bucura Oprescu the Deputy of Romanian Parliamentary, mr. Cornel Popescu the manager of the Arges County Museum, public servants of Mioveni city hall, local councillors from Mioveni Local Council, teachers and pupils from the schools and high schools in Mioveni. Mrs. Iulia Iordache – the local responsible for the WISE project presented a power point about the project, the financing programme, the financing institution, the partners, the leader of the project, the aims and activities, the local phases and some important issues about presidency of the Council of Europe. Then she invited the participants to a true debate on the future of young under the Romanian presidency where mrs. MP representative explained and clarified a lot of the terms. The teachers were very enchanted about the theme admitting that they did not know certain aspects presented and the young appreciated the links for scholarships, projects or summer holidays that were presented at the end of the slides. All the participants received maps with some informative materials about the themes and topics, ball point pens and they were offered water, juice, peanuts and sweets.

Event 8 EU LEARN – CZECH REPUBLIC

Participation: The event involved 95 citizens, including 95 participants from the city of Prague, Czech Republic.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Prague, Czech Republic, from 14/05/2018 to 16/05/2018

Short description: The EU Learn activity that took place in Prague in May consisted of a debating competition on various topics connected to EU and the Czech Republic. The participants had time to study the topics throughout the preceding month and then during the event day present the information in the form of arguments within the competition rules and in free discussions outside of the competition activities. For each of the activity days we had a journalist guest present – Tereza Lišková and Štěpán Sedláček. These guests as well as adult supervision accompanying the participants supported the open dialogue and the inquiry into various perspectives on the discussed topics. Among them were e.g. Paris Agreement, European Commission, Import and taxes... The participants also received feedback on their argumentation skills and the relevance of the sources they base their opinions on. The guests provided important viewpoints and information that were missing in the discussion.

Event 9 EU REFLECT – CZECH REPUBLIC

Participation: The event involved 62 citizens, including 62 participants from the city of Prague, Czech Republic.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 05/10/2018

Short description: Young people from 4 districts of the Czech republic came to Prague in order to discuss various issues concerning the current European and world situation, as well as topics connected to the politics and legislation within the Czech republic. The lively discussions were interrupted by a panel discussion where four guests expressed their views on European issues and answered questions from the students. The EU Learn activity that took place in Prague in May consisted of a debating competition on various topics connected to EU and the Czech Republic. The participants had time to study the topics throughout the preceding month and then during the event day present the information in the form of arguments within the competition rules and in free discussions outside of the competition activities. For each of the activity days we had a journalist guest present – Tereza Lišková and Štěpán Sedláček. These guests as well as adult supervision accompanying the participants supported the open dialogue and the inquiry into various perspectives on the discussed topics. Among them were e.g. Paris Agreement, European Commission, Import and taxes. The participants also received feedback on their argumentation skills and the relevance of the sources they base their opinions on. The guests provided important viewpoints and information that were missing in the discussion.

Event 10 EU ACT – CZECH REPUBLIC

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, including 40 participants from the city of Prague, Czech Republic.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Prague, Czech Republic, on the 20/02/2019

Short description: EU ACT. 3rd phase of local activities focuses on the future of the EU. It has had a focus on its potential threats, challenges and opportunities, employing non-formal education methods (i.e. European awareness scenario Workshops). The importance of one's endeavor in bringing positive changes on local and global scale has been raised.

Event 11 EU LEARN – SERBIA

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Sremski Karlovci, Serbia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Sremski Karlovci, Serbia, on the 30/06/2018

Short description: Introduction: About the WISE project; the screening of the video „Europe 1957-2017: 60 years of peace, democracy, solidarity”(The subtitles for this video were translated into Serbian for the purposes of the WISE project and the EU learn local activity)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqm9dda23YA&t=11s> ; The screening of the video “The EU citizens' rights” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwI3W8Eeqq0&t=67s> ; An interactive quiz about EU created for the purposes of the WISE project and the EU learn local activity <https://www.quizbean.com/#/kviz-o-eu-1> ; Selected hands-on educational activities about EU – member states, institutions, values, the process of accession to EU http://euinfo.rs/files/Publikacije-srp/EU&JA_web.pdf ; Storytelling – promoting intergenerational dialogue through sharing the narrative of the older generations who lived at the time when EU was in its infancy, exchanging the views of past the EU past and its present course Members of the Pensioners' Association share anecdotes to portray how life was different back then and answer questions posed by members of the younger generations; the future of Serbia – Serbia in the EU by 2025? A discussion about the main challenges Serbia is facing on its path to EU: The participants share their views in an informal discussion led and facilitated by the president of the Association.

Event 12 EU REFLECT – SERBIA

Participation: The event involved 31 citizens, including 31 participants from the city of Sremski Karlovci, Serbia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Sremski Karlovci, Serbia, on the 25/11/2018

Short description: The EU REFLECT INTERNATIONAL activity: Introduction about the WISE project: brief description of the project, its aims and intended outcomes. The screening of the PowerPoint presentation on the greatest challenges EU is currently facing, followed by a debate (focus groups) on the current challenges EU is facing, the rise of Euroscepticism and its effect on the citizens view of the future of EU and the role and responsibility of organised civil society in actively engaging citizens in order to bring positive

changes. The overall goal: to contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU membership benefits and European values in the face of rising Euroscepticism by stimulating debate and reflection. Specific goals: 1. Identify the causes of Euroscepticism among EU citizens. 2. Discuss the causes of Euroscepticism with the citizens of Croatia (already EU citizens) and identify possible ways to address Euroscepticism on the local level 3. Spread the knowledge on causes of Euroscepticism and particular actions that can be taken by civil society organizations to address it in a meaningful way.

Event 13 EU ACT – SERBIA

Participation: The event involved 26 citizens, including 26 participants from the city of Sremski Karlovci, Serbia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Sremski Karlovci, Serbia, on the 26/05/2019

Short description: Introduction: A narrative explanation of the project and the 3 phases implemented. Explanation of scenario as a tool for creating long-term strategies: Participants are informed about the methodology of using scenarios for creating strategies. Presentation of the 4 potential EU future scenarios as envisioned by Nicolas de Santis (<http://www.brandeu.eu/2016/05/eu-referendum-report-european-scenarios-2025-brexit-can-lead-to-europes-collapse-and-world-chaos-staying-in-the-eu-leads-to-a-sustainable-world/>): Participants are led through the 4 possible future scenarios by means of a presentation and commentary. A debate on the most likely future scenario for EU and its impact on the key issues: Participants work in 5 groups to discuss the most likely scenario then their groups' representatives report their findings. Creating the slogans which illustrate the path that EU should follow in the future: Participants work in their respective groups to create slogans

Event 14 EU LEARN – PORTUGAL

Participation: The event involved 20 citizens, including 20 participants from the city of Lisbon, Portugal

Location / Dates: The event took place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 16/07/2018 to 27/07/2018

Short description: Regarding the required contents to be transmitted and the expected results we have chosen to create an activity within school context for very young citizens (8 to 12 years old), who were born completely embedded in the European reality, without ever having known another one. We have decided to implement this activity in three different moments, to allow progressive assimilation of such a dense topic: one that "explains" the subject (exposure to documentaries and another pedagogical material, Q&A), one of "playing" with the concepts learnt (Quiz) and the final one in which the participants were invited to "reflect and share" personal experiences (following at home intergenerational interviews). We have counted with the kind cooperation of the Portuguese Representation of the European Commission.

Event 15 EU REFLECT – PORTUGAL

Participation: The event involved 12 citizens, including 12 participants from the city of Lisbon, Portugal

Location / Dates: The event took place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 11/01/2019 to 13/02/2019

Short description: As the previous local activity, EU Reflect Activity [DebatEuropa] was split in several moments to achieve better outcomes. We chose LYN a newly formed, small but ethnically heterogeneous group of teenagers living in a Beato's deprived neighbourhood to be the main target audience of "All sub activities were held in Espaço Jovem [part of the project C3, financed by Lisbon municipality], a place which LYN began to manage recently with the support of Clube Intercultural Europeu (CIE), a CSO intervening in this district and present in all these moments. The starting point was the screening of a movie chosen by the teenagers from a European shorts' series ["EU and Me"]. It occurred last 11th January. "Party Animal", the chosen movie, relies on how EU can help young people to make their dreams come true, using programmes like The Youth Guarantee.

In this case, the protagonist, a young Greek citizen realizes that can open a Senior Academy of Dance with EU support. After the screening, the group commented on the main aspects of the film, being challenged to suggest an activity for the community. The brainstorming started here. In this session LYN members decided that they wanted to offer and coordinate an initiative for the neighbourhood's elder people who are daily invisible and forgotten in their flats. Before some daily life's issues related to European citizenship were discussed: mobility, costs of life, free movement, migration, European aids for employment, active citizenship and intercultural societies. Between the first meeting and the debate, Rede DLBC Lisboa/CLLD Lisbon Network joined some elements of LYN to prepare the event for the community. They participated on the event's naming and the

poster's design, bearing on mind the focus of the debate. They also spread the word and placed posters in the neighbourhood. Actually it was difficult to engage the general public to this activity, even if some locals expressed interest. The debate itself –which they called “O nosso Bairro em Ação: A Europa Aqui” [Our Neighborhood in Action: Europe Here] –was held in 13th February, with the presence of other kids and teenagers, representatives of Beato Parish and CIE, as well a local Community Intervention's technician living in the neighborhood and representative of Roma people, a key community within this local community. After presenting the movie, LYN explained why they chose “Party Animal” and which activity they would like to offer to the elder people, the first target audience they chose to work with. The group abandoned the initial idea of taking the elder people to a sports complex where they have been last year. They thought it would be better to start the engagement in the neighborhood and their own place (Espaço Jovem).

In an intimate conversation-debate, the active aging, sports and arts as tools to approach the locals, livability issues, community engagement, gaining a respectful voice within the community, the relationship between the institutions and the civil society were discussed. The representative of Beato Parish's presence to register the ideas of activities for the neighborhood and to talk to LYN was an opportunity to fight a European malaise, the gap between citizens and politicians. At the same time, it was stimulated a bottom-up approach: the group only should prepare the activities they listed (cinema sessions, dance, ping pong, etc.), if they answer to their own interests/needs and the community's interests/needs. During the conversation, Beato Parish and CIE gave some recommendations and guaranteed logistics support.

Event 16 EU ACT – PORTUGAL

Participation: The event involved 22 citizens, including 22 participants from the city of Lisbon, Portugal

Location / Dates: The event took place in Lisbon, Portugal, on the 31/05/2019

Short description: The future of Europe could not be detached from the future of the globe. Anyway, a macro view of a sustainable and viable future does not exempt a micro view: local communities, civic society organizations and individuals also have something to say and to do about their permanency in Europe and on Earth. Once “EU Act” activity should focus on the future of EU, including a debate on the challenges, opportunities and individual responsibilities in driving positive change, CCLD Lisbon Network considered to organize a discussion on Environment, a cross-sectional, hot issue about our present and future, too disquieting to ignore as a citizen or as part of a community. Requiring regularity, continuity and solidness in the approach, CLLD Lisbon Network thought would make sense to join a strategic partner, Zero Waste Lab (Portugal), already working on the ground with a specific community this theme through a cycle of local forums. So, our last local activity of WISE was a community forum in a specific neighbourhood of Lisbon. It was implemented within the framework of WISE project and under “Zero Waste Mouraria”, a local project which is part of an integrated co-governance program focused on citizens empowerment in Lisbon's priority neighborhoods [BIP/ZIP] – in this case Mouraria neighbourhood, which CCLD Lisbon Network's Local Development Strategy aims to respond.

This session co-organized by Zero Waste Lab and CCLD Lisbon Network was different from the three previous ones, once we introduced – in addition to the individual and community scale of the problem, usually at the heart of the discussion – the European approach for reflection. Usually in these informal sessions [that still not ended], citizens and CSOs representatives discuss how to contribute to a “zero waste” neighbourhood. Meanwhile, Zero Waste Lab takes the opportunity to “pilot positive impact solutions” for a better future. Before the debate, in order to provide a context, Fernanda Fernandes, representative of Espaço Europa, a partner of WISE project from the early beginning, presented environmental measures taken or to be taken by European Commission that are having or will have an impact on the daily lives of European citizens (the agenda for a safe, clean and connected mobility; Natura 2000's role for the protection of rare and threatened species; and the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy). One of the short films included in the campaign “#EUandMe” [“Oona”] was screened as well to introduce Natura 2020 network and the direct impact of human action on the biodiversity in Europe.

This forum was attended by 22 participants, who spread over 3 tables. The world coffee dynamic was adopted, which enabled all the groups to rotate and respond to all the six questions over the table. This way each participant had the opportunity to express him/herself and position him/herself, on an individual, community and European scale. After discussing solutions for the current problems and writing their

commitments for the future, the three groups presented their inputs to the other groups. Along with the inputs brought forward in the other forums and the messages set by other citizens inside a physical mailbox during the lifespan of this BIP/ZIP project [Zero Waste Mouraria], these contributions will be included in the so-called “Zero Waste Manifesto”, to be presented in September to a more enlarged community and to the local political representatives, as a positive lobbying. As creative outputs, the participants also wrote messages to the world and to the neighbour [hashtags such as #TaraEU, EUWasteAwareness, #ThinkTwice, #AHouseAFarm, #MoreBulkProducts, #SharedResponsibilities] to disseminate in social media.

Event 17 EU LEARN – BULGARIA

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Troyan, Bulgaria

Location / Dates: The event took place in Troyan, Bulgaria, on 22/11/2018

Short description: The interactive game was created for students and members of NGOs aiming at improving the knowledge of the young people about the history of the EU. The idea of the game is using the “escape room” elements to motivate the participants to find out historical facts and memorize important for the EU history dates. A five-member team has to find the answers of the questions for the past of the European Union. The clues for the 11 questions were spread and hidden in the room among objects, maps, posters related to the EU member countries or other cities. Every correct answer leads to the next question so that at the end the final correct answer was the successful exit of the game. After the game the participants have shared their insights and learning and a discussion with the public was launched.

Event 18 EU REFLECT – BULGARIA

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, including 40 participants from the city of Troyan, Bulgaria

Location / Dates: The event took place in Troyan, Bulgaria, on 13/12/2018

Short description: An interactive debate on the topic of the European Union’s present was held in the municipality of Teteven, attended by more than 40 young people aged 16-19. Before the debate an educational panel was carried out in order to prepare the participants and raise their knowledge on the goals and values of the European Union, the functions and role of the EU institutions. The young people from Teteven also went through the “European Labyrinth: the History of the EU”. Two 5-member teams opposed each other to compete how informed they are on the EU topics and compare their knowledge on the functions of the institutions. The gamified process as well as the competitive element of the event encouraged the participants to have fun and feel comfortable to learn and ask questions about the EU. The meeting was also attended by teachers and representatives of the local authority.

Event 19 EU ACT – BULGARIA

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Troyan, Bulgaria

Location / Dates: The event took place in Troyan, Bulgaria, on 13/12/2018

Short description: The workshop aimed at discussing the future of the EU - identifying further steps and formulating recommendations for a brighter future. 25 people, representatives of local authorities and NGOs from the North Central Bulgaria were gathered in Bojenci to discuss the future of the EU. The meeting started with presenting the project WISE, its goals and main activities. A short presentation and demonstration of what has been done till now (the European Labyrinth: the History of the EU in Troyan and the Interactive Debate: Europe Today in Teteven) under the project has been conducted. Then the participants have worked in 5 groups having the following tasks: Identifying the 5 challenges toward the brighter future of the EU; Transformation of these challenges into goals; Prioritizing and selection of one goal to work on; Identifying of the main institution that can support the implementation of the goal; Discussion and listing the activities/recommendations for this institution in order to solve the problem and achieve the goal; Self-reflection: What can I personally do to support the implementation of this goal?. In order to achieve greater interaction elements of the method “World Café” was used. The participants were active and have taken active part in the discussion.

Event 20 EU LEARN – CROATIA

Participation: The event involved 24 citizens, including 24 participants from the city of Vodnjan, Hrvatska

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vodnjan, Hrvatska, on 17/12/2018

Short description: Informo Association held its first local activity within the WISE project on 17.12.2018. This activity refers to a lecture on the European Union at elementary school in Vodnjan, to pupils attending the eight classes and their teachers. The activity was held by the employees of the Association Informo Laura Širol, Ema Han and Sabina Valić, and the volunteer of the European Volunteer Service Goknur Gudu.

Pupils and teachers are presented with the European Union's history (organizations, goals, treaties, principles, ...) through interactive presentations and videos. In this way, we have encouraged an informal learning method, as children in the school do not learn enough about the history of the European Union, and one of our goals through this activity was to bring the pupils closer to the history that has been created over the last 70 years. After the lecture was held and after the pupils saw the interactive video, a quiz on the European Union was organized. We were very surprised that the students listened attentively and that all responded rightly to the questions we asked them in the quiz. Even younger generations are interested in the history and beginnings of the European Union.

Event 21 EU REFLECT – CROATIA

Participation: The event involved 28 citizens, including 28 participants from the city of Pula, Hrvatska

Location / Dates: The event took place in Pula, Hrvatska, on 06/03/2019

Short description: Informo Association held its second local activity within the WISE project on 6.03.2019. We organized a debate in High school in Pula with students. The activity was held by the employees of the Association Informo Laura Širol and Sabina Valić, and the volunteers of the European Volunteer Service Goknur Gudu (Turkey) and Marta Menendez (Spain). During the course of our activity, we were primarily presenting the presentation on the current situation in the European Union, the forthcoming Europarliamentary elections and we devoted time to topics that are close to our local community. So we focused on presenting volunteering activities, as our association operates in Vodnjan and we welcome volunteers from European countries to help us work on projects, instantly learn about local customs and integrate into the local community. For this reason, our volunteers, Marta Menendez (Spain) and Goknur Gudu (Turkey) presented to the students in the debate, what is really volunteering and to show the attendees what volunteering was and how they decided to come to volunteer in Croatia, in a way to contribute to our local community. After they presented, we had a debate on current issues in the European Union, about volunteering and the programs the European Union offers to potential users. The students were very interactive and participated in the discussion, asked questions about us and volunteers and learned everything they wanted. They liked very much the fact that the volunteers were present, and with whom they spent more time in conversation and debate.

Event 22 EU ACT – CROATIA

Participation: The event involved 28 citizens, including 28 participants from the city of Pula, Hrvatska

Location / Dates: The event took place in Pula, Hrvatska, on 25/03/2018

Short description: Informo Association held its third local activity within the WISE project on 25.03.2019. We organized a debate in Economic high school in Pula with students. The activity was held by the employees of the Association Informo Kristina Hlavati Bertoncely and Sabina Valić, and the volunteers of the European Volunteer Service Silvia Bisconti and Thaila Vesnaver (Italy). Our activity started with short lines about the WISE project and its objectives. Then we presented the current situation in the European Union and ask them what are their opinions about the current situation and how do they use the benefits of being in the European Union. To engage them better and to devote topics more relevant for the local community, we put an accent on volunteering activities, especially those ones offered through the EU programmes. As we are organization accredited to coordinate, send and receive volunteers, our volunteers Silvia Bisconti and Thaila Vesnaver (Italy), that came in our Association for one year and engage their time to make positive changes in local society, presented their experience, what were their doubts and fears before they decide to enroll in volunteering, how they manage their tasks, what exactly they do here and what are results of their devoted time here. Students were very engaged and interested in their testimonials and asked a lot of questions. After their part of the presentation, we had a debate on how they can act right now in this age to make a positive change in their local communities as on European level by engaging themselves in transnational activities, structured dialogue, volunteering. We detected problems in the local community and offered several possible solutions for them. To improve a debate, besides our volunteers from Italy that presented their experience, two other volunteers from Turkey and Spain were active in a debate with the situation in their countries on a particular field and compare them with Croatian ones. Students were very active in a debate, especially in interaction with our volunteers.

Event 23 EU LEARN – SLOVENIA

Participation: The event involved 23 citizens, including 23 participants from the city of Novo Mesto, Slovenia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Novo Mesto, Slovenia, on 18/07/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was for the local youngsters to get know about the creation, history, developing, treaties, institutions and pillars of EU and how was it integrated. Furthermore, the aim was for youngsters to understand the role of the EU and their important role in the EU making. We also wanted for them to know about the agencies and institutions connected with the EU in their local, national and international environment. Moreover, we wanted to engage them in debate and to hear their opinion and feelings about the EU. Finally, we focused on raising awareness of youngsters about the EU's history and scopes, to research the (their) EU identity and to increase the sense of engagement in the EU's project.

Event 24 EU REFLECT – SLOVENIA

Participation: The event involved 24 citizens, including 24 participants from the city of Novo Mesto, Slovenia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Novo Mesto, Slovenia, on 20/09/2018

Short description: The activity was held at Novo mesto Grammar School on the permission of the Association for developing voluntary work (DRPD). The purpose of the event was to present the topic of the situation in the EU and current challenges that EU is dealing with but also what kind of role civil society is playing. Firstly, Mr. Aljaž Drenovec active volunteer of the Association for developing voluntary work (DRPDNM) made a PowerPoint presentation about the current challenges of the EU and how youth is involved in it. Then followed a presentation of Ms. Snježana Blagojević, the employee of Association for developing voluntary work Novo mesto (DRPDNM) made a PowerPoint presentation about the project "WISE – While Innovating and Strengthening Europe" which started in France on 1.12.2017 and will last till 31. 5. 2019. The main topic was democratic cooperation and active citizenship in shaping policies, with the aim of making citizens aware of the importance of affiliation to the European Union. With a series of activities involving citizens across the EU and beyond, people will be better able to understand how they can help change the Europe. Ms. Snježana encouraged young listeners to participate in debate how they can involve in creating change in Slovenia and Europe. The group of young students was very interested in a debate, they also stressed some of their issues (unemployment, immigrants, and other social problems, local and global environmental problems). At the end there was exchange of information on how they can be involved in activities related to addressing problematics. They found out that participating at the non-governmental society as volunteer can make big changes in local society and broadly.

Event 25 EU ACT – SLOVENIA

Participation: The event involved 28 citizens, including 28 participants from the city of Novo Mesto, Slovenia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Novo Mesto, Slovenia, on 21/03/2019

Short description: The activity was held at Novo mesto Grammar School on the permission of the Association for developing voluntary work (DRPD). The purpose of the event was to present to students of 18 years old age the meaning of being an active citizen and the future of Europe. Firstly, Mrs. Tjaša Kozjan project coordinator of the Association for developing voluntary work (DRPDNM) made a PowerPoint presentation about being an active European citizen, the chances that EU is offering us and how youth can be involved in it. Then followed a game 'walk of privilege' led by Ms. Snježana Blagojević, the employee of Association for developing voluntary work Novo mesto (DRPDNM) The game led to discussion on the role of young people in EU and their involvement through projects, youth exchanges, European Solidarity Corps etc. Both, Tjaša and Snježana shared their own experiences that EU gave them, from EVS, to Erasmus study abroad to four freedoms that can be used by the role of being young student in any member state of the EU you wish. Following that, we talked about why our voice on EU elections is important. And we separated into four groups, active EU citizen, democratization, citizens obligations and the right to tell your own opinion.

Event 26 EU LEARN – ALBANIA

Participation: The event involved 20 citizens, including 20 participants from the city of Burrel, Albania

Location / Dates: The event took place in Burrel, Albania, on the 14/07/2018

Short description: The Association for Local Autonomy was with the Burrel youth to discuss with them their integration and role in the process. As part of the WISE - (While Innovation Strengthening Europe) project aimed at informing and educating young people about the European Union, SHAV held an informational meeting with talented gymnasts of the "Pjeter Budi" and "28 November" school in Burrel.

Present at the event were also representatives of Save the Children, the head of the Mat Education Office and representatives of the EU Information Office at the Mat Municipality who discussed and briefed young people on the history, institutions and challenges of the Union such as expansion and multiculturalism. The WISE project not only supports and promotes community awareness of the important role that integration has in relation to the development of local democracy, it aims to involve young people from South East European countries in the integration process through the EU Learning component. In this meeting SHAV told the young people that their active involvement in community processes would directly help the integration of the country. The meeting also emphasized the importance of education in shaping young European citizens.

Event 27 EU REFLECT – ALBANIA

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Durrës, Albania

Location / Dates: The event took place in Durrës, Albania, on the 06/03/2019

Short description: The event took place in Durrës, a city in Albania, the topic that we presented was: Euroscepticism, European Union challenges and the role of local governance.

This event gathered different actors from European studies, municipality, civil society, students and youth organisations. The aim was to develop a constructive debate on the challenges of European Union, the future perspectives, the role of civil society and the local governance. One of the panelist, was the professor of European studies that presented the development of EU objectives, Euroscepticism, and how it shaped current challenges. Further, she described in detail different perceptions of regarding EU governance, state sovereignty, as well as the current global challenges. Moreover, participants from the municipality, described the role of EU stand, regarding the project applications, grants and the importance of the local governance toward the country integration in EU. ALAA was presented by director executive, the presentation was regarding the civil society. We presented the aim and the different perceptions for civil society inside and outside EU, challenges of 2030 of the civil society. Focus on the role of civil society during the Berlin process, in Albania we constructed an active participation. The participants took an active role in the debate and the photos together with the videos were distributed among them to be shared on different pages and accounts. In attach you will find photos and agenda, if something else is needed please do not hesitate to contact me.

Event 28 EU ACT – ALBANIA

Participation: The event involved 28 citizens, including 28 participants from the city of Gramsh, Albania

Location / Dates: The event took place in Gramsh, Albania, on the 24/04/2019

Short description: The third local activity By ALAA. The topics that we presented were: challenges and opportunities ; individual responsibility in driving positive change; recommendations for actions at local, national and European level. This event gathered different actors from municipality and civil society . The aim was to develop a constructive debate on the future of European Union and individual responsibilities in driving positive change and the role of civil society and the local government. One of the panelist, was the mayor of municipality of Gramsh that presented the current status of Albania as candidate country and the role of local government in this process. Further, she described in detail concrete actions that each municipality can take in order to make possible the integration in the EU and how to face the current global challenges. Some of the topics that the participants discussed in the debate were: Globalization and how it offers both challenges and opportunities; Human rights and equal pay for women and men; Environment and Economic Growth.

Event 29 EU LEARN – NORTH MACEDONIA

Participation: The event involved 31 citizens, including 31 participants from the city of Prilep, North Macedonia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Prilep, North Macedonia, on the 31/05/2018

Short description: First activity of the project implementation was workshop, that we made in high school „Gjorce Petrov” in Prilep with the students from first year in the school. The title of he workshop was: „Учиме за ЕУ” (Learn about EU). Workshop started with energizer for learning the countries – part of EU. Second activity was reading statements (interesting facts about EU). After that we continued with video about forming EU and its institutions, short video and power point presentation where we presented to the students the retrospective of EU history, aims and principles of EU, Institutions and policies of EU and what means European identity. We had a short discussion and then, we started with a team/group activity –

learning through brainstorming. Students divided in small groups were discussing about the European identity, and what will be the positive changes for Macedonia after entering in EU? They were drawing and writing on flipcharts and presented their thoughts and opinions about Macedonian way to EU. We finished with evaluation.

Event 30 EU REFLECT – NORTH MACEDONIA

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Prilep, North Macedonia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Prilep, North Macedonia, on the 07/06/2018

Short description: Workshop started with energizer, for getting to know each other the participants and learning the countries which are part of EU. Second game was reading statements – facts about EU. The facilitator was reading statements and everybody who was thinking that is true should stand up, and if they think that is false to stay sit on the chair. After that we had a short power point presentation and video about the retrospective of EU history, aims and principles of EU, Institutions and policies of EU and European Identity. After the presentation we had a short discussions about the European values and European Identity. Workshop continued with discussions in small groups and presentation of thoughts and opinions about the positive changes for Macedonia after entering in EU. Workshop finished with evaluation.

Event 31 EU ACT – NORTH MACEDONIA

Participation: The event involved 29 citizens, including 29 participants from the city of Prilep, North Macedonia

Location / Dates: The event took place in Prilep, North Macedonia, on the 26/02/2019

Short description: Topic of the debate was: „EU projects have positive impact on the personal youth development”. On the debate were participating 29 students, professors from the local high schools, students from the Economy faculty and local NGOs. First, we started with short energizer – European awareness (what do they know about Europe). After that was explained the system for debating. Participants were divided in two groups that took part in the debating, for and against the topic: „EU projects have positive impact on the personal youth development”. Participants were debating on following questions: 1. What are the challenges and opportunities and how huge is the awareness for the opportunities that EU gives us? 2. How big is the individual responsibility in driving positive change? Who can make the change and where and how we should start with it? On the end, participants wrote recommendations for actions at local, national and European level. During the debate students from the Medical high school in Prilep, recorded a video of it. Debaters gave good explanations for and against the EU projects and their impact on the personal youth development, they were very well prepared for the debate and had good arguments for and against. But on the end, judges made their decision, so the team that was FOR the EU project won.

Event 32 EU LEARN – BELGIUM

Participation: The event involved 35 citizens, including 35 participants from the city of Brussels, Belgium

Location / Dates: The event took place in Brussels, Belgium, on the 31/01/2019

Short description: Whilst decisions on the withdrawal of the UK from the EU are still in the balance, the brainstorming under the title “staring at the Brexit snake” has been an opportunity to raise the issue of the hidden impact on freedom of movement across Europe, identity and citizenship. The EU has stated that citizenship is outside their mandate to negotiate the withdrawal of the UK from the EU under Article 50 of Treaty on the European Union. It has thus been left to the citizens of the EU to correct this deliberate oversight and the only way to do so is to promote the European Citizens’ Initiative on permanent European Union citizenship. We also appeal to European citizens in other EU countries, as Brexit suggests not to take for granted a transnational citizenship which seemingly can be revoked without their consent. The message is: once conferred, European citizenship should not be taken away.

Event 33 EU REFLECT – BELGIUM

Participation: The event involved 35 citizens, including 35 participants from the city of Brussels, Belgium

Location / Dates: The event took place in Brussels, Belgium, on the 31/01/2019

Short description: Whilst decisions on the withdrawal of the UK from the EU are still in the balance, the brainstorming under the title “staring at the Brexit snake” has been an opportunity to raise the issue of the hidden impact on freedom of movement across Europe, identity and citizenship. The EU has stated that

citizenship is outside their mandate to negotiate the withdrawal of the UK from the EU under Article 50 of Treaty on the European Union. It has thus been left to the citizens of the EU to correct this deliberate oversight and the only way to do so is to promote the European Citizens' Initiative on permanent European Union citizenship. We also appeal to European citizens in other EU countries, as Brexit suggests not to take for granted a transnational citizenship which seemingly can be revoked without their consent. The message is: once conferred, European citizenship should not be taken away.

Event 34 EU ACT – BELGIUM

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Location / Dates: The event took place in Brussels, Belgium, on the 31/01/2019

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Event 35 EU LEARN – THE NETHERLANDS

Participation: The event involved 57 citizens, including 57 participants from the city of Maastricht, the Netherlands

Location / Dates: The event took place in Maastricht, the Netherlands, on 29/04/2019.

Short description: The aim of the event was to test the participants' knowledge about the history and institutions of the EU. During the first local activity, a stand was created during the Maastricht Debate 2019 event and more than fifty seven participants were provided with a questionnaire containing fifteen questions aiming at raising citizens' awareness about the history and institutions of the EU. Their correct answers were approved and incorrect answers were explained. According to the number of their correct answers, they are provided with various gifts including vouchers, gift cards, chocolates etc. Furthermore, the participants were also given a short presentation as to what the EU has done so far for Limburg province and a feedback from each participant was taken accordingly.

Event 36 EU REFLECT – THE NETHERLANDS

Participation: The event involved 27 citizens, including 27 participants from the city of Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Maastricht, the Netherlands, on 27/05/2019.

Short description: The aim of the event was to have group works on current internal and global challenges faced by the EU societies and on opportunities and individual responsibility in driving positive change. Following our collaboration with a health care&service center based in Maastricht, Stichting Mosae Zorggroep, 27 participants were assigned into 5 groups with one discussion leader in each group, whose sole task is to report the discussed subjects. Each group first individually answered a formulaire with several questions regarding their opinions about the EU and the problems they seem to be facing at the moment. Of course, this was not be assessed in anyway and was designed to be rather entertaining. Accordingly, they were asked to react to quotes, satirical cartoons, pictures, etc. After having done so, the participants in each group were asked to pool their findings and reflect on them as a group. The discussion leader had the chance to summarise it all on their white board in the shape of bullet points.

Event 37 EU ACT – THE NETHERLANDS

Participation: The event involved 27 citizens, including 27 participants from the city of Maastricht, the Netherlands.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Maastricht, the Netherlands, from 27/05/2019.

Short description: The aim of the event was to complement the first session of group discussions in order for the participants who already brainstormed with regards to the challenges within the EU and the issues that European societies has been facing on both local and EU level to, this time, come up with possible solutions all together. Each group got back together for a second session in order to work on solutions for

everything that had been discussed so far. Two Dutch moderators were present to this end. A small break in between to drink, eat and discuss was provided. Each groups' summaries were presented to the rest of the participants. They were provided with material to create "proposition boards" with the solutions they came up with and those participants who gave their consent were photographed. The pictures were then shared on the screen with the other participants. Finally the participants were awarded vouchers and gift cards.

Event 38 EU LEARN – GREECE

Participation: The event involved 20 citizens, including 20 participants from the city of Nausa , Greece

Location / Dates: The event took place in Nausa , Greece, from 07/07/2018 to 08/07/2018

Short description: The event focused on informing citizens on common EU history, its institutions and policies. Diverse non-formal education methods have been employed to involve participants as much as possible (i.e. table games, documentaries, videos, storytelling from older generations, etc.).

Event 39 EU REFLECT – GREECE

Participation: The event involved 20 citizens, including 20 participants from the city of Nausa , Greece

Location / Dates: The event took place in Nausa , Greece, from 07/07/2018 to 08/07/2018

Short description: The event has provided citizens with a higher understanding of the EU current challenges. Debates, round tables, workshops have animated the local communities on the "hot topics" at stake in the EU of today. The role of the civil society, key for shaping a critical mass, has been tackled and the tools at its disposal presented (i.e. volunteering, ECI, etc.)

Event 40 EU ACT – GREECE

Participation: The event involved 20 citizens, including 20 participants from the city of Nausa , Greece

Location / Dates: The event took place in Nausa , Greece, from 07/07/2018 to 08/07/2018

Short description: The event focused on the future of the EU. It has had a focus on its potential threats, challenges and opportunities, employing non-formal education methods (i.e. European awareness scenario Workshops). The importance of one's endeavor in bringing positive changes on local and global scale has been raised.

Event 41 EU LEARN – MONTENEGRO

Participation: The event involved 27 citizens, including 27 participants from the city of Bijelo Polje, Montenegro

Location / Dates: The event took place in Bijelo Polje, Montenegro, from 01/05/2019 to 31/05/2019

Short description: The event focused on informing citizens on common EU history, its institutions and policies. Diverse non-formal education methods have been employed to involve participants as much as possible (i.e. table games, documentaries, videos, storytelling from older generations, etc.).

Event 42 EU REFLECT – MONTENEGRO

Participation: The event involved 27 citizens, including 27 participants from the city of Bijelo Polje, Montenegro

Location / Dates: The event took place in Bijelo Polje, Montenegro, from 01/05/2019 to 31/05/2019

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Event 44 EU LEARN – FRANCE

Participation: The event involved 30 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Paris, France

Location / Dates: The event took place in Paris, France, from 11/10/2018 to 13/10/2018

Short description: The event focused on informing citizens on common EU history, its institutions and policies. Diverse non-formal education methods have been employed to involve participants as much as possible (i.e. table games, documentaries, videos, storytelling from older generations, etc.).

Event 45 EU REFLECT – FRANCE

Participation: The event involved 30 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Paris, France

Location / Dates: The event took place in Paris, France, from 11/10/2018 to 13/10/2018

Short description: The event has provided citizens with a higher understanding of the EU current challenges. Debates, round tables, workshops have animated the local communities on the "hot topics" at stake in the EU of today. The role of the civil society, key for shaping a critical mass, has been tackled and the tools at its disposal presented (i.e. volunteering, ECI, etc.)

Event 46 EU ACT – FRANCE

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Location / Dates: The event took place in Paris, France, from 11/10/2018 to 13/10/2018

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Event 47 EU LEARN – ITALY

Participation: The event involved 65 citizens, including 65 participants from the city of Rome, Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Rome, Italy, from 7/11/2018 to 16/05/2019

Short description: This phase included the following meetings in three different High schools in Rome: 1. "From the Ventotene Manifesto to Europe today" - a story of the main stages of the European project (2 hours - 1 meeting per school); 2. "The main European institutions" - a description of the institutional architecture of the European Union (2 hours - 1 meeting per school).

Event 48 EU REFLECT – ITALY

Participation: The event involved 65 citizens, including 65 participants from the city of Rome, Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Rome, Italy, from 7/11/2018 to 16/05/2019

Short description: A reflection on EU value and political priorities. This phase started with a plenary session developed in each of the three participating schools. After the topic "European Union's Unfinished Democracy" has been selected for the prosecution of the project in the EP elections perspective. Proceeded with various meetings of three different working groups (WG): PROSECUTION - DEFENCE – JURY. (6- 18 h each participant -1 plenary meeting + 2/5 group meetings for each WG (TOT 14 meetings).

Event 49 EU ACT – ITALY

Participation: The event involved 65 citizens, including 65 participants from the city of Rome, Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Rome, Italy, from 7/11/2018 to 16/05/2019

Short description: Students have been tasked with publicly express, as part of a simulated trial, their analyses and proposals on EU future challenges and opportunities. This phase was structured as follows: 1. A public conference structured according our "Europe on Trial" mock trial format; 2. Presentation of the results of a survey carried out in the schools involved. The "Europe on Trial" format, in April 2019, has been selected by Eu institutions as finalist for the "Altiero Spinelli Price for Outreach".

Event 50 – Final International Conference – European Union: Past, Present and future

Participation: The event involved 105 citizens, including 50 participants from the city of Lisbon (Portugal), 4 participants from Spain, 3 participants from Romania, 3 participants from Czech Republic, 3 participants from Serbia, 5 participants from Italy, 3 participants from Bulgaria, 4 participants from Croatia, 4 participants from Slovenia, 3 participants from Albania, 5 participants from North Macedonia, 5 participants from Belgium, 5 participants from the Netherlands, 3 participants from Greece, 3 participant from Montenegro, 5 participants from France

Location / Dates: The event took place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 12/03/2019 to 14/03/2019

Short description: The closing event took place in Lisbon, Portugal, in March 2019 and aimed to finalize and evaluate the project and to close the discussions about hot issues. The location was wisely chosen: the Lisbon Treaty is the latest one signed by the EU Members, so we ideally “closed” the path of the EU done so far. It symbolizes also the point from where we want to start for rebooting the EU project, with new energy, more consciousness and stronger motivation, now very stuck but essential for peace and prosperity of the old Continent. Partners have presented outcomes of local phases and discussed possible future cooperation. International events have enabled partners with exchanging ideas, best practices, sharing difficulties and comparing situations from their respective backgrounds and building new cooperation and collaborations. By engaging various nationalities, they helped to point out on cultural and linguistic richness of Europe, fostered intercultural dialogue and built more tolerant and multifaceted environment for us all.

