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Participation: The project involved 298 citizens, notably 120 participants from the city of Bükkszentkereszt (Hungary), 46 participants from the city of Vallerano (Italy), 59 participants from the city of Panevėžys (Lithuania), 43 participants from the city of Nasielk (Poland) and 30 participants from the Balkaniko Institutou Epixeirimatikotitas MKO (Greece). An average of 30 participants from the city of Deryneia (Cyprus) and 30 participants from the city of Gudja (Malta) attended the 2 days conferences on line.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Bükkszentkereszt (**Hungary**), from 13/04/2021 to 18/04/2021

Short description:

The day of 13/04/2021 was dedicated to the arrivals and accommodation of the delegates, to the team building activities to start the introductions among citizens and the introduction of the Project. The official programme of activities was presented, with the direct involvement of volunteers into the planning and management. Welcome dinner.

The day of 14/04/2021 was dedicated to setting the basis for cooperation and teamwork among the participants and allowing the participants to share histories from their communities. Experts and local PA were directly involved in the activities. In the afternoon the delegates participated to a cultural visit to learn more about the territory.

The day of 15/04/2021 was dedicated to the 1st part of the Project Workshop (held in the Community house of Bükkszentkereszt in the morning, the 2nd part of the Workshop was hosted by the Municipality of Répáshuta). The main theme of debate was: "Solidarity in times of crisis: The crisis is caused by poverty, disadvantage, migration, social exclusion and unawareness about politic. Building through it a future together at local and European level". Presentation of each delegation about the task, including also the situation due to the pandemic. Guided research and case study, involving directly the participants in the discussions over the main themes allowing a complete assimilation of the information. Debates, confrontation and mutual understanding were stimulated, giving this way voice to each citizen who attended the workshop to explain it's own point of view.

This kind of debated stimulated a reflection also on the xenophobic phenomenon, which manifests itself especially in times of extreme crisis.

The day of 16/04/2021 was dedicated to visiting Miskolc. After a short tour of the city, the delegates were hosted in the City Hall by the Mayor Veres Pál. The project ForYouth and each delegation were presented. In the afternoon, a seminar was carried out: "Why is Union important to prevent extremism?". This enhanced the awareness on European values, especially solidarity, inclusion and cooperation.

The reflection on intercultural exchange was fostered by stimulating debates, confrontation and mutual understanding.

The day of 17/04/2021 was dedicated to visiting in the morning the region Tokaj-hegyalja, the Castle of Boldogkő, the Castle of Regéc and the Blessing Christ statue in Tarcal. This allowed a cultural and convivial moment among the participants, who were able to learn more about Hungarian history by visiting these historical places. In the afternoon: "Europe, Crisis and Solidarity: reflections from the participants, social workers and volunteers". Official Ceremony and Official conclusion of the International Meeting.

The day of 18/04/2021 was dedicated to plan future actions inside EU funding programmes to be implemented through the network set by the Cooperation Agreement. Greetings and departure of the delegations.