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

Participation: The project involved ... citizens, notably ... participants from the city of ... (**country**), ... participants from the city of ... (**country**) etc.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in ... (**city, country**), from dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy

Short description:

The day of dd/mm/yyyy was dedicated to ...

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

Measure 2.3 "*Civil Society Projects*"

Strand 1 – "*European Remembrance*"

9 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 Kick-Off meeting

Participation: The event involved 14 citizens, including 6 participants from the city of Berlin (Germany), 2 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary), 3 participants from the city of Palermo (Italy), 1 participant from the city of Warschau (Poland), 1 participant from the city of Lissabon (Portugal) and 1 participant from the city of Pula (Croatia).

Location / Dates: The event took place online on the 24/03/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to get to know each other, to share the knowledge about the EU-Pact, discussion and preparation of the events planned by each partner organisation

Event 2 “The EU-Pact on Asylum and Migration in Polish realities”

Participation: The event involved directly 68 citizens, including 6 participants from Germany, 2 from Belarus, 8 from Ukraine, 2 from Croatia, 3 from Hungary, 1 from Italy and 46 from Poland.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Warschau (Poland) on the 07/09/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was about the question, what effect this Pact would have on the situation in Poland. Therefore a group of experts have discussed in a round table format about their perspectives on this topic. Because of the actual situation at the Polish-Belarusian border the situation and the measures undertaken by the Polish Government has been discussed too. One of the direct outcomes of this conference has been an online publication, published by a consortium from ten CSO's from Poland under the title “COMMENTS OF THE CONSORTIUM OF SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS REGARDING THE NEW PACT ON MIGRATION AND ASYLUM” in September 2021.

Event 3 “Quo vadis Frontex – Reform, Control or Abolish?”

Participation: The event involved directly 90 citizens, including 6 participants from Poland, 7 from Greece, 6 from Croatia, 8 from Italy, 2 from Netherlands, 3 from France, 2 from Hungary, 3 from UK, 3 from Austria and 50 from Germany.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Berlin (Germany) on the 25/09/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to inform and to discuss about the allegations of Frontex's involvement in pushbacks that violate human rights, although as a European agency they are obliged to respect and defend the fundamental rights of the EU and what kinds of measures are discussed and proposed within the EU Commission, the EP and the CSO's and the media, how to secure that Frontex will act in accordance of the European Humanitarian standards. Panelists are coming from the EP, from the Transnational Institute, from the Centre for Peace Studies, etc.

Event 4 “Respect for Human Rights on the Road to Dignity”

Participation: The event involved directly 54 citizens, including 1 participant from Netherlands, 2 from Serbia, 2 from Italy, 3 from Slovenia and 46 from Croatia.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zagreb (Croatia) on the 19/02/2022

Short description: The event consists of two parts, one panel discussion, concerning the Pushbacks at the Bosnian-Croatian Border with a panelist from the Centre for Peace Studies and another one from the Legal Clinic from Law University Zagreb and a refugee, who has experienced these Pushbacks. Main discussion was about stopping this illegal practices and reflect on the Human Rights values of the EU. The second part was the “Theatre of the Opressed”, which is a creative and activating theatre, that creates a space of dialogue and experiential learning.

Event 5 “Nuovo patto sulle migrazioni e lasilo dell’Unione Europea”

Participation: The event involved directly 56 citizens, including 4 from Germany, 2 from Croatia, 1 from US, 1 from Gambia, 1 from Nigeria, 1 from Ireland, 1 from Portugal, 1 from UK and 44 from Italy.

Location / dates: The event took place in Palermo (Italy) on the 11/03/2022

Short description: In the morning there was a panel discussion about the impact on reception and permanence in hotspots in Sicily, followed in the afternoon first by a reading of the book “Corpi Estranei” by the author, Oiza Queens Day Obasuyi and second by the screening of the film “Samba” directed by Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano. Prior to the event four episodes of a podcast series “Patto in Claro” (Pact in clear) has been published.

Event 6 “European Policy in 2022”

Participation: The event involved directly 800 citizens in the first part of the programm and in the second part of the programm directly 300 citizens, including 10 participants from Germany, 4 from UK, 2 from US and 1.084 from Hungary.

Location / dates: The event took place in Budapest (Hungary) from the 21/03/2022 to the 22/03/2022

Short description: Using the International Antiracism Day to organise different panel discussions concerning the EU-Pact and the interactions between the Migration Pact and the Hungarian migration policy. The message of the event was to reduce the racism against refugees, organised and executed by a wide range of CSO's

Event 7 "Festival Passagens"

Participation: The two days festival has involved around 250 citizens directly, including 22 from Brazil, 9 from Italy, 5 from France, 5 from UK, 3 from Syria, 2 from Spain, 2 from Germany, 1 from Palestine and 201 from Portugal.

Location / Dates: The festival took place in Lisboa (Portugal) from 25/06/2022 to 26/06/2022

Short description: Besides three debates around border policies in the EU and in Portugal, wherein the importance of the Human Rights values of the EU has been strengthened, one photo exhibition with pictures made by refugee children on the Greek islands has been presented as well as a theatre play about the challenges faced by migrant women in Portugal and additionally four bands, mainly consisting of migrant musicians have played their music.

Event 8 "Detention centres on the Greek islands – A new "era" in EU-Migration Policy?"

Participation: The event has involved directly 55 citizens, including 6 participants from Greece, 1 from Poland, 3 from Italy, 2 from France and 43 from Germany.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Berlin (Germany) on the 05/07/2022

Short description: Main topic of this event has focused on the consequences of the five new camps on the Greek islands, that are planned, according to the EU-Pact, to be build on five different islands. Actually two of these camps have already been opened, the others are under construction. A journalist, who has participated in the opening event of the first camp and a Greek lawyer, who advises refugees in another camp about their procedures, reported about the living conditions in the camps and the difficulties for refugees to get access to independent legal counsel and the consequent threat of violation of their human rights, guaranteed in the Geneva Convention.

Event 9 "Pushback or collective Expulsions? Illegal, Harmful and Hurtful Practice of EU Border Management"

Participation: The event has involved directly 156 citizens, including 2 participants from Lithuania, 5 from Belarus, 7 from Ukraine, 1 from Croatia, 2 from Italy, 6 from Germany and 133 from Poland.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Warschau (Poland) on the 28/07/2022

Short description: This quite intensive conference with three panels, a number of high qualified experts not only from Poland and with short reports from all partners of our common EU-Project, "EU-Pact on Asylum and Migration", has focused on the Pushbacks at different European Borders, its causes and consequences, and the legal and political responses to this reality and finally a discussion about solutions to change this harmful policy. The participation and the contributions of all our partner organizations were particularly important, as this can be seen as the result of successful transnational cooperation, made possible by the EFC program.