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Applicable to the Action 1 – Measure 1.2 “*Networks of Twinned Towns*”

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

- Event 1 - Best Practice exchange conference between CSOs and local authorities

Participation: The event involved 88 citizens, including 17 participants from the Municipality of Gorican (Croatia), 18 participants from LAG MURA-DRAVA (Croatia), 27 participants from the Municipality of Totszentmarton (Hungary), 12 participants from the Municipality of Lendava (Slovenia) and 14 participants from the Municipality of Ruma (Serbia)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Prelog, Goričan and Donji Vidovic (located within the LAG MURA DRAVA space in Medimurje County, Croatia) from 13/03/2014 to 15/03/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to introduce the project to the public and provide local government representatives, CSOs and citizens included as participants the opportunity to interact, and become acquainted with each other's activities, experiences and best practices. This event served as an initial step in building links and cooperation between the partners and the target groups.

- Event 2 - CSOs focusing on initiatives for disabled and elderly persons

Participation: The event involved 53 citizens, including 10 participants from the Municipality of Goričan (Croatia), 9 participants from LAG-MURA DRAVA (Croatia), 9 participants from the Municipality of Lendava (Slovenia), 9 participants from the municipality of Totzentmarton (Hungary), and 16 participants from the Municipality of Ruma

Location / Dates: The event took place in Ruma, Serbia from 04/06/2014 to 06/06/2014

Short description: The aim of the event was to demonstrate to participants how public authorities and CSOs cooperate and implement actions to address issues facing elderly and disabled persons. The presentations, site visits and interactive discussions served as a means to show participants how CSOs and local authorities encourage citizens to volunteer and be actively involved in local development activities. The activities were also designed in a way so that know-how & views regarding European integration were exchanged (esp. on the impact of EU policies).

-Event 3 – Including youth in local actions

Participation: The event involved 59 citizens, including 16 participants from the municipality of Gorican (Croatia), 8 participants from LAG-MURA DRAVA (Croatia), 12 participants from the Municipality of Totszentmarton (Hungary), 6 participants from the Municipality of Lendava (Slovenia), and 16 participants from the Municipality of Ruma (Serbia).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Totszentmarton, Hungary from 22/08/2015 to 24/08/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to provide CSOs and local authorities the opportunity to gain knowledge and best practices regarding the best ways in which to include youth in community initiatives. The event included presentations of projects implemented by local authorities and CSOs, demonstration activities, and site visits to locations where actions have been successfully completed.

- Event 4 – Football tournament

Participation: The event involved 69 citizens, including 13 participants from the municipality of Gorican (Croatia), 16 participants from LAG-MURA DRAVA (Croatia), 18 participants from the Municipality of Totszentmarton (Hungary), 10 participants from the Municipality of Lendava (Slovenia), and 12 participants from the Municipality of Ruma (Serbia).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Lendava, Slovenia from 24/04/2015 to 26/04/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to show citizens, CSO representatives and local authority representatives will CSO activities relating to sports contribute to improving the quality of life, especially for youth. Furthermore, the participants will discuss how EU policies and values (active citizenship, intercultural dialogue) have led to closer links between sporting associations with other communities and enhanced the quality of life locally. The football tournament will serve as a means to demonstrate how EU values, including active citizenship and intercultural dialogue; build cooperation and cultural understanding between communities.

- Event 5 – Final conference, signing cooperation agreements and cultural exchange

Participation: The event involved 63 citizens, including 13 participants from the municipality of Lendava (Slovenia), 12 participants from LAG-MURA DRAVA (Croatia), 9 participants from the Municipality of Gorican (Croatia), 6 participants from the municipality of Totszentmarton (Hungary), 11 participants from the Municipality of Lendava (Slovenia), and 12 participants from the Municipality of Ruma (Serbia).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Goričan, Donji Vidovic and Gornje Medimurje from 19/06/2015 to 21/06/2015.

Short description: The aim of the event was to formalize the cooperation between towns, which was done through the signing of a cooperation agreement. The cooperation agreement details how the partners will continue to cooperate over the long-term on issues of interest. Furthermore, the event was used as means to show citizens, local government representatives and CSOs how to implement actions that protect and promote culture. Workshops, study trips, and presentations by CSOs were organized to exchange know-how and best practices.