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

Participation: The project involved 240 citizens, notably 74 participants from the city of Kyustendil (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), 25 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**) and 135 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Bosilegrad, Serbia** from **24/08/2021** to **27/08/2021**

Short description:

The day of **24/08/2021** was dedicated to Welcome speech and presentation of the project, its` goal and activities. Preparation for the wall mural painting in front of the Cultural Centre Bosilegrad. In the evening the Opera performance was given in the Venue, with the subject of gender oppression and burden of prejudices, to open the dialog on such subjects during next debates with young beneficiaries.

The day of **25/08/2021** was dedicated to Concert for children, to sensitize youngest population of Bosilegrad for art through music from cartoons. In the afternoon Andragogy Institute Human University from Velenje organized a lecture Stigmatization and discrimination and a debate afterwards.

The day of **26/08/2021** was dedicated to lectures about migrants and video projection of personal migrant`s stories presented by Serbian Cultural Centre "Danilo Kis" from Ljubljana, while in the evening, educational peer-to-peer theatre performance about Euroscepticism was given by Bosilegrad Gymnasium students.

The day of **27/08/2021** was dedicated to lecture and workshop about Euroscepticism vs. Eurointegration, carried out by Foundation for Entrepreneurship, Culture and Education from Sofija, to sensitize young beneficiaries about European values and principles. In the evening, Bulgarian folklore ensemble from Kyustendil gave a final concert and participants had been awarded with Certificates of Appreciation.

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

Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

9 (nine) events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**), 10 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from **24/08/2021** to **24/08/2021**

Short description: The aim of the event was Kick-off meeting with Team leaders and experts as well as 30 youth participants. Through the introductory lecture all of the participants got acquainted with the project principles and the timetable. Partners agreed on mutual interest regarding local cultural development and implementation of agreed actions.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 120 citizens, including 90 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**), 30 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 24/08/2021 to 24/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to sensitize and provoke young participants as well as general audience for subjects of gender based violence, sexual repression and harassment, prejudices and discrimination, through artistic form of high value, yet understandable to widest possible audience.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 150 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Kyustendil (**Bulgaria**), 30 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**) and 90 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 25/08/2021 to 25/08/2021

Short description: Concert with music from famous animated movies, with young emerging artists from Belgrade, Nis, Krgujevac and Novi Sad. The aim of the event was to give the youngest members of Bosilegrad community to enjoy cultural and social events as their age-peers in bigger communities and to meet and connect to their age-peers from Kyustendil.

Event 4.

Participation: The event involved 65 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Kyustendil (**Bulgaria**), 3 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**), 2 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**) and 30 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 25/08/2021 to 25/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to inform, educate and raise awareness of beneficiaries about burden of prejudices and stigmatization of vulnerable groups through lecture and interactive games. Brochures with personal testimonies about peer discrimination and bullying were given to participants for further education.

Event 5.

Participation: The event involved 35 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**), 2 participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**) and 30 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 26/08/2021 to 26/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to raise awareness about persons that have been in position to flee their countries and seek for the asylum, as well to introduce the historical and anthropological context of exile. To understand the migrant experience on personal level, by watching a video projection of authentic stories from the exile.

Event 6.

Participation: The event involved 67 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**), 2 participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**) and 60 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 26/08/2021 to 26/08/2021

Short description: Through educational peer-to-peer theatre play and coordinated workshop afterwards we informed and inspire young people to engage in a debate on the very idea of the European Union, and to help them fight against the prejudices about EU that are deeply rooted in Serbian society – learning the facts about EU, from performance but also from their peers.

Event 7.

Participation: The event involved 67 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Kyustendil (**Bulgaria**), 5 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**), 2 participants from the city of Sofija (**Bulgaria**) and 30 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 27/08/2021 to 27/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was that participants, through workshop and lecture led by Bulgarian partner FECE, get an insight on different viewpoints and challenges Europe is facing and to express opinion on the situation. Through various methods (role playing, stimulations, debate, games, etc) youth participants were able to express their opinions, exchange with peers and openly discuss EU issues.

Event 8.

Participation: The event involved 10 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**) and 8 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in open space – wall in the front of Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 24/08/2021 to 27/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was that beneficiaries through participatory art develop their creativity, develop tolerance and understanding, fight against stigmatization of minority groups. Strong connections were created between participants. Site-specific art gives sense of unity, cohesion and pride for the community itself.

Event 9.

Participation: The event involved 10 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**) and 100 participants from the city of Bosilegrad (**Serbia**), 44 participants from the city of Kyustendil (**Bulgaria**) and 2 participants from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cultural Centre in **Bosilegrad, Serbia**, from 27/08/2021 to 27/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to present Bulgarian folk music to wide audience, connect young beneficiaries, and affirm friendship and cooperation between two cities – Bosilegrad and Kyustendil.