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Seven events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 - MULTICULTURAL SOLIDARITY FESTIVAL

Participation: The event involved 114 citizens, including

- ★★ 1 participant from Cyprus,
- ★★ 4 participants from Spain,
- ★★ 8 participants from Poland,
- ★★ 2 participants from Lithuania,
- ★★ 5 participants from Russia,
- ★★ 2 participants from Germany,
- ★★ 2 participants from UK,
- ★★ 4 participants from France,
- ★★ 86 participants from Bulgaria (Bulgarians, Bulgarian Turks and Roma people).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria, from 07/04/2017 to 08/04/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was to celebrate the multiculturalism, the solidarity among different minority groups in the context of the multicultural diversity and solidarity. The event successfully promoted equal opportunities, non-discrimination principles and multicultural dialogue. It highlighted the solidarity mechanisms in EU through learning by doing. As results were achieved better knowledge of different cultures and traditions in multicultural environment and better understanding of the statues, lives and traditions of migrants in the EU.

Event 2 - EUROPEAN HISTORY, INTEGRATION AND SOLIDARITY Sensitive Labyrinth Theatre

Participation: The event involved 55 citizens, including

- ★★ 4 participants from Cyprus,
- ★★ 3 participants from Italy,
- ★★ 5 participants from Spain,
- ★★ 6 participants from Lithuania,
- ★★ 5 participants from Germany,
- ★★ 1 participant from Poland,
- ★★ 1 participant from Malaysia,
- ★★ 1 participant from Ireland,
- ★★ 29 participants from UK (third country nationals, immigrants and native citizens).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Chatham, UK, from 26/06/2017 to 27/06/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was to introduce the EU history and achievements to native citizens, migrants and third country nationals from the partner countries. The participants were encouraged to become active in the EU society through participative art, fostering their social awareness. The methods used a holistic, multi-modal approach to the Expressive and Creative arts focusing on community building, exploration, self-discovery and problem solving. The event promoted history-based and forward-looking active citizenship and social inclusion, involving local community members not engaged with the EU idea in an international activity.

Event 3 - EU INTEGRATION AND MIGRANTS' RIGHTS International Conference

Participation: The event involved 56 citizens, including

- ★★ 2 participants from Cyprus,
- ★★ 5 participants from Spain,
- ★★ 1 participant from Poland,
- ★★ 2 participants from Italy,
- ★★ 1 participant from United Kingdom,

- ★★ 10 participants from Azerbaijan,
- ★★ 1 participant from India,
- ★★ 3 participants from Pakistan,
- ★★ 2 participants from Germany,
- ★★ 1 participant from Israel,
- ★★ 1 participant from Bulgaria,
- ★★ 1 participant from Belarus,
- ★★ 1 participant from Latvia,
- ★★ 25 participants from Vilnius, Lithuania.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 10/10/2017 to 11/10/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was to raise awareness on the differences that exist between Member States in terms of rights given to migrants, ethnic minority groups and EU residents from third countries. Scholars, educators, practitioners, and experts in the field from different disciplines (i.e. social work with youth, psychology, educational sciences and law) have explored and shared their knowledge and ideas about local and global perspectives for EU integration and migrants' rights, covering both social issues globally and rather practical way-outs locally.

Event 4 - Public Forum Debate "Refugees: Threat or Opportunity?"

Participation: The event involved 101 citizens, including

- ★★ 3 participants from Lithuania,
- ★★ 2 participants from Germany,
- ★★ 1 participant from Poland,
- ★★ 4 participants from Spain,
- ★★ 2 participants from Bulgaria,
- ★★ 2 participants from UK,
- ★★ 2 participants from Cyprus,
- ★★ 2 participants from Mexico,
- ★★ 1 participant from USA,
- ★★ 1 participant from Hong Kong,
- ★★ 1 participant from Chile,
- ★★ 1 participant from Nigeria,
- ★★ 1 participant from Argentina,
- ★★ 1 participant from Haiti,
- ★★ 1 participant from Cosa Rica,
- ★★ 1 participant from Guatemala,
- ★★ 1 participant from Brazil,
- ★★ 1 participant from Colombia,
- ★★ 1 participant from Peru,
- ★★ 53 participants from the city of Manfredonia (Puglia, Italy),
- ★★ 19 participants from the city of Rome (Italy).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Rome, Italy, from 26/11/2017 to 27/11/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was to promote intercultural dialogue and find some creative solutions and proposals through information, knowledge and expertise sharing, discussions and cooperation in best practices dealing with the current challenging crisis that refugees endure. Exchange of views was achieved at European level to influence organisations, through discussions among stakeholders on the following topics:

- ✚ Refugees: opportunity or threat? Context, causes and perspectives.
- ✚ Rights and duties of the refugees in bioethics perspective.
- ✚ Refugees integration from an intercultural and religious perspective.

Event 5 - MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AS WORK FORCE FOR THE EU LABOUR MARKET Round Table

Participation: The event involved 38 citizens, including

- ★★ 4 participants from Spain,
- ★★ 3 participants from Italy,
- ★★ 1 participant from Poland,
- ★★ 2 participants from Cyprus,
- ★★ 2 participants from Bulgaria,
- ★★ 2 participants from Lithuania,
- ★★ 8 participants from Suhl, Germany,
- ★★ 10 participants from Hildburghausen, Germany,
- ★★ 1 participant from Zella-Mehlis, Germany,
- ★★ 5 participants from Schleusingen, Germany.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Berlin, Germany, from 18/02/2018 to 19/02/2018 (Round Table open debate) and in Hildburghausen, Germany, on 19/02/2018 (Workshop with young refugees from Armenia, Syria, Afghanistan, Iran, Ukraine, Eritrea)

Short description: The aim of the event was to promote the increasing presence of migrants and refugees as benefit for the EU labour market among EU and non-EU residents and share different opinions and experiences concerning adopting of cooperation and living among representatives of different cultures and nations. The results from the RT debate in Berlin were presented to young refugees residing in Germany during a workshop, where their voices were promoted as the voice of every young refugee in Europe, dreaming for a better future and looking for a place in the EU labour market.

Event 6 - International Lincoln-Douglas Debate: "Refugee crisis background and solutions"

Participation: The event involved 52 citizens, including

- ★★ 4 participants from Spain,
- ★★ 1 participant from Poland,
- ★★ 2 participants from Germany,
- ★★ 2 participants from Italy,
- ★★ 2 participants from Lithuania,
- ★★ 1 participant from Bulgaria,
- ★★ 4 participants from Greece,
- ★★ 2 participants from Syria,
- ★★ 34 participants from Cyprus.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Nicosia, Cyprus, from 15/04/2018 to 16/04/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to raise awareness and include natives, Europeans and third country nationals into an active discussion about asylum and migration. More specifically was designed to include tertiary education students, academics, professionals, representatives from public organisations, local authorities and international organisations as well as refugees and migrants. The overall intention was to promote and exchange ideas and personal reflections on how the current situation can be improved, seeking common solidarity, human dignity and equal opportunities for those in need.

Event 7 - Day of Europe and Citizens' Summit: What does the Solidarity mean to the individual citizen?

Participation: The event involved 241 citizens, including

- ★★ 2 participants from Lithuania,
- ★★ 3 participants from Germany,
- ★★ 5 participants from Italy,
- ★★ 1 participant from Hungary,
- ★★ 2 participants from Bulgaria,
- ★★ 2 participants from Poland,
- ★★ 3 participants from Cyprus,
- ★★ 73 participants from the region of Madrid, Spain,
- ★★ 150 students from Salesian college, Madrid, Spain.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Madrid, Spain, on 09/05/2018 (Celebration of the Day of Europe, promoting solidarity and the ESC initiative to students) and from 30/05/2018 to 31/05/2018 (Citizens' summit)

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss specific aspects of solidarity, influence and effects that volunteering has for the citizens from all ages in their everyday life, personal and community development. It achieved in its 2 parts to enhance the understanding of the civil society and the young people about the solidarity meaning in European dimension for the individual citizen and to enable dialogue and active participation of citizens and associations, finding possible solutions of the refugee crisis as volunteering, European Solidarity Corps and CSOs.