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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

5 (five) events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 132 citizens, including 82 participants from the city of Vila Nova de Cerveira (**Portugal**), 21 participants from the city of Tomiño (**Spain**), 5 participants from the Organization Sdruzhenie na Yugozapadnite Obshtini (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from the city of Dimitrovgrad (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Panevėžys (**Lithuania**), 2 participants from the city of Daugavpils (**Latvia**), 2 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 3 participants from the Organization Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County General Assembly (**Hungary**), 1 participants from the city of Rožnava (**Slovakia**), 8 participants from the Organization GECT GO (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the Organization Lighthouse Languages (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vila Nova de Cerveira (Portugal), from 20/10/2021 to 25/10/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was:

- To focus on "The Perception Of The European Union During The Crisis Due To Covid-19 Pandemic"
- to make the participants aware of the Project's expected results and of the first international meeting's program;
- to create a first approach of the delegates with the local culture and with the other participants;
- to give them the possibility to present themselves and their practices;
- to involve local citizens, in particular volunteers, in the welcome activities;
- to make a first attempt of collaboration among different Countries;
- to get the delegates aware of Portuguese and Spanish best practices on solidarity and cooperation; to put the participants in contact with the local cultural beauties and traditions.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 130 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Vila Nova de Cerveira (**Portugal**), 2 participants from the city of Tomiño (**Spain**), 4 participants from the Organization Sdruzhenie na Yugozapadnite Obshtini (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from the city of Dimitrovgrad (**Serbia**), 3 participants from the city of Panevėžys (**Lithuania**), 2 participants from the city of Daugavpils (**Latvia**), 2 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 84 participants from the Organization Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County General Assembly (**Hungary**), 20 participants from the city of Rožnava (**Slovakia**), 4 participants from the Organization GECT GO (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the Organization Lighthouse Languages (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Miskolc (**Hungary**), from 22/03/2022 to 27/03/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was:

- To focus on “Evolution of cross-border relations: how the relations between cross-border countries changed in the last few years, sharing of good practices”;
- Being aware of EU policies about solidarity;
- Knowing the risks coming from crisis of European values;
- Sharing of experiences and local stories from the delegates;
- Knowing the different approaches between adjoining countries and between distant ones;
- Fostering friendship and fellowship among participants;
- Recognizing the achievement achieved so far within BRIDGE Project;
- Getting to better know Hungarian and Slovakian territory through its associations and cultural places;

Event 3

Participation: Participation: The event involved 106 citizens, including 6 participants from the city of Vila Nova de Cerveira (**Portugal**), 3 participants from the city of Tomiño (**Spain**), 4 participants from the Organization Sdruzhenie na Yugozapadnite Obshtini (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from the city of Dimitrovgrad (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Panevėžys (**Lithuania**), 2 participants from the city of Daugavpils (**Latvia**), 2 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 4 participants from the Organization Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County General Assembly (**Hungary**), 2 participants from the city of Roznava (**Slovakia**), 69 participants from the Organization GECT GO (**Slovenia**), 8 participants from the Organization Lighthouse Languages (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Nova Gorica (**Slovenia**), from 23/05/2022 to 28/05/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was:

- To focus on “Cross-border cultural events/projects already done and projects that are not yet cross-border but could become”;
- make the citizens aware of the aims and the feature of the third international meeting,
- fostering the friendship among the Partners,
- boosting the participation of the local citizenship, especially of the disadvantaged groups and of those who reject the idea of EU;
- getting first acquaintance with the Italian/slovenian municipalities, history and cultures.
- talking about xenophobia and sharing points of view,
- debating on the solutions adopted by European agenda; practical activity to state how much the participants know about European Union and its values and to research the causes of xenophobia;
- Starting a confrontation among delegates and improvement of the knowledge about Union's aims.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 139 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Vila Nova de

Cerveira (**Portugal**), 2 participants from the city of Tomiño (**Spain**), 85 participants from the Organization Sdruzhenie na Yugozapadnite Obshtini (**Bulgaria**), 31 participants from the city of Dimitrovgrad (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Panevėžys (**Lithuania**), 2 participants from the city of Daugavpils (**Latvia**), 0 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 4 participants from the Organization Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County General Assembly (**Hungary**), 1 participants from the city of Rožnava (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the Organization GECT GO (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the Organization Lighthouse Languages (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Slivnitsa (**Bulgaria**), from 19/06/2022 to 24/06/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was:

- Focusing on “Successful projects in the sphere of social, cultural, ecological and civil activities”;
- Strengthening the collaboration among different Countries;
- stating some solutions related to euro skepticism;
- Sharing opinions and points of view;
- Gathering the solutions found and the practices;
- Making each delegation aware of the other delegations' already adopted practices.
- Getting to better know Bulgarian and Serbian territories through their associations.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 133 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Vila Nova de Cerveira (**Portugal**), 1 participants from the city of Tomiño (**Spain**), 1 participants from the Organization Sdruzhenie na Yugozapadnite Obshtini (**Bulgaria**), 1 participants from the city of Dimitrovgrad (**Serbia**), 84 participants from the city of Panevėžys (**Lithuania**), 32 participants from the city of Daugavpils (**Latvia**), 0 participants from the city of Deryneia (**Cyprus**), 1 participants from the Organization Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County General Assembly (**Hungary**), 1 participants from the city of Rožnava (**Slovakia**), 5 participants from the Organization GECT GO (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the Organization Lighthouse Languages (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Panevėžys/Daugavpils (**Lithuania/Latvia**), from 01/09/2022 to 05/09/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was:

- Focusing on “Legal difficulties in cross-border cooperation - how the national law can slow down some processes between neighboring Countries”;
- Sharing of practices led to improve the future of Europe;
- Planning of cultural visits to better know the Lithuanian and Latvian territories;
- Making the participants aware of the results reached during these 36 months and analyze them;
- Setting a debate led to a confrontation among partners;
- Taking contacts for future collaboration of the involved Organizations.