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***"Town Twinning Citizens' Meetings"***

Participation: The project involved 57 citizens, notably 15 participants from the city of A Laracha (Spain), 15 participants from the city of Inštitúcia regionálnych aktivít Novohradu (Slovakia), 5 participants from the city Ligatne (Latvia), 2 participants from the city Birgu (Malta), 4 participants from the city Ukmerge (Lithuania), 16 participants from the city Forza d'Agro (Italia).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in A Laracha, (Spain) from 23/05/2017 to 29/05/2017

**Short description:**

**The day of 23/05/2017 was dedicated to arrivals of foreign delegations, Welcoming and presentation**

Arrival of the different delegations.

Transfer to Laracha.

Meeting with municipal authorities, representatives and non-governmental entities.

16:00 hrs. Personal and individual presentation of each delegation.

**The day of 24/05/2017 was dedicated to workshop, debate and a local tour**

10:00 Context of coexistence in the different countries. Discussion of opinions.

12:00 hrs. Workshop: Search for ideas to promote European citizenship. Exposition.

16:00 hrs. Conference. Debate; Projects financed by the EU in the participating municipalities: Do they help the progress and neighborhood coexistence?

18:00 hrs. Tour of local historical and artistic interest.

**The day of 25/05/2017 was dedicated to a Round Table and meeting NGO's in Arteixo**

10:00 a.m. Round table. Similarities and differences between municipalities on visibility and citizenship in the EU.

12:00 hrs. Promoting democratic citizen participation in municipal decision-making.

14:00 hrs. Lunch

16:00 hrs. Transfer to the municipality of Arteixo and exhibition of local social policies and meeting with NGOs.

18:00 hrs. Encounter in Caión with sailors.

20:00 hrs. Intercultural gastronomy of the different municipalities

**The day of 26/05/2017 was dedicated to Conference, debate and Signature of Brotherhood Oath**

10:00 a.m. Conference "Rights and duties of European citizens" Rules of coexistence.

12:00 hrs. Signing of the Friendship and Twinning pact among the municipalities. Assistance from local forces and neighbors.

16:00 hrs. Meeting with the neighborhood, social, cultural and youth entities of the Municipality. Exhibition on participation in EU programs.

18:00 hrs. Debate on EU subsidies.

**The day of 27/05/2017 was dedicated to meeting with the General Director of Youth and Volunteering and a route of the Way of Santiago of Compostela**

10:00 a.m. Talk about the functions of the General Director of Relations with the EU of the Government - Xunta de Galicia on the activities of the department.

12: 0 hrs. Encounter and Debate with the General Director of Youth, Participation and Volunteering of the Xunta on "Youth and citizen participation".

2:00 p.m. lunch

16:00 hrs. Route of a section of the Way of Santiago "Cultural itinerary of Europe"

18:00 hrs. Visit to Santiago de Compostela.

**The day of 28/05/2017 was dedicated to Brainstorming, meeting with Mayors about Europe for Citizens program and elaboration of articles**

10:00. Brainstorming about possible project in common.

12:00 hrs. Meeting with Mayors and councilors of neighboring municipalities for dissemination of experiences and "Europe for Citizens" Program

14:00 hrs. Lunch

16:00 hrs. Elaboration of articles of impressions to include in the web page.

**The day of 29/05/2017 was dedicated to departure of foreign delegations**

10:00 a.m. Return to their municipalities. Supply of evaluations and free time to express about the initiative. Official greetings.

12:00 hrs. Transfer to the airport.

Departure of foreign delegations.