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

Participation: The Town Twinning Project “**Linking Citizens' for Building our Future**” promoted by the Municipality of Ali (Italy), involved 90 citizens from all over Europe: 31 participants from Ligatnes novada dome (Latvia), 30 participants from Jobbágyi Község Önkormányzata (Hungary) and 29 participants from Galabocs Onkormanyzata (Slovakia).

Location/ Dates: The event of Town Twinning took place in Ali (Italy) from **22/10/2015** to **29/10/2015**

Short description:

Day I - 22/10/2015 was dedicated to the Arrivals, Accommodation and Welcoming

Arrival of foreign delegation, transfer in Ali and Accommodation.

H 18.00 Welcome moment with the Mayor and representatives of Ali Municipality.

H 21,00 Welcome Party

Day II - 23/10/2015 was dedicated to Discovering Ali + Presentation of the Project's aims and the foreign partners.

H 10,00 Tour for Discovering Ali, with the participation of the Mayor and the young people of the Social Service, in order to know the beauties of the city: The Cathedral dedicated to S. Agata, Brunaccini Palace and the typical streets around the city.

Lunch

H 16,00 Conference to the City Hall: Official Presentation of the project and the Programme “Europe for Citizens”, as tool to improve the democratic and active participation in UE. Discussion on Twinning Town as instrument of relationship and integration among cities in EU. Debate on the ways to use Town Twinning for an active participation and to link people around Europe.

Dinner.

Day III - 24/10/2015 was dedicated to Seminary: Human Rights + Town Twinning Meeting, Signature of Brotherhood Oath

H 10,00 Brainstorming: “To be European Citizen - Rights and Rules” – Reflection and comparison on the importance to be European citizens, the rules in order to take active participation and to influence by down the EU Agenda.

Lunch

H 16,00 Town Twinning Meeting “Linking Citizens' for Building our Future”, to “Brunaccini Palace”. Opening the Conference with the Mayor of Ali. Official Speeches of the Mayor of Ligatne (LV), Glabushovze (SK) and Jobbágyi (HU). Participation and debate with the authorities and Mayor of the local Council of the territory, citizens, experts and young people.

Solemn Ceremony of Signature of Brotherhood Oath – National and European Anthems.

H 21,00 Intercultural Dinner, in order to discover typical food, clothes and traditions of the countries involved. Folkloristic dances and music.

Day IV - 25/10/2015 was dedicated to Visit of Agrò Valley: Savoca, Casalvecchio and Antillo + Mess of Friendship

Tour around the towns of Agrò Valley:

Casalvecchio Siculo: The musuem, SS Peter and Paul Church.

Savoca: Tour of Godfather, catacombs, Churches and Ethnographic Museum.

Transfer to Antillo Municipality.

H 13: tour around and Lunch in Antillo to the Autumn Festival - Testing of Traditional dishes.

H.17,30 Participation to the Mess of Friendship among people in the Cathedral of Ali.

Dinner

Day V - 26/10/2015 was dedicated to Round table + Interactive Workshop

H 10,00 Round Table on the “Participation and Democracy in Europe: The empowerment and the role of citizens” – with the active participation of citizens, local authorities and local Associations.

H 13,00 Lunch

H 17,00 Interactive Workshop: "Digital Citizenship" Interactive workshop with the active participation of citizens. The purpose is to involve the citizens in the dialogue about the new ways to manage the citizenship, through the use of digital tools and interaction.

H 20,00 Dinner

Day VI - 27/10/2015 was dedicated to Visit of Territory: Forza d'Agò + Taormina

H 10,00 Tour of Forza D'Agrò: Meeting with the Mayor, Presentation of Partnership by the foreign delegations
Lunch

Afternoon: Taormina tour around the beauties of the city and Greek Theatre

H 20.00 Dinner

Day VII - 28/10/2015 was dedicated to Workshop: Young People and European Policies + Brainstorming

H 10,00 Meeting at School of Alì with pupils and teachers. Presentation of songs and poesies about friendship and European Citizenship by the students. Execution of Anthems and songs of Europe by the Orchestra of the School. Discussion on Erasmus Plus and opportunities of mobility for students and staff. E-Twinning and European platform for building a successful partnership.

Lunch

H 16,00: Workshop "Young People and European Policies" An opportunity to involve young people in debates and discussions on topics related opportunities of mobility around Europe.

Project Proposal for Future cooperation. Debate and discussion. Final Evaluation.

Goodbye Dinner

Day VIII - 29/10/2015 was dedicated to Departure

Departure of Foreign delegations

Official Greetings and Departure of foreign delegations.