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

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 30 participants.

Location / Dates: Online and Maynooth University 28th July 2021.

Short description: These activities consisted of a series of individual project and collaborative work including the development of a communications plan, setting up the Project website and Social Media platforms and then holding a formal launch of the project online. These activities were coordinated by EAPN Ireland, who also facilitated the online event on July 28th 2021.

Events:

9 events have been carried out within this project, broken down into 36 separate activities (face to face and online engagement with citizens across all 6 project partner areas)

Event 1 – Opening Conference/Workshop

Participation: The event involved 81 participants including 45 online participants from all partner countries

Location / Dates: The event took place in Maynooth University and online on 19/11/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to introduce the FFE project and outline its objectives to an audience of citizens (including disadvantaged target groups) from Ireland and partner countries (online) The event included presentations on a new of key European social policy themes and included participative workshops, themed discussions and keynote presentations from academic and community experts

Event 2 – Individual Partner Project - Maynooth University

Participation: The event involved 79 citizens from Ireland.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Dublin city and county and Co Kildare including Maynooth University between

Short description: The aim of the activities was to bring people together in their own communities to explore, share and reflect on their lived experience as citizens of Europe and inform a dialogue on the values and future of Europe.

Event 3 – Individual Partner Project - Urkraft

Participation: The event involved 103 citizens, including 23 participants from the city of Boliden, Sweden.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Skelleftea, Northern Sweden from 11/11/21 to 16/09/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was to run a series of workshops with Urkraft participants, refugee and asylum seekers living in Skelleftea and the wider community to better understanding the EU and their role as citizens. The activities were also designed to provide information to marginalised groups and the wider community about Europe, its structures, values, policies and social charter.

Event 4 – Individual Partner Project - FFUNS

Participation: The event involved 224 citizens from the university of Novi Sad, Serbia.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Novi Sad between 20/12/ 2021 and 27/09/2022

Short description: An Exploration of European identity, culture of Europe, the role of university in society, digital inequalities and the European public sphere, social enterprise, and the cultural participation of marginalised groups. Activities took the form of lectures, seminars, public exhibitions, research, and community engagement.

Event 5 – Individual Partner Project – PECS

Participation: The event involved 138 citizens from the city of Pecs, Budapest and international students living at University of Pecs.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Pecs Hungary between 30th September 2021 to 12th October 2022

Short description: The aim of the event was to hold a series of workshops, internal university and external community engaged events focused on European identity, active citizenship and the future of employment in Europe. community engagement.

Event 6 – Individual Partner Project - HAN

Participation: The event involved 75 participants from refugee communities living in Greece and those involved in community development.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Greece and online between 15th January 2022 and 19th March 2022

Short description: Participatory democracy events focusing on designing the Europe of the future, workshops on migration, a participation toolkit and communications work.

Event 7 – Individual Partner Project – EAPN IE

Participation: The event involved 55 participants from Dublin city and suburbs focusing on disadvantaged areas.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Dublin between 12/05/2022 and 24/05/2022

Short description: The aim was to encourage debate and understanding of the EU, particularly in relation to its social dimension. The workshops were interactive, with some information provided to participants, but mainly drawing on their own knowledge and using different participative tools to encourage active debates and generate proposals for the future.

Event 8 – European Symposium and Partner Participation Event

Participation: The event involved 40 participants including 6 participants from Ireland, 2 from Greece, 2 from Serbia, 1 from Hungary

Location / Dates: The event took place in Skelleftea, Northern Sweden between 14/03/22 and 15/03/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was to bring partners together to share the learning from their individual events, develop a framework for the shared resources and explore developing themes from each country's citizen workshops. Participants and community members from Skelleftea's NGO projects and educational campus also presented on cross cutting themes including education and neurodiversity, employment, social enterprise and climate change.

Event 9 – Closing Conference/Workshop

Participation: The event involved 116 citizens, including 4 participants from Greece, 5 participants from Sweden,

3 participants from Hungary and 5 participants from Serbia. (The event also included international students registered in Maynooth University and several participants from NGO partners who were from countries other than Ireland)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Maynooth University from 19/10/22 to 21/10/2022 (Additional Partner workshops took place following the closing conference on October 21st)

Short description: Partners and their participants came together for the final time to look at what has been achieved to date and to see examples of digital tools and resources, share knowledge and identify priorities for the future of the project and for Europe. The event was also an opportunity for a sample of participants from all partner countries to meet and share their experiences of the project.