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

**Participation:** The training was dedicated to partners and their trainers from NGO's from **Greece** (3 person), **Estonia** (2 person) and **Poland** (4 person).

**Location/ Dates:** The event was (during the limitations caused by the covid pandemic) on-line from **Warsaw, Poland**, from **15/06/2021** to **15/06/2021**.

**Short description:**

The day of **15/06/2021** was dedicated to **9**.

The training was dedicated to partners and their trainers from NGO's from Greece (3 person), Estonia (2 person) and Poland (4 person).

During the "Negotiate the EU for us" project, we managed to create a negotiation game, which became part of our workshops and turned out to be not only great fun, but also a very good way to give knowledge and show how the European Parliament works. For the workshops, we also prepared a presentation for the participants, where we clearly presented the basic aims of the European Union, the procedure for legislating and, above all, the possibilities of citizens' co-decision.

We have created a Polish and English version of the game and workshops – so we could show them how to play, what is most important and what was the aim for us while preparing this game. The English version was for the organizations from Greece (IASIS) and Estonia (MTU Forumteater) who was cooperating on the project.

Trainer from Association 61 showed how to play the game and what are the most important points of the workshops. Because of the pandemic situation, we did it online.

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

**Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"**

**Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"**

**Preparatory activities:** The activities involved 208 citizens, notably 35 participants from Ostrołęka (**Poland**), 121 from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**), 30 participants from the city of Athens (IASIS, **Greece**), 22 from the city around UE (Schuman Foundation european volunteers, **UE**).

**Short description for every events:** These activities consisted of launched workshops.

We have prepared the scenario of the activation workshop. It was used on a negotiation game. In this game participants could play as 4 fractions in the European Parliament and recreate the meeting of the parliamentary committee, which aims to reduce CO2. In order to win, everyone had to cooperate with each other and come to

compromises. During the game, all groups had to not only reduce CO2, but also keep a common budget available to all, and try to adopt solutions that would ultimately benefit citizens' health. All groups also had to keep an eye on the social satisfaction points.

We also prepared a presentation that helped us provide participants with knowledge about the European Union and give them the tools that made them feel empowered. We showed various ways of citizens' participation. In each group, the trainer talked to the participants about the specific issues that most interest the participants and about the best ways to make our voice heard by decision-makers in the EU. We also encouraged contact with MEPs in issues that for participants are important.

Organization from Greece (IASIS) managed to make workshops for 30 people in their country. MTU Foorumteater from Estonia didn't manage to do it, but they have our game and they can use it in some future projects.

Our game and the presentation for the workshop has been graphic designed.

We found very various groups of participants - students from the first classes of high school, volunteers in age 20+, students, seniors. Our participants were from Warsaw, from small cities, and from other countries.

We were making workshops online (on ZOOM, Google Meet), indoor and outdoor (which was most comfortable for part of our participants because of pandemia, but this involved the preparation of additional materials).

After workshops we always prepared information about them on our social media.

Unfortunately, we also had to face some difficulties in reaching young people in schools and the problem was not just the pandemic. The director of one of the schools in a small town canceled the workshops a few hours before the workshops. They were supposed to take place online, so it was not due to the safety of the children. Such situations will become more frequent in Poland. At this time, a law is introduced in Poland, which does not allow the director or the teacher to independently decide on the admission of an NGO to the school and conduct classes for students by it. The law, which will come into force at any moment, introduces the obligation to present all materials and content that the organization wants to use during the workshops, obtain consent to conduct such classes two months earlier from the school superintendent (based on the materials presented), obtain consent from the parents' council and written consent of each of the students' parents. The procedure for obtaining approval to conduct each workshop will last several months (so as long as the entire educational projects last). As with our workshops, there will be instance of fear of the consequences of introducing content into school that does not align with the government's line. The work of NGOs in schools will be practically impossible.

## **Events:**

**9** events have been carried out within this project:

### **Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved **30** citizens, including **28** participants from the city of **Ostrołęka (Poland)**,

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in High School nr 3 **Ostrołęka (Poland)**, on **23/06/2021**.

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to pupils, the aim of the event was **described above**.

### **Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved **9** citizens, including **7** participants from the city of **Ostrołęka (Poland)**,

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in "Europe Direct" point **Ostrołęka (Poland)**, on **23/06/2021**.

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to seniors, the aim of the event was **described above**.

### **Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved **23** citizens, including **21** participants from the city of **Warsaw (Poland)**,

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **High School nr 7 (Warsaw, Poland)**, on **16/06/2021**

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to pupils, the aim of the event was **described above**.

### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The event involved **24** citizens, including **22** participants from the **different country in UE**,

**Location / Dates:** The event took place outdoor (Warsaw, Poland), on 17/06/2021

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to volunteers of Schuman Foundation, the aim of the event was described above.

#### **Event 5**

**Participation:** The event involved 32 citizens, including 30 participants from the Athens (Greece),

**Location / Dates:** The event took place outdoor (Athens, Greece), on 15/07/2021

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to activist of ngo, the aim of the event was described above.

#### **Event 6**

**Participation:** The event involved 26 citizens, including 24 participants from the different cities in Poland,

**Location / Dates:** The event on-line (from Warsaw, Poland), on 01/09/2021

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to young leaders of Impuls Academy Foundation, the aim of the event was described above.

#### **Event 7**

**Participation:** The event involved 30 citizens, including 28 participants from the Warsaw (Poland),

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in High School nr 9 (Warsaw, Poland), on 29/09/2021

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to pupils, the aim of the event was described above.

#### **Event 8**

**Participation:** The event involved 26 citizens, including 24 participants from the Warsaw (Poland),

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bednarska Szkoła Realna (Warsaw, Poland), on 2/11/2021

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to pupils, the aim of the event was described above.

#### **Event 9**

**Participation:** The event involved 26 citizens, including 24 participants from the Warsaw (Poland),

**Location / Dates:** The event took place n Bednarska Szkoła Realna (Warsaw, Poland), on 04/11/2021

**Short description:** The event was dedicated to pupils, the aim of the event was described above.