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Programa Europe For Citizens 2.1 – Town Twinning project.
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CELEBRADO NO MUNICIPIO DE GIARDINI NAXOS, SICILIA (IT)
31 MAYO O 6 DE XUÑO DE 2016.

**Giardini Naxos Municipality
Town Twinning Project
2.1 Europe for Citizens Program**

Project Title: “Euroscepticism: testing the feelings of the European Citizens”

Description in English:

The project promoted by the municipality of Giardini Naxos (IT), was a Town Twinning between municipalities and Organizations from Italy, Spain, Greece, Poland and Slovakia.

The project, titled Euroscepticism: testing the feelings of the European Citizens, was held in Giardini Naxos from 31st May to 06th June 2017.

In line with the general objectives of the Europe for Citizens program and in according with the annual priorities, the main thematic of the project was focused on understanding and debating Euroscepticism by the point of view of citizens, in especially way now that it has become a reality that requires further examination, debate and understanding. By mobilizing citizens to debate concrete issues on the European political agenda, the town twinning was seek to promote participation and develop opportunities for civic engagement at local and EU levels.

The planned activities were aimed at raising awareness about the Citizen’s engagement as essential to the development of a European identity, in order to remove the obstacles for the construction of a Europe united and cohesive. In the work programme was scheduled different activities using new and innovative working methods, such as meeting, workshop, public debate, seminar, exchanges of best practices, discussions and comparison, Intercultural evenings, cultural visits and other activities that was opportunities for communication, including different target group and the most relevant stakeholders, local authorities and civil society organisations, by promoting intercultural dialogue, knowledge and values, constructive comparison of views and mutual enrichment.

Moreover the sign of Brotherhood Oath has been an occasion to create a long lasting cooperation and a solid friendship and to assure that the citizens was feel more European. Therefore, participants was encouraged to exchange opinions and best practices with the aim to formulate new ideas and concrete future proposals.

Descrizione in Italiano:

Il progetto promosso dal comune di Giardini Naxos (IT) è stato un gemellaggio fra comuni e organizzazioni della società civile provenienti da Italia, Spagna, Grecia, Polonia e Slovacchia.

Il progetto, denominato Euroscepticism: testing the feelings of the European Citizens, si è tenuto a Giardini Naxos dal 31 maggio al 06 giugno 2017.

In linea con gli obiettivi generali del programma Europa per i cittadini e in base alle priorità annuali, il tema principale del progetto si è concentrato sulla comprensione e il dibattito sull'eurosetticismo dal punto di vista dei cittadini, in modo particolare ora, che è diventato una Realtà che richiede ulteriore esame, dibattito e comprensione. Mobilizzando i cittadini per discutere questioni concrete sull'agenda politica europea, il gemellaggio tra città ha cercato di promuovere la partecipazione e sviluppare opportunità di impegno civico a livello locale ed Europeo.

Le attività pianificate sono state indirizzate a sensibilizzare l'impegno del cittadino come elemento essenziale per lo sviluppo di un'identità europea, al fine di rimuovere gli ostacoli alla costruzione di un'Europa unita e coesa. Nel programma di lavoro sono state programmate attività diverse utilizzando metodi di lavoro nuovi e innovativi, come meeting, workshop, dibattito pubblico, seminario, scambi di buone pratiche, discussioni e confronto, serate interculturali, visite culturali e altre attività che sono state opportunità di comunicazione, tra i Diversi gruppi target e le più importanti parti interessate, le autorità locali e le organizzazioni della società civile, promuovendo il dialogo interculturale, le conoscenze e i valori, il confronto costruttivo delle opinioni e l'arricchimento reciproco.

Inoltre, la Firma del Patto di Fratellanza è stata un'occasione per creare una lunga cooperazione e una solida amicizia e per assicurare che i cittadini si sentano più europei. Pertanto, i partecipanti sono stati incoraggiati a scambiare opinioni e best practice con l'obiettivo di formulare nuove idee e concrete proposte future.



The project «Euroscepticism: Testing the Feelings of the European Citizens» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

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

Participation: The Town Twinning Project “Eurosepticism: Testing the Feelings of the European Citizens”, promoted by the Municipality of Giardini Naxos (Italy), it involved a total of 90 citizens from all over Europe: 20 participants from Ayuntamiento de Porto do Son (Spain), 23 participants from Gminny Osrodek Kultury Olesnica (Poland), 25 participants from Inštitúcia regionálnych aktivít Novohradu (Slovakia) and 22 participants from municipality of Naxos and Small Cyclades Islands-Municipality (Greece).

Location/ Dates: The event of Town Twinning took place in Giardini Naxos (Italy) from **31/05/2017** to **06/06/2017**

Short description:

Event I have been carried out within this project:

Day I – 31/05/2017

was dedicated to the Arrivals of foreign delegations, Accommodation and Welcome Ceremony

Arrivals of foreign delegations

Accommodation and Welcoming

Welcome and accommodation at the Caesar Palace Hotel in Giardini Naxos.

H 18.00 Official Meeting of Welcoming and Project's Presentation with Partner Organizations, Municipality Board Executive and citizens in the Council Room.

H 21.00 Welcome Party

Day II - 01/06/2017

was dedicated to the Project Presentation + Brainstorming + Interactive Workshop + Discovering Giardini Naxos

Morning: At the Town Hall Project Presentation

H 11.00 Brainstorming: "Imprinting the Concept of Active Citizenship and Future of Europe".

H 12.00 Interactive Workshop: "Passing Eurosepticism through People's Europe" with the participation of students from High and Intermediate schools of the Giardini Naxos.

Afternoon:

H 16.00 Discovering Giardini Naxos, thought the country's distinctive corners.

INTERCULTURAL NIGHT

Day III - 02/06/2017

was dedicated to Town Twinning Meeting + Signature of Brotherhood Oath + Team Building

H 10: Subscription and Oath Ceremony of the Brotherhood Pact - Execution of European and National Anthems.

With the speeches of the Mayors of the Municipalities involved, at the presence of several Mayors of the province of Messina, Civil and Military Authorities. Debate and Dissertation of EU policies

Twinning seminar “Eurosepticism: Testing the Feelings of the European Citizens”.

Press Conference

H 14,00 Lunch

Afternoon: 16 h: Team building: Investigating European Values: “An Effort of Creativity and Confidence”.

H 20: Dinner

Day IV - 03/06/2017

was dedicated to Visit of the Sicilian territory

H9 Visit of the city of Taormina and Castelmola

Taormina: Visit to the Ancient Theater (Greek-Roman) European archaeological heritage. Visit of the most suggestive places of the city Piazza Belvedere, Palazzo Corvaja, Odeon, the characteristic Main Street with shopping in Corso Umberto, visit of the Duomo, and the Clock Tower.

H13 Lunch

H16 Castelmola Municipality with a stop at the Municipal Auditorium, where the Mayor of Castelmola welcomed the partners delegation for a greeting and Visit of the Ancient Borgo.

Day V - 04/06/2017

was dedicated to Round Table + Workshop

Morning: H 10,00-12,00 Round Table "60th Anniversary Treaties of Rome" - with Citizens' Interviews, experts, local and regional politicians, Youth and Local Associations

Lunch H 13,00

Afternoon: H 17.00-19.00 WORKSHOP: "The question BREXIT: What now ... in the EU"

H 20: Dinner

Day VI - 05/06/2017

was dedicated to Workshop + Seminary

H 10: Workshop "Youngsters and European Mobilities". The workshop was an occasion to engage young people in debates and discussions on issues related to Young People and Europe, so that they can gain some awareness about the European Youth Tools and Community Programs Youth mobility.

Afternoon: H 16.00 Interactive Seminar: "Who are the Europeanas" with a huge participation of young people and citizens.

H 21.00 Dinner

Day VII - 06/06/2017

was dedicated to Departure of Foreign delegations

Morning: H 11.00 after several days of twinning, exciting, intense and dictated by a sincere spirit of brotherhood and friendship, foreign partner delegations came back to their respective territories with the promise to meet soon.

Final Official greetings and exchange of gifts.