



## **“Cultural Heritage - A Foundation for Building Europe`s Future”**

01 March 2021 - 30 November 2022

**EUROPE FOR CITIZENS “PROGRAMME 2014 –2020”**

**Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation**

**2.2 Network of Towns**

**European Conferences | Conferências Europeias**

Figueira da Foz - **Portugal** | Figueira da Foz - **Portugal**

Kirkop - **Malta** | Kirkop - **Malta**

Mátramindszent - **Hungary** | Mátramindszent - **Hungria**

Kaunas - **Lithuania** | Kaunas - **Lituânia**

Teo - **Spain** | Teo - **Espanha**



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## Municipalities - Entities / Participating Countries Entidades - Municípios / Países Participantes



- Junta de Freguesia do Alqueidão - **Portugal**
- Grupo Instrução e Sport - **Portugal**



- Active Citizens of Mediterranean - **Greece**



- Rezekne Municipality - **Latvia**



- Cultural Association Antares Onlus - **Italy**



- Mátramindszent Község Önkormányzata - **Hungary**



- Inštitúcia Regionálnych Aktivít Novohradu - **Slovakia**



- Kaunas Ausros Upper-Secondary School - **Lithuania**



- Kirkop Local Council - **Malta**



- Asociación Xuvenil Vrenza - **Spain**



- Education Innovante - **France**



- Valga Municipality Government - **Estonia**

## PROGRAM “EUROPE FOR CITIZENS”

The Europe for Citizens Program is an important instrument to make the Union's 500 million inhabitants play a more active role in the Union's development. By funding projects and activities in which citizens can participate, the program it promotes common European history and values and fosters a sense of involvement in the way the Union evolves.

Within the general objective of bringing the Union closer to its citizens, the general objectives of the Program are: to help citizens understand the Union, its history and its diversity; promoting European citizenship and improving the conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

The specific objectives should be pursued at transnational level or within a European dimension: Raising awareness in terms of the Union's memory, history and common values and the Union's purpose, namely to promote peace, the Union's values and the well-being of its peoples, stimulating debate, reflection and network development; Encourage citizens' democratic and civic participation at Union level by developing their understanding of the Union policy-making process and promoting opportunities for social and intercultural engagement as well as volunteering at Union level.



### CITIES NETWORKS

The creation of networks between municipalities around issues of common interest is an important means to facilitate the exchange of good practices and to develop a thematic and lasting cooperation between them. They serve as a basis for future initiatives and actions among the participating cities, on the topics discussed or on possible new topics of interest. The European Commission is committed to promoting intercultural dialogue throughout the various programs more and initiatives.

The Europe for Citizens Program can help us achieve this goal by bringing together European citizens of different nationalities and languages and giving them the opportunity to participate in common activities, knowing better the wealth of the cultural and linguistic environment in Europe, promoting the mutual understanding and tolerance, solidarity, social commitment and volunteering, that will contribute to the development of a respectful European identity, dynamic and multifaceted.

## PROJECT SUMMARY

“Cultural Heritage - A Foundation for the Construction of the Future of Europe” is a Network of Cities project promoted by the Parish Council of Alqueidão. Developed from March 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022, the project aims to bring together 12 entities representing 11 countries. Through different activities, developed over 5 European events, participants will be made aware of the vital need to preserve European historical and cultural identities, in a proactive aspect of construction and elaboration of political and social measures that promote their preservation and accessibility.

EVENT	PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	DATES
1	Figueira da Foz - Portugal	9th to 12th of September 2021
2	Kirkop - Malta	17th to 20th of February 2022
3	Mátramindszent - Hungary	8th to 11th of September 2022
4	Kaunas - Lithuania	12th to 15th of October 2022
5	Santiago de Compostela- Spain	03rd to 06th of November 2022

## OBJECTIVES

- Promote the development of a respectful, dynamic and multifaceted European identity;
- Discover and explore the European cultural heritage, strengthening the sense of belonging to a common space, through an innovative approach to the use and knowledge of heritage through the massive use of ICT;
- Encourage citizens to discover their cultural roots and make them aware of the vital need to preserve European historical and cultural identities, in a proactive aspect of construction and elaboration of political and social measures that promote their preservation and accessibility;
- Raise the awareness of European citizens, associations and entities so that cultural heritage is considered a mobilizing factor around the defense of what is proper and what is common;
- Increase interest in culture as a factor of identity and differentiation in the face of globalization;
- Make citizens aware of the influence of material and immaterial heritage on European economic and social development;
- Promote proactive mechanisms for civic participation, networking and cooperation between social actors.



### 1st Event

Alqueidão - Figueira da Foz - Portugal

9th to 12th September 2021

### 2nd Event

Kirkop - Malta

17th to 20th February 2022



### 3rd Event

Mátramindszent - Hungary

8th to 11th September 2022

### 4th Event

Kaunas - Lithuania

12th to 15th October 2022



### 5th Event

Santiago de Compostela - Spain

3rd a 6th November 2022

# 1st Event Throwback



## 2nd Event Throwback



## PROJECT PARTNERS



Grupo Instrução  
e Sport

PORTUGAL



Mátramindszent Kozség  
Onkormányzata

HUNGARY



Kirkop Local  
Council

MALTA



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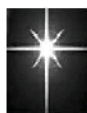
LITHUANIA

ASOCIACIÓN XUVENIL



Asociación Xuvenil  
Vrenza

SPAIN



Antares  
Onlus

Cultural Association  
Antares Onlus

ITALY



Education Innovante

FRANCE



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Valga Municipality  
Government

ESTONIA



Active Citizens of  
Mediterranean

HELLAS



Inštitúcia Regionálnych  
Aktivít Novohradu

SLOVAKIA



Rezekne District  
Municipality

LATVIA

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