

**REFERENCE PROGRAMME:**  
**EUROPE FOR CITIZENS' PROGRAM**  
 Strand2: Democratic engagement and civic participation  
 2.2: Network of Towns  
**Project: “European voices  
 challenging Euroscepticism”**

| <i>Partnership</i>                                 |                 |                     |
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| Name   | Country         | Role in the project |
| Municipality of Rois                               | Spain           | Applicant           |
| Municipality Nikopol                               | Bulgaria        | Partner             |
| Southern Regional Council                          | Malta           | Partner             |
| Rezekne Novada Izglitibas Parvalde                 | Latvia          | Partner             |
| Municipality Dimos Pylaias Chortyati               | Greece          | Partner             |
| Ukmerges Rajonosavivaldybes Administration         | Lithuania       | Partner             |
| Municipality of Gmina Wieliszew                    | Poland          | Partner             |
| Comune Primaria Corbi                              | Romania         | Partner             |
| Association Xuvenil Vrenza                         | Spain           | Partner             |
| Organization Slow food Prague                      | Czech Republic  | Partner             |
| Freguesia de Alqueidao                             | Portugal        | Partner             |
| Comune Di Castelmola                               | Italy           | Partner             |
| Municipality of Grad Klanjec                       | Croatia         | Partner             |
| Koge Handelsskole                                  | Denmark         | Partner             |
| Drustvo Uciteljev Gluhih Slovenije                 | Slovenia        | Partner             |
| Obec Male Dvorniky                                 | Slovakia        | Partner             |
| Erdokurt Kozseg Onkormanyzata                      | Hungary         | Partner             |
| Association Stichting Digg Out                     | The Netherlands | Partner             |
| Municipality Haninge Komun                         | Sweden          | Partner             |
| Gesellschaft Fur Europabildung EV                  | Germany         | Partner             |
| Laaneranna Vald                                    | Estonia         | Partner             |
| Municipality of Kurikka                            | Finland         | Partner             |
| Movement Europeen-Gironde                          | France          | Partner             |
| Asturia VZW  | Belgium         | Partner             |
| Finglas Youth Resource Center                      | Ireland         | Partner             |
| Municipality of Athienou                           | Cyprus          | Partner             |
| Federation D'Association D'Espagnols du Luxembourg | Luxembourg      | Partner             |
| Organization BetterMaking Austria                  | Austria         | Partner             |

*TOTAL number* 28

## Short Program of the Meeting

### *Venues of the activities:*

**Event 1.** Venue of Activities: Rois (Spain) from 2nd to 5th November 2021

**Event 2.** Venue of Activities: Qormi (Malta) from 13th to 16th February 2022

**Event 3.** Venue of Activities: Erdökürt (Hungary) from 21st to 24th April 2022

**Event 4.** Venue of Activities: Pilea-Hortiatis (Greece) from 23rd May to 26th May 2022

### **Summary:**

"European voices challenging Euroscepticism" was a project framed in the Europe for Citizens program, promoted by the Municipality of Rois, Spain, whose main objective was to reflect and debate on Euroscepticism, as well as to promote values for the construction of a united Europe and tolerant, mutual understanding between citizens and developing a sense of common belonging, through intercultural dialogue and the exchange of good practices. The project held the organization of 4 thematic meetings: Rois (Spain) from 2nd to 5th November 2021, Qormi (Malta) from 13th to 16th February 2022, Erdökürt (Hungary) from 21st to 24th April 2022 and Pilea-Hortiatis (Greece) from 23rd May to 26th May 2022. Participation levels were extremely high, as more than 1000 citizens belonging to the 27 countries that make up the EU, with the intention of achieving the maximum possible debate and representativeness on the proposed theme.

To achieve the objectives of the project, in line with the priorities of the Europe for Citizens program, the participants were provided with tools to actively debate the future of Europe and understand the process of creating public policies. The methodology included highly participatory activities such as seminars, debates, round tables, meetings with authorities, as well as cultural visits, workshops, video forums or exhibitions that helped to better understand the reality of the countries in which the events were held. The selection of participants guaranteed equal access, without any type of discrimination, ensuring equality between genders and offering the opportunity to citizens who had never been involved in similar projects. It was developed with a long-term perspective to ensure the greatest possible public impact, offering moments of dissemination and visibility of the Europe for Citizens project and program, and creating a transnational network that addresses values such as solidarity, integration, cooperation, and friendship.



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

The project « **European voices challenging Euroscepticism**», Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns", has carried out 4 events as follows:

**Event 1.** Venue of Activities: Rois (Spain) from 2nd to 5th November 2021

**Event 2.** Venue of Activities: Qormi (Malta) from 13th to 16th February 2022

**Event 3.** Venue of Activities: Erdökürt (Hungary) from 21st to 24th April 2022

**Event 4.** Venue of Activities: Pilea-Hortiatis (Greece) from 23rd May to 26th May 2022

**Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved 292 citizens, including 241 local Spanish participants from the Municipality of Rois (Spain) and 51 International participants as following:

- 2 participants from BetterMaking Organization Austria (Austria)
- 2 participants from Asturia VZW (Belgium)
- 2 participants from Municipality Nikopol (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from the Municipality Klanjec (Croatia)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Athienou (Cyprus)
- 2 participants from the Slow Food Prague (Czech Republic)
- 2 participants from the Koge Handelsskole (Denmark)
- 2 participants from the Drustvo Uciteljev Gluhih Slovenije (Slovenia)
- 1 participant from Municipality Laaneranna (Estonia)
- 2 participants from Municipality of Kurikka (Finland)
- 2 participants from the Movement Europeen -Gironde (France)
- 2 participants from the Gesellschaft Fur Europabildung EV (Germany)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Erdokurt (Hungary)
- 1 participant from the Finglas Youth Resource Center (Ireland)
- 3 participants from Municipality of Castelmola (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Rezeknes novated pavaldibas Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the Ukmerges Rajono savivaldybes Administration (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the Federation D'Associations D'Espagnols du Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- 2 participants from the Southern Regional Council (Malta)
- 2 participants from the Stichting Digout (Netherlands)
- 2 participants from the Municipality Wieliszew (Poland)
- 2 participants from the Freguesia De Alqueidao (Portugal)
- 2 participants from Municipality Primary Comunei Corby (Romania)
- 2 participants from the Municipality of Male Dvorniky (Slovakia)

2 participants from Association Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)  
2 participants from the Municipality of Haninge (Sweden)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Rois (Spain) from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Short description:** The first event was held in Rois, Spain, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The main activities versed on: Causes and consequences of Euroscepticism”, “Challenges for the European Union”, Present & future of the EU, EU benefits at local, regional, and national level, cooperation, solidarity, equality between man and women, European programs, and how to increase citizens participation. It hosted many venues and involved highly to the political representatives to reinforce the debate. The twinning agreement was signed between the partners, in presence of civil society, politics and media.

The methodology included activities highly participatory such as seminars, debates, round tables, meetings with authorities, as well as visits cultural events, workshops, video forums or exhibitions that helped to understand to a greater extent the reality of countries participants. The selection of participants guaranteed equal access, without any type of discrimination, ensuring equality between genders and offering the opportunity to citizens who never got involved previously in similar projects. It has been developed with a long-term perspective to ensure the biggest impact public possible, offering moments of dissemination and visibility of the project and the Europe program for citizens and creating a transnational network that addresses values such as solidarity, integration, cooperation, and friendship.

#### **Day 1: Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

Arrival and reception of international participants to Rois.

Transfer to accommodation.

Welcome ceremony by the Mayor of Rois, Mr. Tojo Lens, members of local government and civil society.

Press conference before the local and regional media in the City Hall.

Welcome dinner.

#### **Day 2: Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.** Presentation of the project "European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism", and of the program "Europe for Citizens". Lecture: " Causes and consequences of Euroscepticism". Welcome speech by:

- **Mr. Ramón Tojo**, Mayor of Rois
- **Mr. Jesús Gamallo**, General Director of Foreign Affairs and EU relations of the Galician Government

**10:15 a.m.** “Challenges for the European Union”, addressed by **Ms. Pilar Freire Esparís**, professor from the University of Santiago

**10:45 a.m.** Coffee break

**11:15 a.m.** Panel of speakers: Topic “Present & future of the EU”

- EU benefits at local, regional, and national level by **Ms. Eva Lorenzo**, Vice director of EU relations
- Solidarity and cooperation in times of crisis by **Ms. Rocío Ovalle**, Coordinator of Red Cross Galicia
- Which opportunities are given by the EU by **Ms. Cristina Villadóniga**, Technician on European Affairs
- Gender equality in Europe, the youth situation by **Ms. Lucía Carballeira**, Expert on equality of the Galician Administration.

**1:00 p.m.** Lunch at San Martin Pinarío Monastery

**4:00 p.m.** Brainstorming on intercultural coexistence and fundamental Rights.

**5:00 p.m.** Guided visit to the Old Town of Santiago: UNESCO World Heritage. Visit to: Santiago’s Cathedral, Holy door, Praza do Obradoiro, Alameda.

**9:00 p.m.** Dinner at Hotel.

#### **Day 3: Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**09:30 a.m.** *Official* reception at the Parliament of Galicia by the Vicepresident, **Mr. Diego Calvo Pouso**: *How enhance participation on citizens?*

- Dialogue on the reality of the European Union
- Programs to get to know the democratic institutions

**12:00 a.m** Cultural visits: Museum of Pilgrimage and Mercado de Abastos, Fish and seafood market

**2:00 p.m.** Lunch at " Pazo Faramello (Lordly House)"

**4:30 p.m.** Meeting at the headquarters of the multinational CORTIZO. *What means to an enterprise the EU common market?*

**18:00 p.m** Official ceremony of brotherhood including musical performances. Signature of the Brotherhood Oath.

**7:30 p.m.** Closing speech by a Galician authority from the Autonomous Government.

**8:30 p.m.** Dinner at Restaurant Fogar do Selmo

**Day 4: Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.** Workshop: benefits of the EU at local, regional and national level.

**11:00 a.m.** Conference on the previous theme: "What opportunities does the EU offer us?" European programs. Press conference.

**2:00 p.m.** Lunch.

**4:00 p.m.** Workshop: "The reality of gender equality among youngsters".

**6:00 p.m.** Evaluation of the first event, update of social networks and preparation of the next one event in Malta.

**20:00 p.m.** Farewell dinner with gastronomy and typical folklore. Departure of participants.

**Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved 236 citizens, including 183 local Maltese participants from the Southern Regional Council (Malta) and 53 International participants as following:

2 participants from BetterMaking Organization Austria (Austria)

2 participants from Asturia VZW (Belgium)

2 participants from Nikopol Municipality (Bulgaria)

2 participants from Grad Klanjec (Croatia)

2 participants from Municipality of Athienou (Cyprus)

2 participants from Slow food Prague (Czech Republic)

2 participants from Koge Handelsskole (Denmark)

2 participants from Drustvo Uciteljev Gluhih Slovenije (Slovenia)

1 participant from Laaneranna Vald (Estonia)

2 participants from Municipality of Kurikka (Finland)

2 participants from Movement Europeen-Gironde (France)

2 participants from Gesellschaft Fur Europabildung EV (Germany)

2 participants from Municipality Dimos Pylaias Chortyati (Greece)

2 participants from Erdokurt Kozseg Onkormanyzata (Hungary)

3 participants from Comune Di Castelmola (Italy)

2 participants from Rezeknes Novada Pasvaldibas Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)

2 participants from Ukmerges Rajono savivaldybes Administration (Lithuania)

2 participants from Federation D'Associations D'Espagnols du Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

3 participants from Municipality of Rois (Spain)

2 participants from Stichting Digout (Netherlands)

2 participants from Gmine Wieliszew (Poland)

2 participants from Freguesía of Alqueidao (Portugal)

2 participants from Comune Primary Corbi (Romania)

2 participants from Obec Male Dvorniky (Slovakia)

2 participants from Association Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)

2 participants from Municipality Haninge Kommun (Sweden)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Qormi (Malta) from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Short description:** The second event was held in Qormi, Malta, between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The main activities versed about: Combating existing stereotypes in Europe, Migrations – an unsolvable reality show that feeds euroscepticals, Youth mobility Programs and EVS, European impact at local level, Horizon 2020 Program.

The event hosted many venues and highly involved political representatives to strengthen the debate. The methodology included activities highly participatory like seminars, debates, round tables, meetings with authorities, as well as cultural visits, workshops, video forums or exhibitions that helped to understand to a greater extent the reality of the participant countries. The selection of participants guaranteed equal access, without any type of discrimination, ensuring equality between genders and also offering the opportunity to citizens who never got involved previously in similar projects. It has been developed with a long -term perspective to ensure the biggest public impact as possible, offering moments of dissemination and visibility of the project and the Europe for Citizens program and creating a transnational network that addresses values such as solidarity, integration, cooperation, and friendship.

### **Day 1: Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

#### **Arrival of the participants**

**10:00 a.m.** Welcome speech and summary of the program of activities. Presentation of the project to the media and civil society of Qormi.

**12:00 a.m.** Conference: "Fighting existing stereotypes in Europe".

**2:00 p.m.** Lunch

**4:00 p.m.** Introduction to the problem of social and cultural integration.

**6:00 p.m.** Visit to the local historical and artistic heritage.

**8:00 p.m.** Updating social networks and dissemination of results.

Typical Maltese dinner.

### **Day 2: Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**08:30 a.m.** Transfer by bus from the Hotel to the conference room: *Metanoia Theater – Hal Luqah*

**09:00 a.m.** Conference: *Migrations – an unsolvable reality show that feeds euroscepticals*

**9:30 a.m.** Institutional greetings by:

- **Mr. Jesmond Aquilina**, President of the Southern Region of Malta.
- **Mr. Ramón Tojo Lens**, Mayor of Rois
- **Mr. Owen Bonnici**, Ministry of Equality, Research, Innovation and Coordination of Post Covid 19 Strategy

**10:00 a.m.** Fighting stereotypes: An overview of migrations in Malta and Mediterranean area by **Mr. Josef Azzopardi**, Mayor of Marsa.

**10:20 a.m.** Exposure on *the Agency for the welfare of asylum seekers* by **Mr. Mauro Farrugia**

**10:45 a.m.** Coffee break

**11:00 a.m.** *Youth mobility programs, a powerful tool to against stereotypes and Euroscepticism* by technician from the National Agency for Erasmus+ in Malta

**11:30 a.m.** What is the European Solidarity Corps?: volunteering in Europe, helping others, helping yourself.

**1:30 p.m.** Lunch at Rizzu Restaurant - Marsaxlokk

**4:00 p.m.** Workshop: "What are the rights, obligations and rules of a European citizen?"

**6:00 p.m.** Cultural visit to Qormi, Marsaxlokk and Delimara

**8:30 p.m.** Dinner at Azur ST Hotel

### **Day 3: Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**08:30 a.m.** Transfer from the hotel to the Europe House in Valletta, Malta

**9:30 a.m.** Official meeting with **Dr. Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi**, Parliamentary Secretariat for European funds

**9:45 a.m.** A presentation and meeting with **Mrs. Theresa Zahra**, Acting Representative of the European Commission in Malta

**10:30 a.m.** *European impact at national level*: **Ms. Josianne Cutajar**, Member of the European Parliament

**11:00 a.m.** Video Clip: Causes and consequences of Brexit.

**12:00 a.m.** Presentation and meeting with **Mrs. Elena Grech**, Head of the European Commission in Malta

**12:30 p.m.** Tour of the Europe House in Malta

**2:00 p.m.** Lunch

**4:00 p.m.** Workshop on cooperation between peoples in times of crisis.

**6:00 p.m.** Workshop on social policies and solidarity in the different European realities

**8:00 p.m.** Gastronomic intercultural dinner between the different municipalities.

### **Day 4: Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**09:00 a.m.** Interactive workshop: "Goals for Europe: Horizon 2020"

**11:00 a.m.** Round Table: "My house is your house!". How to deal with immigration in each of the countries.

**2:00 p.m.** Lunch.

**4:00 p.m.** Workshop: "New forms of cooperation"

**6:00 p.m.** Evaluation of the first event, update of social networks and preparation of the next event in Malta.

**8:00 p.m.** Farewell dinner with gastronomy and typical folklore. Delivery of certificates of participation.

### **Departure of the participants**

#### **Event 3**

**Participants:** The event involved 248 citizens, including 200 local Hungarian participants from the Municipality of Erdokurt (Hungary) and 48 International participants as following:

2 participants from Asturia VZW (Belgium)

2 participants from Grad Klanjec (Croatia)

2 participants from Slow food Prague (Czech Republic)

2 participants from Koge Handelsskole (Denmark)

2 participants from Drustvo Uciteljev Gluhih Slovenije (Slovenia)

2 participants from Laaneranna Vald (Estonia)

- 2 participants from Municipality of Kurikka (Finland)
- 2 participants from Movement Europeen-Gironde (France)
- 2 participants from Gesellschaft Fur Europabildung EV (Germany)
- 2 participants from Municipality Dimos Pylaias Chortyati (Greece)
- 3 participants from Municipality of Rois (Spain)
- 2 participants from Comune Di Castelmola (Italy)
- 2 participants from Rezeknes Novada Pasvaldibas Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvia)
- 2 participants from Ukmerges Rajono savivaldybes Administration (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from Federation D'Associations D'Espagnols du Luxembourg (Luxembourg)
- 3 participants from Southern Regional Council (Malta)
- 2 participants from Stichting Digout (Netherlands)
- 2 participants from Gmina Wieliszew (Poland)
- 2 participants from Freguesia de Alqueidao (Portugal)
- 2 participants from Community Primary Corby (Romania)
- 2 participants from Obec Male Dvorniky (Slovakia)
- 2 participants from Association Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- 2 participants from Municipality Haninge Komun (Sweden)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Erdökürt (Hungary) from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Short description:** The third event was held in Erdökürt, between 21<sup>st</sup> And 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The main activities versed about: the refugee of the 21st century, the solidarity of Caritas in Hungary, Hungarian involvement in the current migrant crisis, proposals to improve intercultural dialogue, benefits of the Schengen area and free movement, European policies at local level: examples, equality and populism.

The event hosted many venues and highly involved political representatives to strengthen the debate. The methodology included activities highly participatory like seminars, debates, round tables, meetings with authorities, as well as cultural visits, workshops, video forums or exhibitions that helped to understand to a greater extent the reality of the participant countries. The selection of participants guaranteed equal access, without any type of discrimination, ensuring equality between genders and also offering the opportunity to citizens who never got involved previously in similar projects. It has been developed with a long -term perspective to ensure the biggest public impact as possible, offering moments of dissemination and visibility of the project and the Europe for Citizens program and creating a transnational network that addresses values such as solidarity, integration, cooperation, and friendship.

## **Day 1: Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

### **Arrival of the participants**

**10:00 a.m.** Welcome speech and summary of the program of activities. Presentation of the project to the media and civil society in Erdökürt.

**12:00 a.m.** Knowledge of the participants and their cultural historical framework.

**2:00 p.m.** Lunch

**4:00 p.m.** Introduction to the problem of social and cultural integration.

**6:00 p.m.** Visit to the artistic historical heritage of Erdökürt.



**8:00 p.m.** Updating social networks and dissemination of results.

**8:30 p.m.** Typical Hungarian dinner

**Day 2: Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**09:15 a.m.** Departure from the Hotel to the Matthias Corvinus Collegium

**10:00 a.m.** Institutional Greetings:

- **Mr. Katalin Palik**, Mayor of Erdokurt
- **Mr. Victoria Quiroga Ramallo**, Councillor of Rois
- **Mr. Péter Láncki**, director of Matthias Corvinus Collegium

**10:30 a.m.** Round Table: "The refugee in the 21st century"

- Hungarian Caritas, PR and press reference – **Ms. Erika Wittmer - Besze**

**11:00 a.m.** Coffee break

**11:15 a.m.** Round table with expert professor from the MCC about "Hungarian involvement in the current migrant crisis"

**11:35 a.m.** Lecture from **Dr. Viktor Marsai**, Researcher Director, Migration Research Institute – University of Public Service

**12:00 a.m.** Visit to the Parliament of Hungary. Meeting with local and national authorities. Conference: "Proposals for the improvement of intercultural dialogue".

**1:30 p.m.** Lunch

**5:00 p.m.** The Ukrainian Refugee Crisis – **Mr. Szabolcs Janik**, Operations Director, Migration Research Institute Brainstorming on the benefits of the Schengen area and free movement.

**8:30 p.m.** Dinner at Hotel.

**Day 3: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**09:00 a.m.** Transfer to the City Council of Erdokurt

**09:30 a.m.** Greetings:

- **Mr. Mihály Balla**, Member of the Parliament, representative of Nógrád County
- **Mr. Nándor Skucci**, President of Nograd County
- **Mr Katalin Palik**, Mayor of Erdokurt

Reply by the Mayor of Rois, **Mr. Ramón Tojo**

**10:30 a.m.** Fostering twin city relationships during the Russian-Ukrainian war by **Mr. József Bakos**, Mayor of Héhalom.

**11:15 a.m.** European policies at local level: examples in our daily life where the European Union is touchable - by **Mrs. Anna Bíró**, Hungarian National Network Nógrád County Representative

**11:35 a.m.** Introduction of the Equestrian Civil Guards of Erdokurt

- Topic: Rural development of Nógrád by Rural Network Nógrád County Representative

**12:00 a.m.** Talk with previous authorities: "Populism and Euroscepticism: The chicken or the egg?"

**1:00 p.m.** Lunch at Hehalom

**4:00 p.m.** Introduction to the Erasmus+ program.

**6:00 p.m.** Workshop: Gender equality in the Europe of opportunities.

**8:30 p.m.** Gastronomic intercultural dinner between the different municipalities.

#### **Day 4: Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**09:00 a.m.** Brainstorming: Basic concepts on Euroscepticism, Europhobia and Eurocriticism.

**11:00 a.m.** Conference: European values at the local level.

**2:00 p.m.** Food.

**4:00 p.m.** Digital meeting: "Social networks and equal opportunities"

**6:00 p.m.** Evaluation of the first event, update of social networks and preparation of the next event in Malta.

**8:00 p.m.** Farewell dinner with gastronomy and typical folklore. Delivery of certificates of participation.

#### **Departure of the participants**

#### **Event 4**

**Participants:** The event involved 239 citizens, including 185 local Greek participants from the municipality of Pilea Hortiatis (Greece) and 54 International participants as following:

2 participants from BetterMaking Organization Austria (Austria)

2 participants from Asturia VZW (Belgium)

2 participants from Nikopol Municipality (Bulgaria)

2 participants from Grad Klanjec (Croatia)

2 participants from Municipality of Athienou (Cyprus)

2 participants from Slow food Prague (Czech Republic)

2 participants from Koge Handelsskole (Denmark)

2 participants from Drustvo Uciteljev Gluhih Slovenije (Slovenia)

2 participants from Laaneranna Vald (Estonia)

2 participants from Municipality of Kurikka (Finland)

2 participants from Movement Europeen-Gironde (France)

2 participants from Gesellschaft Fur Europabildung EV (Germany)

3 participants from Municipality of Rois (Spain)

3 participants from Erdokurt kozseg Onkormanyzata (Hungary)

2 participants from Comune Di Castelmola (Italy)

2 participants from Rezeknes Novada Pasvaldibas Izglitibas Parvalde (Latvian)

2 participants from Ukmerges Rajono savivaldybes Administration (Lithuania)

2 participants from Federation D'Associations D'Espagnols du Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

2 participants from Southern Regional Council (Malta)

2 participants from Stichting Digout (Netherlands)

2 participants from Gmine Wieliszew (Poland)

- 2 participants from Freguesia of Alqueidão (Portugal)
- 2 participants from Comune Primary Corbi (Romania)
- 2 participants from Obec Male Dvorniky (Slovakia)
- 2 participants from Association young Vrenza (Spain)
- 2 participants from Municipality Haninge Kommun (Sweden)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Pilea-Hortiatis (Greece) from 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Short description:** The fourth event was held in Pilea- Hortiatis, between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The main activities versed about: the reality and problems of the migratory crisis in Greece, Economical situation and euroscepticism from a politician perspective, Euroscepticism in Greece, Post -Covid economy, initiation and opportunities through Next Generation Funds at rural level, and solidarity and cooperation in times of crisis.

The event hosted many venues and highly involved political representatives to strengthen the debate. The methodology included activities highly participatory like seminars, debates, round tables, meetings with authorities, as well as cultural visits, workshops, video forums or exhibitions that helped to understand to a greater extent the reality of the participant countries. The selection of participants guaranteed equal access, without any type of discrimination, ensuring equality between genders and also offering the opportunity to citizens who never got involved previously in similar projects. It has been developed with a long -term perspective to ensure the biggest public impact as possible, offering moments of dissemination and visibility of the project and the Europe for Citizens program and creating a transnational network that addresses values such as solidarity, integration, cooperation, and friendship.

### **Day 1: Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

#### **Arrival of the participants**

**10:00 a.m.** Presentation of the project to the media and civil society of Pilea Hortiatis.

**12:00 a.m.** Knowledge of the participants and their cultural historical framework.

**1:00 p.m.** Lunch

**4:00 p.m.** Introduction to the problem of social and cultural integration. Reality and problems of the migratory crisis in Greece.

**6:00 p.m.** Visit to the historic artistic heritage of Pilea Hortiatis.

**8:00 p.m.** Updating social networks and dissemination of results.

**8:30 p.m.** Welcome Typical Dinner

### **Day 2: Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**09:00 a.m.** Departure from the hotel to City Council of Pilea Hortiatis

**09:30 a.m.** Group picture in front of the City Council

**09:35 a.m.** Meeting at the Local Council of Pilea Hortiatis

**10:15 a.m.** "Economic situation and euroscepticism from a politician perspective" by **Mr. Sophocles Kaltsios**, Deputy Mayor of Culture and Tourism.

**11:35 a.m.** "Reality and problems of the immigration crisis in Greece " by **Mrs. Vicky Kanellou**, Municipal Councillor.

**12:00 a.m.** Debate - Good and bad practices on social and cultural integration in Europe.

- “Euroscepticism in Greece, a country that suffered a deep crisis and questioned the European instrument of Troika” by **Mr. Niki Zotou**, Deputy Mayor of Administrative and Financial Services of the Municipality of Pylaia-Chortyatis.
- “Post -Covid economy, initiation and opportunities through Next Generation Funds at rural level” by **Mrs. Victoria Quiroga**, Deputy Mayor of Rois

**1 3:00 a.m.** Lunch at Villa Luna Restaurant.

**4:00 p.m.** Video forum on European problems and European responses.

**6:00 p.m.** Tour around Pilea Hortiatis about its historical and cultural sites.

**8:00 p.m.** Dinner at Marathos Restaurant

### **Day 3: Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**09:30 a.m.** Departure from the hotel to Panorama High School in Pilea Hortiati

**10:00 a.m.** Presentation of the projects to the audience. Exposition: "Euroscepticism: is it a challenge or a real problem?" by **Mrs. Venice Kapachtsi**, Principal of the school.

**10:30 a.m.** Words of gratitude by the participating majors. Meeting with local and regional political representatives. Debate with the authorities: The economic crisis and Euroscepticism.

- **Mr. David Michael Schembri**, Mayor of Qrendi (Malta)
- **Mr. Mario Calleja**, Mayor of Marsaskala (Malta)
- **Mrs. Anna Kaisa Pusa**, Mayor of Kurikka (Finland)
- **Mrs. Clarise Oliveira**, Mayor of Alqueidao (Portugal)
- **Mrs. Victoria Quiroga**, Deputy Mayor of Rois (Spain)

**11:30 a.m. Conference** “Solidarity and cooperation in time of crisis” by:

- **Mrs. Voula Patoulidou**, Head of the Hellenic Red Cross, Deputy Regional Head of the Metropolitan unit of Thessaloniki, President of the Tourism Organization and Gold Olympic Winner in Barcelona 92.
- **Mrs. Konstantina Adamou**, Deputy of the National Hellenic Parliament

**12:15 p.m.** Closing Ceremony: Delivery of certificates and Town Twinning Oath's

**1:30 p.m.** Lunch at Villa Luna Restaurant

**4:00 p.m.** Workshop on solidarity and cooperation in times of crisis with local NGOs.

**6:00 p.m.** Project closing ceremony. Intervention of all political and local authorities, representation of local associations with citizens. Delivery of certificates of participation.

**8:30 p.m.** Gastronomic intercultural dinner between the different municipalities.

### **Day 4: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

09:00 a.m. Compilation of the work done jointly.

11:00 a.m. Proposals for joint actions for the future.

2:00 p.m. Lunch

4:00 p.m. Evaluation of the event, update of social networks.

20:00 Farewell dinner with gastronomy and typical folklore.

**Departure of participants**