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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 Rememberance*"

Preparatory activities (if applicable): the activities involved 8 participants.

Location / Dates: Online/ 14 December 2020

Short description: these activities consisted of a get to know event for the partners, a detailed overview of the project, a detailed description of the tasks and expectations per partner organisation, a discussion on the project activities, and a discussion about Europe for Citizens and best practices for successfully running projects within the programme. 15 December had also been reserved by all partners in case the agenda would not be finished on day 1, however, continuing the meeting on a second planning day was not necessary in the end.

Events:

6 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 33 citizens, including 29 participants from the rural region around the Border Museum (**Germany**), 3 participants from the city of Cologne (**Germany**) of which 1 participant was also from the **UK** and 1 participant from the city of Berlin (**Germany**)

Location / Dates: The event took place at the Border Museum Schiffersgrund (**Bad Sooden-Allendorf, Germany**), from 30/06/2021 to 04/07/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to enable at least 30 citizens to take part in 2 discussions on the future of Europe under the traveling structure Europe Dome on 01 and 03 July 2021. Situated close to the centre of Germany, the Border Museum Schiffersgrund today presents the longest remaining part of the fence marking the former inner-German border until 1989. It keeps the memory alive of existences marked by separation and struggles for freedom but also by unification in Germany and - as was rightly pointed out during the discussions - in Europe. It was the perfect place to embrace what all of us gain from unity, open borders, and shared values on a daily basis! The first discussion took place on 01 July 2021 and targeted especially the regional civil society. As was pointed out to us by the Border Museum beforehand, civil society actors in the region are not well connected and contributing to the creation of a regional civil society network would strongly support their work in a rural region marked by polarisation around COVID19 and populism. The second discussion took place on 03 July. We were happy to welcome citizens and civil society representatives from both bordering German federal states and politicians from the local to the federal and even European level.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 44 citizens, including 41 participants from the city of Bucharest (**Romania**) and 3 participants from the city of Cologne (**Germany**)

Location / Dates: The event took place at The PUB UNIVERSITATII (**Bucharest, Romania**), from 22/07/2021 to 26/07/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to enable at least 30 citizens to take part in 2 discussions on the future of Europe under the traveling structure Europe Dome on 24 July 2021. Due to the COVID19-pandemic, we could not take the actual Europe Dome to Romania. Instead, we hosted a political brunch at a local pub including a pop up wall displaying the Europe Dome. The dialogues took place directly at University Square, the city's historical Kilometre 0 of Democracy. It was at University Square that the Romanian people fought for their liberty in December 1989 against the Ceaușescu-regime. It was also at University Square that the conflict between the new rulers and the crystallizing civil society peaked in June 1990, when the new government called on miners in Jiu Valley to violently suppress anti-communist protests. Still today, University Square is the central spot for demonstrations for democracy, liberties and European values in Bucharest. More than 40 people spent their Saturday with us thinking about democracy, corruption, East and West, the role of youth and many more current matters.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 44 citizens, including 40 participants from the city of Burgas (**Bulgaria**) of which 1 holds the **Latvian** nationality and 1 comes from Sarajevo (**Bosnia-Herzegovina**). Moreover, the event involved 1 citizen from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**) and 3 participants from the city of Cologne (**Germany**) of which one is also from the **UK**

Location / Dates: The event took place at Flora Exhibition Centre (**Burgas, Bulgaria**), from 05/08/2021 to 08/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to enable at least 30 citizens to take part in 2 discussions on the future of Europe under the traveling structure Europe Dome on 06 August 2021. Burgas, the most South-Eastern part of the European Union, was the third stop on our Remember Tour at the beginning of August. Again, COVID19 made crossing several borders a considerable element of uncertainty, which is why the pop up wall showing the Europe Dome travelled with us to Bulgaria. Right next to the beach at Seaside Park the discussion could not have been more fruitful and relaxed.

While the demonstrations for a change in regime in November 1989 took place at Cyril and Methodius Square in the city centre, Seaside Park was one of the few places where these anti-communist and pro-democratic ideas could emerge and be spread among the citizens without putting one's life at risk. Together with again more than 40 participants and several activists who were paramount for the country's democratic development at the time and probably still today, we spent the sunny afternoon and evening discussing democracy and climate action, connecting over a homemade drink in the sunset and enjoying local singer Roza Bozhinova's music during the discussion break.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 54 citizens, including 43 participants from the city of Copenhagen (**Denmark**), of which 1 participant was originally from **Thailand** (but going to school in Copenhagen), 1 participant originally from **France**, 1 participant originally from **Bosnia-Herzegovina**, 1 participant originally from **Poland**. The event involved 1 participant from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of Cologne (**Germany**). Participants did not indicate their place of residence in addition to their country, however, the Europe Dome welcomed 1 participant from **Italy**, 1 participant from **Greece**, 2 more participants from **Poland**, 1 participant from **Sweden**, 1 participant from **Belgium**, 1 participant from **Slovenia**, 1 participant from the **UK**.

Location / Dates: The event took place in the meatpacking district (**Copenhagen, Denmark**), from 14/08/2021 to 22/08/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to enable at least 30 citizens to take part in 2 discussions on the future of Europe under the traveling structure Europe Dome during the week of the 1:1 Democracy Festival in mid-August. The Dome was placed at 1:1 Democracy Festival which was associated with WorldPride. The discussions brought many shortcomings and persisting threats to equality, minority rights and to Europe itself to light. Most memorable was the discussion on the worsening situation for LGBTQIA+ in Poland but also, mostly unnoticed, in Slovenia. With the Polish government proclaiming LGBTQIA+ people as the number 1 enemy of the state and parents of transgender children sending their children away because they fear for their children's lives, a strong call was made by all activists to cut EU-funding for these governments more quickly and support civil society fostering EU-values instead.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 30 citizens, including 27 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**) of which 1 was from **Slovenia**, 2 from **Ukraine** and 1 from **Greece**. Moreover, the event involved 2 participants from the city of Cologne (**Germany**), 1 participant living in the city of Siegen (**Germany**) who was originally from **Colombia**.

Location / Dates: The event took place at Łazienki Park (**Warsaw, Poland**), from 10/09/2021 to 13/09/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to enable at least 30 citizens to take part in 2 discussions on the future of Europe under the traveling structure Europe Dome on 12 September 2021. Very fittingly, the 5th stop of the Remember Tour took place at Łazienki Park in Warsaw in mid-September. These Royal Gardens, located at the centre of the capital, are known mostly because of Poland's last king, Stanisław August Poniatowski. In his summer residence he organised the famous "Thursday meetings" where the most influential people of the time discussed the functioning of the state. These meetings, among many other things, resulted in great reforms of the state, including Europe's first constitution – the Constitution of the 3rd May. Under the Europe Dome a really international group came together and discussed, easily switching between English and Polish.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 34 citizens, including 31 participants from the city of Prague (**Czech Republic**) of which 4 were originally from **Slovakia** 1 originally from the **US**, 1 from **Sweden/Tunisia**. The event, moreover, involved 1 participant from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of Cologne (**Germany**) of which one is originally from **Ireland**.

Location / Dates: The event took place on Slovanský ostrov (**Prague, Czech Republic**), from 11/10/2021 to 13/10/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to enable at least 30 citizens to take part in 2 discussions on the future of Europe under the traveling structure Europe Dome on 12 October 2021. Prague was the final stop of the Remember Tour during the yearly Festival of Democracy in mid-October. Rain could not keep our 30+ participants from joining the discussions. Together with citizens, activists from the student movements of 1989, national and European politicians, we explored the state of democracy in Czech Republic right after the elections and the state of democracy in Europe. Once more, differences between Western Europe and the rest of the European Union based on the experiences with historical regimes, the role of youth, climate and many more issues were brought up.