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Action 2 – Measure 2.3 "*Support projects initiated by civil society organisations*"
Action 4 – "*Active European Remembrance*"**

Four international events were carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 59 citizens, including 38 participants from the city of Makó (Hungary), 6 participants from the city of Olaine (Latvia), 6 participants from the city of Lincoln (Great Britain), 9 participants from the city of Radomsko (Poland).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Makó (Hungary), from 06/09/2013 to 09/09/2013

Short description: The aim of the event was concentrated on one aspect: Gender in citizenship dimension. Does the gender shape citizenship? The main theme of the exchange was the reflection of citizenship, gender equality and opportunities for women and men in building civil society. Participants actively engaged in:

- Integration Workshops – It was the first time in the project when all participants had the opportunity to meet. Youth, and also adults, were divided in to 4 international groups and worked with the group leader. Workshops include brainstorming, exchanges of views, examples of gender equality and examples of good practice.

- Conference - a conference on equality between women and men, as well as prevailing social stereotypes. The conference was very important in increasing the knowledge between young people about equal opportunities, gender and stereotypes. It was good background for the next discussion and workshops in groups. The conference gave also the chance to present points of view dependent on the country, by showing presentations prepared by all partners. It showed that we share some of the stereotypes, and that some are different, sometimes funny, but all of them helped participants to understand each other better.

- Thematic Workshops - these concentrated on the integration of the young people participating in the visit. They participated in groups facing some physical challenges and outdoor debates. Working in groups participant were trying to answer on very important questions like: What we have in common? How to break the stereotypes? Does gender shaped our citizenship? etc.

- Visiting the city – in the visit programme there were also place for visiting the town of Mako, learning more about the region, its traditions and the direction of the development of the city concentrated on the thermal bath.

In addition to the intensive work, there was also time for fun and mutual understanding. During the visit participants took part in the city events by celebrating the Onion Festival with great music, local products and traditions. For all participants it was extremely important to learn more about the Hungarian culture and be part of the event.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 61 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of Makó (Hungary), 21 participants from the city of Olaine (Latvia), 11 participants from the city of Lincoln (Great Britain), 19 participants from the city of Radomsko (Poland).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Olaine (Latvia) from 23/05/2014 to 26/05/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was fully dedicated to cultural elements and citizenship. Participants were looking for answers on how culture shapes our citizenship and its influence. Partners, as in the previous visit, were free to choose the form of presenting cultural factors connected with their own country. As in the last project meeting, different methods of teaching and learning were used in the visit, e.g.:

- Integration workshops – these were a very pleasant way of introducing participants, breaking the shyness and helping them to start work in international groups. In this process, different workshops were used e.g. games, and dance. Learning a folk dance was especially good providing a new experience and helped participants relax. Dance is very strongly connected with Latvian culture and by learning the basic steps, all participants could feel integrated with the place and touch this Latvian tradition.

- Presentation – each partner prepared a presentation about culture and tradition in their country. Depending on presenting country participants were able to enjoy the traditional British Morris dance show with sashes and poles, and other presentations which included listing the most important cultural aspects e.g. music, food and people.

- Cultural and civil workshop – this was prepared and led by young people from Radomsko. Participants were divided into international groups and worked on key questions about influence of culture in building a civil society. They used flipchart paper and post-it notes to express their opinion and views. The results were presented by each group at the end. This gave an opportunity to compare and share key answers about the main questions.

- Open action – a great regional Festival of Folk Dance took place in the place, which was very strongly concentrated on culture and folk dance. All participants could see how a thousand dancers were performing. This provided an incredible dose of Latvian culture.

- Visiting the European Capital of Culture 2014 – it was a real lesson about the culture and architecture of Riga, a great example of action that should be taken in other cities.

During the visit in Olaine, there was an election to European Parliament. To promote building citizenship, an active attitude and their willingness to be active citizens in building a united Union, some overseas participants actually took part in election on 25 of May to European Parliament, by voting in their Embassy in Riga.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 60 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of Makó (Hungary), 10 participants from the city of Olaine (Latvia), 29 participants from the city of Lincoln (Great Britain), 11 participants from the city of Radomsko (Poland).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Lincoln (Great Britain), from 02/10/2014 to 05/10/2014

Short description: The aim of the event was concentrated on citizenship aspects, and the main idea of the visit was: Child-Citizen. Where is the beginning? As in previous exchange, there were use several methods of work, e.g.:

- Group Workshops - there was organized sports workshop, during which participants divided into international groups to play hockey. After that there were organized dance workshops, which proved to be the most popular form of integration activities for youth. Workshops about student voice and Youth Parliament were led by students and teachers from Lincoln Christ's Hospital School in Lincoln. Participants discovered about the steps of becoming conscious European citizen.

- Open action - "Lincoln through the eyes of overseas visitors". Students worked in mixed teams to look at Lincoln as a city and what it has to offer for teenagers, the elderly, disabled people, visitors from overseas and other defined groups. They used prepared surveys, observed people and talked to them. The results of this action were written in a report and presented to the Mayor of Lincoln. For youth this meeting was a real proof of their influence on civic life. Youth presented the report prepared in mixed nationality teams, which was a great example of giving the students a real voice.

- City sightseeing – the visit in Lincoln was not only hard work, but also a time to know better the city, culture and the history of Lincoln. Participants had the chance to visit the Castle and very famous Cathedral.

-Citizenship action – meeting with Mayor and discussion about possible improvements resulting from the observations made by participants.

The whole visit was prepared in very thoughtful way with a strong concentration on the participants. It allowed the young people to express themselves and compare their experience. The visit was extremely valuable because participants could learn patterns from the British model as an example of good practice.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 61 citizens, including 12 participants from the city of Makó (Hungary), 12 participants from the city of Olaine (Latvia), 12 participants from the city of Lincoln (Great Britain), 25 participants from the city of Radomsko (Poland).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Radomsko (Poland), from 16/04/2015 to 19/04/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was the idea of participation in building citizenship. The visit was fully prepared by young people. As during the development of the project, the Radomsko youth had regular meetings. The host team was very integrated and could identify with the project. The local authority had supported them in that process. As in all the project meetings, different methods of teaching and learning were also used in this event e.g.:

- Conference with the main speeches, including multimedia presentation and photo gallery. The conference was conducted by youth and had two dimensions: one was concentrated on main theme of the visit which was the idea of participation in building citizenship, and the second was dedicated to sum up the whole project. Youth presented a movie, which was recorded by them about the progress of the project from the very first day. The Radomsko team not only played roles in the movie, but was responsible for recording, direction, subtitles etc. This movie is also available on the project website. In connection with the idea of participation, youth from Radomsko presented the results of the evaluation questionnaire, which they had conducted in their school environment. It showed on which stage or hearth Radomsko is the leader. All foreign participants also completed evaluation questionnaires, which give us a basis to compare the results dependent on the country. The outcome of the general speeches and the results of the evaluation questionnaires was a debate among all participants.

- Workshops concentrated on better understanding of how participation in all aspects of life is seen by participants from different countries. Participants worked in four international groups, in which they discussed the key aspects of participation and put their thoughts on flipchart paper. They also used role play to simulate their different situations or levels of participation. A dance workshop was also organized for the participants, during which they had the opportunity to learn Polish dance, and in this way could learn four types of dancing depending on the country.

- City game – this was an outdoor activity conducted in the city area. Participants from four countries were split into three multi-national teams. They toured the city visiting six locations e.g. post office, library, main square. At each location a challenge awaited them, e.g. take three photos for a new postcard to encourage people to visit Radomsko or working in pairs to solve a puzzle about participation and get points. Prizes were prepared for participants.

- At the end of the event and whole project, a summary session was organised to draw conclusions e.g. on flipchart. Participants were free to write about the project, about their feeling, what they had learnt and what they expected next. Also the adults, representing all four partners, had a meeting about the project results and the preparation of The Handbook.