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INVOLVING GAINING

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 153 citizens, notably 13 participants from the city of Uggiate-Trevano (**Italia**), 45 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**), 49 participants from the city of Pakruojis (**Lithuania**) and 46 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Rundale (**Rundale Municipality**), from 11.06.2015 to 14.06.2015.

Short description:

The day of 11.06.2015 was dedicated to Project Opening Event.

The day of 12.06.2015 was dedicated to I part of cross border discussion about citizens' participation in democratic processes, creative workshop "Uncovering Roots of Nationality" (I part), creative workshop – creating virtual photo exhibition "Get Involved" and national cultures' evening "Differences CONNECT".

The day of 13.06.2015 was dedicated to II part of cross border discussion about citizens' participation in democratic processes, creative workshop "Uncovering Roots of Nationality" (II part), participating Rundale Festival procession and concert.

The day of 14.06.2015 was dedicated to project closing event – summary discussion.

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

Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

Totally 7 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 Project Opening Event

Participation: The event involved 24 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Uggiate-Trevano (**Italia**), 4 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**) and 7 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in guest house "Baltā māja" and hotel "Rundāle" (**Rundāle, Latvia**), 11.06.2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss with the representatives of partnering municipalities the project main objective, activities and expected results, as well as get introduced with partnering municipalities, discussing potential directions and spheres of cooperation.

Event 2 Cross border discussion about citizens' participation in democratic processes

Participation: The event involved 31 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Uggiate-Trevano (**Italia**), 4 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**), 7 participants from Pakruojis (**Lithuania**) and 7 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place at Conference Hall of Rundale Palace (**Rundāle, Latvia**), from 12.06.2015 to 13.06.2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss issues about citizens' participatory processes from European perspective and compare from different national points of view, thus developing understanding about involving in different levels of democratic processes (locally, nationally, EU level). All project partners presented their own praxis, experience and challenges on mentioned issue, as well as discussed it from transnational level. The twinning agreements between Halinga (Estonia) and Rundale (Latvia), as well as Pakruojis (Lithuania) and Rundale (Latvia) were signed.

Event 3 Creative workshop "Uncovering Roots of Nationality"

Participation: The event involved 87 citizens (1st day) and 175 citizens (2nd day), including 3 participants from Uggiate-Trevano (Italia), 41 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**), 37 participants from Pakruojis (**Lithuania**) and 94 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place at Rundale Palace Garden (open air stage) (**Rundāle, Latvia**), from 12.06.2015 to 13.06.2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to create common performance for Rundale Festival Concert – symbolizing unity of Europa, richness of culture diversity and multilingualism as an opportunity, involving participants from partnering municipalities, thus developing citizens' understanding about opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement into common culture activities.

Event 4 Creative workshop - creating virtual photo exhibition "Get involved"

Participation: The event involved 115, including 13 participants from Uggiate-Trevano (Italia), 45 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**), 49 participants from Pakruojis (**Lithuania**) and 8 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place at Jomas Street (**Jūrmala, Latvia**) and Rundale Palace Garden (Rundale, Latvia), 12.06.2015-13.06.2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to organize photo sessions for virtual photo exhibition "Get involved", involving all participants from Uggiate-Trevano, Halinga and Pakruojis municipalities, as well as representatives from Rundale Municipality. Such common creative activity generated opportunity for participants to acquire skills and competences in European context: through mutual creative cooperation new skills for interacting with people coming from different countries were developed. As a result of this activity a virtual photo exhibition was created and photos published in social network facebook.com (<https://www.facebook.com/InvolvingGaining>)

Event 5 Creative workshop - National cultures' evening "Differences CONNECT"

Participation: The event involved 165, including 13 participants from Uggiate-Trevano (Italia), 45 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**), 49 participants from Pakruojis (**Lithuania**) and 58 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place at Svitene Saules Dārzs (**Rundale, Latvia**), 12.06.2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to promote discussions about multiculturalism and multilingualism of European community as an opportunity of strong and sustainable European Union community with its diversity. During cultures' evening each Project Partner presented their national culture, involving all participants in performances.

Event 6 Participating Rundale Festival (Procession, Concert)

Participation: The event involved 175, including 13 participants from Uggiate-Trevano (Italia), 45 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**), 49 participants from Pakruojis (**Lithuania**) and 72 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place at Rundale Palace Garden (**Rundale, Latvia**), 13.06.2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to present common overview about EU national and cultural diversity, performing national culture and presenting common performance "Līgo dances" where all dancing collectives from partnering municipalities participated. Thus the sense of belonging to the European Union was promoted, presenting common European values, history and culture, tolerance and solidarity.

Event 7 Project closing event – summary discussion

Participation: The event involved 110, including 13 participants from Uggiate-Trevano (Italia), 45 participants from the city of Halinga (**Estonia**), 49 participants from Pakruojis (**Lithuania**) and 7 participants from Rundale (**Latvia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place at "Balta maja" (**Rundale, Latvia**), 14.06.2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to evaluate project activities, the reached goals, discuss the gained experience.