



The project « The Revival of Old Towns and Cities » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Action 1 – Measure 1.2 "Networks of Twinned Towns"

8 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 60 citizens, including 60 participants from all partner countries (Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy, from 20/08/2013 to 03/09/2013

Short description: The aim of the event was focused on Preparatory Activities from all participating municipalities, through on line forums, blog discussions through the use of social media and online sharing of information. Also discussing preparations for the activities of the project, sharing EU policies related to the project and collaborating with partner organisations on the project.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 120 citizens, including 120 participants from the city of Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy

Location / Dates: The event took place in Isla Malta, from 12/09/2013 to 15/09/2013

Short description: The aim of the event was holding a Conference having presentations by all participating Municipalities, launching of the project website and other communicating tools, discussing the Europe for Citizens Programme and Shrinking Cities. A plenary session, workshops and hands on activities were held in relation to Physical Infrastructure addressed on common events which struck the participatory countries during World War II – the bombardment, displacement, migration and rescue of artistic treasures and relics by the respective communities. Discussion were also held focusing on the current situation of Physical Infrastructure in shrinking cities and how to renovate historic places.

Active participation in the Maritime Senglea International Festival – showcasing the cultures and traditions of all participating municipalities.

A number of visits were held to historic venues.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 300 citizens, including 300 participants from all partner countries (Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy, from 08/05/2014 to 08/05/2014

Short description: The aim of the event was to remember Europe Day, whereby events were related to Dissemination of information on the European Union, Awareness campaign on the rights and citizenship of being European and a small cultural activity – combining the locality with the European context.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 120 citizens, including 120 participants from the city of Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zarasai Lithuania, from 21/05/2014 to 24/05/2014

Short description: The aim of the event had as main themes Commitment towards Town Citizens Meeting and Performing Arts. Discussions were held between the Isla representatives and Zarasai municipality on the collaboration between the two localities leading to Agreement on twinning between both localities.

The plenary session and workshops on Performing Arts focused on translating performing arts into a Living and the workshops targeted contribution towards Stimulating performing arts (drama, dancing and music performances)

Active participation in the International Folk-Art Festival.

A number of visits were held related to artistic showcasing, performing arts theatres and studios in Zarasai.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 100 citizens, including 100 participants from the city of Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Daugavpils Latvia ,from 25/05/2014 to 27/05/2014

Short description: The aim of the event had as main theme Re-Imagining the City. A plenary session and workshops were held, including questions and answers and debates on Re-Imagining the City using current resources. Also experts shared different ideas on how to revive the economic activity and retain the identity of a community.

Active participation in Daugavpils Festival.

A number of visits were held visiting various enterprises and voluntary sectors that have contributed to the cultural sector and economic activity of the locality.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 100 citizens, including 100 participants from the city of Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Fara San Martino Italy ,from 01/08/2014 to 03/08/2014

Short description: The aim of the event had as main themes Active Citizenship and Identity. A plenary session and workshops were held, including questions and debates on Active Citizenship – the rights that come with EU citizenship. The panel discussion focused on European Identity vs Local Identity – rebuilding the identity of shrinking cities. The workshops discussed fostering a cultural identity and re-branding the local identity.

Active participation in Gole e Saponi.

A number of visits were held visiting various voluntary organisations, historic places and entertainment and educational areas that give identity to Fara San Martino, giving the participants an opportunity to discuss on how to improve or use past events to build the present identity.

Event 7

Participation: The event involved 110 citizens, including 110 participants from the city of Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Isla Malta ,from 12/09/2014 to 14/09/2014

Short description: The aim of the event had as main theme the Policy Document with recommendations to a higher level of governance. A seminar was held to discuss the outcomes of topics discussed during the workshops held in each phase of the project together with implemented measures.

Through a number of workshops we came up with a SWOT analysis on the different measures taken by municipalities and the way forward.

Active participation in the Maritime Senglea International Festival increasing networking and multiculturalism.

A number of visits were held visiting a number of NGOs, businesses, educational institutions and also going through the way of life of the common people.

Evaluation of the project and the way forward; strengthening the communication tools among the municipalities.

Concluding ceremony – the official signing of the Town Twinning Agreement between the Municipalities of Isla and Zarasai.

Event 8

Participation: The event involved 200 citizens, including 200 participants from all partner countries (Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Isla Malta, Daugavpils Latvia, Zarasai Lithuania and Fara San Martino Italy , from 20/01/2015 to 20/01/2015

Short description: The main aim of the final event was that each participating Municipality holds a Press Conference, whereby the Policy Document is launched. This includes a number of policy suggestions in order to revive old/shrinking cities, increase awareness on the Europe for Citizens Programme and stimulate other local councils/municipalities to make use of such research and apply for EU Funds to conduct similar projects in their localities.
