

The project « YOUTH IS EUROPEAN FUTURE - Network for challenging Euroscepticism and motivating young European citizens to participate in 2019 European Elections » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

6 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 191 citizens, including 80 participants from the city of Svodin (**Slovakia**), 48 participants from the city of Tata (**Hungary**), 15 participants from the city of Bystrice (**Czech Republic**), 24 participants from the city of Pinczow (**Poland**), 4 participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), 8 participants from the city of Kanjiza (**Serbia**), 8 participants from the city of Sovata (**Romania**) and 4 participants from the Reggio Calabria (**Italy**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Svodín (**Slovakia**), from 25/05/2018 to 27/05/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to establish an international partnership among the project participants, on discussing the importance of involving the youth in civic participation within the EU and on raising awareness about the problem of Euroscepticism. At the same time the event was the first official meeting of all project partners, where best practice and knowhow was exchanged. During the first project event a conference on the topic "Youth is European Future" was held with lecturers: Pal Csaky, Jozsef Menyhart, David Nagy, Reka Kovacs, Barbara Svajcer and Matej Meri among others. Further, the first event included a lecture by Regnum Marianum Akademia, presentation of the cultural heritage of the hosting town Svodin and a public presentation of the project YOUTH IS EUROPEAN FUTURE - Network for challenging Euroscepticism and motivating young European citizens to participate in 2019 European Elections.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 87 citizens, including 35 participants from the city of Svodin (**Slovakia**), 30 participants from the city of Tata (**Hungary**), 4 participants from the city of Bystrice (**Czech Republic**), 4 participants from the city of Pinczow (**Poland**), 2 participants from the Reggio Calabria (**Italy**), 6 participants from the city of Kanjiza (**Serbia**) and 6 participants from the city of Sovata (**Romania**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Tata (**Hungary**), from 16/06/2018 to 18/06/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to initiate a debate on the rise of Euroscepticism and discuss specific urgent European issues such as Brexit and its effects on EU, benefits and achievements of the EU and the future of Europe. The discussion had a format of a panel discussion and was followed by a Q&A session with participants.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 52 citizens, including 18 participants from the city of Svodin (**Slovakia**), 17 participants from the city of Tata (**Hungary**), 9 participants from the city of Bystrice (**Czech Republic**) and 8 participants from the city of Pinczow (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), from 13/11/2018 to 15/11/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to explain the processes of the European Union parliament, EU policy processes, importance of EU Elections and the achievements of the EU. The event included a conference which was followed by a debate session with youngsters on the pros & contras of the EU, where under moderation, youngsters presented their arguments and critically evaluated their positions towards the EU.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 155 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Svodin (**Slovakia**), 20 participants from the city of Tata (**Hungary**), 20 participants from the city of Bystrice (**Czech Republic**), 85 participants from the city of Pinczow (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the city of Kanjiza (**Serbia**) and 2 participants from the city of Sovata (**Romania**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Pinczow (**Poland**), from 21/03/2019 to 24/03/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to prepare the young citizens and first time voters for the 2019 European Elections. A lecture about the European Parliament's procedures, powers, organisation and rules was held with the aim to motivate young EU citizens, and especially first-time voters, to take part in 2019 European Elections. In following Q&A sessions, participants analyzed their questions and concerns regarding the European Elections and the European Union policy.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 118 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Svodin (**Slovakia**), 20 participants from the city of Tata (**Hungary**), 45 participants from the city of Bystrice (**Czech Republic**) and 28 participants from the city of Pinczow (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Bystrice (**Czech Republic**), from 22/05/2019 to 24/05/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was educate, discuss and exchange experience about the benefits that EU brings to its citizens. Among the activities of the fifth event there was a presentation of practical examples of how the EU is facilitating and improving the lives of EU Citizens and included examples such as: End of border restrictions for online content from 2018; Adopting new energy labeling from 2019; Quick and complete ban of roaming surcharges since 2017; Consumer protection actions; Protection of travel right of EU travelers from delays and cancellations. Afterwards a discussion with the participants was held on topics above stated.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 70 citizens, including 14 participants from the city of Svodin (**Slovakia**), 12 participants from the city of Tata (**Hungary**), 4 participants from the city of Bystrice (**Czech Republic**), 4 participants from the city of Pinczow (**Poland**), 2 participants from the Reggio Calabria (**Italy**), 32 participants from the city of Kanjiza (**Serbia**) and 2 participants from the city of Sovata (**Romania**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Kanjiza (**Serbia**), from 26/09/2019 to 28/09/2019

Short description: The aim of the closing event was to summarize the project within a closing conference followed by debates with EU and Non-EU students about the European Union and the benefits of being a EU member. The activity of closing conference included a summarization and evaluation of the project, whereby plans for future cooperation were discussed.