

# The project «URGENT – Urban Regeneration: European Network of Notwns » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

# Applicable to the Strand 2 - Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

# 18 events have been carried out within this project:

#### Event 1

**Participation:** The event involved 79 citizens, including 44 participants from the city of Strasburg (**France**), 4 participants from the city of Venice (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Rome (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Trieste (**Italy**), 4 participants from the city of Mostar (**Bosnia and Herzegovina**), 3 participants from the city of Tirana (**Albania**), 2 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Birgu (**Malta**), 1 participant from the city of Valetta (**Malta**), 3 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 3 participants from the city of Kumanovo (**FYROM**), 1 participant from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 3 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 2 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Strasbourg, France from 28/11/2016 to 30/11/2016. **Short description:** The aim of the event was to share their knowledge, experience and good practices on how to promote intercultural dialogue and build bridges in fragmented European urban communities. The three-day activity in Strasbourg was also the occasion to define the methodology of the local procedure planned within the project. During this event, partners identified relevant areas in their cities and learnt new techniques for territorial analysis. As a result, the local paths have been launched in 10 local pilot projects.

# **Event 2**

Participation: The event involved 91 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Strasburg (France), 54 participants from the city of Venice (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Trieste (Italy), 5 participants from the city of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), 2 participants from the city of Tirana (Albania), 2 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (Slovenia), 1 participant from the city of Valetta (Malta), 3 participants from the city of Barcelona (Spain), 3 participants from the city of Kumanovo (FYROM), 3 participants from the city of Athens (Greece), 3 participants from the city of Lisbon (Portugal), 3 participants from the city of Brussels (Belgium).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Venice, Italy, from 06/06/2017 to 08/06/2017 **Short description:** The aim of the event was to exchange information about the progress on the local paths implemented. Based on the experience, common guidelines for further development of local pilot projects were defined. International and local stakeholders had an opportunity to exchange information within the framework of the public seminar held on 7 June.

# **Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved 80 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Strasburg (**France**), 4 participants from the city of Venice (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Rome (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Trieste (**Italy**), 52 participants from the city of Mostar (**Bosnia and Herzegovina**), 2 participants from the city of Tirana (**Albania**), 2 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the city of Valetta (**Malta**), 3 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Kumanovo (**FYROM**), 1 participant from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 3 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 1 participants from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 1 participants from the city of Bodo(**Norway**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina from 28/11/2017 to 29/11/2017 **Short description:** The aim of the event was to discuss about the pilot projects ideas developed at local level using SWOT analysis to revise them. Pilot projects were adjusted according to guidelines developed during the 2nd international event. The public conference allowed local and international participants to explore the effect of

the local welfare constraints on social cohesion in cities, the link between social exclusion and Euroscepticism and the effect of community based activities in building intercultural dialogue.

#### Event 4

Participation: The event involved 66 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Strasburg (France), 3 participants from the city of Venice (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Trieste (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), 3 participants from the city of Tirana (Albania), 3 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (Slovenia), 3 participants from the city of Valetta (Malta), 3 participants from the city of Barcelona (Spain), 1 participant from the city of Kumanovo (FYROM), 2 participants from the city of Skopje (FYROM), 33 participant from the city of Athens (Greece), 3 participants from the city of Lisbon (Portugal).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Aghia Varvara, Greece from 30/05/2018 to 01/06/2018 **Short description:** The aim of the event was to share the results of the local activities and to conclude the project. During the last international seminar, the partners developed a city manifesto in order to establish a common understanding on interculturalism, social inclusion, integration of migrants. A half-day public conference was organised where the project outcomes were presented to the local stakeholders and partners shared their pilot projects. A dedicated space for interaction and exchange of experience was then provided during the URGENT Inclusion Fair.

#### Event 5

**Participation:** The event involved 19 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Strasbourg(**France**), 1 participant from the city of Peja (**Kosovo**) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vlore, Albania on the 09/03/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to discuss the results of the Albanian local path and to provide policy recommendations at the national level based on the main features vulnerable groups, the needs identified for the reintegration of returning migrants and the integration of refugees and asylum seekers in Albania. AAM organised a regional workshop together with LDA VLORE in Vlore. The event was also an opportunity to learn about the good practices established and the lessons learnt from past projects.

#### **Event 6**

Participation: The event involved 13 local citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina on 28/07/2017

**Short description:** A focus group meeting organized within the project to evaluate the impact of migration to the cultural and tradition of the city and all its inhabitants. The main task given to the focus group was to think about and to give an idea how to preserve the culture and tradition of the city and all its citizens; Also to propose how they, as individuals or representatives of their organizations, can contribute to this.

# Event 7

Participation: The event involved 31 local citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herezegovina from 21/08/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to inspire innovative and "beyond the box" thinking of social community theatre engagement in an ethnically divided city. The activities were aimed to encourage citizens of all ages from different ethnic and religious background and from diverse walks of life to participate in seeking common creative solutions for social engagement in public space all across the city.

# **Event 8**

Participation: The event involved 33 local citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina from 07/0//2018

**Short description:** The aim of the vent was to promote the "Mostar cookery Book – food for the soul and body" as not only a book about the recipes on how to cook, but more about the recopies of connecting people through sharing the meals. It is all about our tradition in gastronomy but more in a way of serving, eating, shearing and spending the time together.

More than anything else this book is about co-habitation, sharing and unity. Mostar has always been a multi-ethnic city, created by the influence of life and eating habits of people who come to leave in Mostar.

#### Event 9

**Participation:** The event involved 59 citizens, including, including 1 participant from **Italy**, 6 participants from **Germany**, 7 participants from **Norway**, 4 participants from **Switzerland**, 5 participants from **Sweden**, 2 participants from **Austria**, 13 participants from the city of Mostar (**Bosnia and Herzegovina**), 4 participants from **Australia**, 2 participants from **UK**, 2 participants from **Serbia**, 6 participants from **USA**, 2 participants from

Canada, 1 participant from Belgium, 1 participant from tThe Netherlands, 1 participant from Slovakia.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina on 29/07/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to engage the local and international participants (Mostarians living abroad) through art and humour. As a result of the cooperation within the project URGENT by Local democracy agency Mostar, the Documentation and Information Centre CIDOM and Mostar Youth Theatre, the young actors of the Mostar Youth Theatre presented an interesting interactive performance at the ceremonial promotion of the book "Mostar jokes" to more that 500 people.

#### Event 10

Participation: The event involved 31 local citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Aghia Varvara (Greece) on 06/05/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to change the local community's perception of migrants through their sense in order to create a new cohesive community which includes citizens from different origins, languages and cultures. The target population of the event were member of the local community of Municipality of Aghia Varvara and its surroundings areas. The event included a photographic exhibition, the reading of poems and short stories, a gastronomy corner with traditional dishes, the projection of a documentary created for the purposes of the URGENT project, as well as music and dance performances.

# Event 11

**Participation:** The event involved 38 local citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Rome, Italy on 14/04/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to include both migrants and Italians in active citizenship experiences, socialisation events and neighbourhood-level decision-making processes; to enhance intercultural knowledge and communication skills, with a focus on both migrants and Italian parents; to promote the inclusion of the marginalized homeless community and daily dwellers within the area; and to build positive relations between residents and migrants within the targeted area. More than 1000 people interacted during the day with activities proposed by 24 organisations that contributed activities to the event.

#### Event 12

Participation: The event involved 26 local citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Trieste, Italy on 24/05/2018.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to increase the migrants' social integration and their sense of belonging to the places of their daily life in Trieste: through a co-design process they rethought the common areas where they live in the diurnal center of *ICS Italian Consortium of Solidarity - Onlus Refugees Office*, the organization that manages the migrant's welcoming in Trieste. The project included the realization of one carpentry workshop and one tailoring workshop, in which the participants collaborated to the design and to the production of furnishings pieces and accessories to improve the quality of their collective spaces in ICS. Before the final meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2018, several meetings with local citizens took benefiting 80 migrants who are frequent or housed at the ICS centre.

# Event 13

**Participation:** The event involved 25 local citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Kumanovo, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia on 26/06/2018. **Short description:** The aim of the event was to rouse the sense of understanding and compassion within the local population and facilitate the process of integration of the refugees and migrants in the immediate vicinity of the camp and throughout the Municipality. The first part of the activity was designed to introduce the local population to the context of the situation in order to make a clear distinction between their role and the role of the applicable institutions. The second part of the activityt was designed to gather relevant stakeholders and key players on the administrative side of the crisis and engage them on this topic. The idea was to further stress the importance of discussion and active participation in order to create a long-term solution in collaboration with the citizens and more specifically, the marginalized groups.

# Event 14

Participation: The event involved 61 local citizens

Location / Dates: The event took place in Valetta, Malta on 21/03/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the positive aspects of diversity and to counter racism and discrimination. The event targeted the general population and was focused on getting people talking to each other in order to spark their interest in the topic and promote solidarity. The concept used was to create a human chain to represent solidarity within the diverse community. The chain offered to signify as a powerful and highly memorable symbol of kindness, inclusivity and connectedness. The chain also emphasised

that diversity is something which is beautiful and valuable to the Maltese society.

# Event 15

Participation: The events involved 88 local citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The series of events took place in Lisbon, Portugal between 20/02/2018 to 10/05/2018 **Short description:** The aim of the series of events was to promote active citizenship, mutual learning and the inclusion of citizens from different socio-cultural backgrounds and different countries in the discussion and development of local policies, measures and services. 7 meetings were organised with the collaborative effort involving 7 different organisations in order to encourage the involvement of all the institution and organisations working with citizens from different socio-cultural backgrounds or specifically with migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. During these meetings, the project was explained and the braining storming process of optional policies and activities to be implemented within the city began.

# Event 16

Participation: The event involved 34 citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 18/05/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to search for an interesting and new solution in order to enhance the production of knowledge and understanding of migration. A workshop was organised with the activists from Second home, researchers from the Institute, DRPD, NGOs, professors and international students from Vienna University involved in European master in Urban studies. The main goal of the workshop was to research, conceptualise and develop various innovative interdisciplinary practice and ideas from around the globe. Students from all over the globe such as Spain, Ghana, Netherlands, South Korea, Austria, Belgium, Egypt, Colombia, Uruguay, India and Nepal shared their knowledge and experience from their home countries. Additionally, students also shared their own migratory paths and experiences in Europe.

#### Event 17

**Participation:** The event involved 37 local citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Barcelona, Spain on 12/03/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to place a spotlight on the understanding of the migrant female perspective as a fundamental axis in the construction of authentically intercultural societies. The participants of the seminar include various organisations, collectives and unions concerned with the interests of migrant women as well as the migrant women themselves. The seminar consisted of three tables. The first table was called "Bodies" and was focused on exploring new means and strategies in designing public policies and social projects related to the body and physical experience as the main axis. The second table was called "Relationships", reflecting on how the migratory experience is articulated with personal and institutional relations at the individual and collective level, and the third table was called 'Jobs' discussing issues related to the nature of the work of migrant women.

# Event 18

Participation: The event involved 19 local citizens.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Strasbourg, France on 04/07/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to support the inclusion of a group of newcomers over several weeks in order to participate at the annual day of a socio-cultural centre (in a "priority neighbourhood" of the city). The group organised different activities for the public of this socio-cultural center as a results of several prior meeting to identify the themes of interest to the working group (football training for children, tea bar and cooking workshop), to identify concrete actions they want to do for the day, to understand what a project is (steps, constraints, budget, roles, materials ...) and to create the activity. The realization of the animations was during the day of activity in the center, with the public of a priority district and about 150 people present.