

# The project « Europe Talking » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

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

**Participation:** The project involved 397 citizens, notably 75 participants from the city of Skopje (**FYRM**), 70 participants from the city of Brcko (**Bosnia and Hercegovina**), 29 participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), and 220 participants from the Municipality of Vracar (**Belgrade, Serbia**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place at Vracar Municipality,(**Belgrade, Serbia**), from 10/05/2018 to 13/05/2018

#### Short description:

The day of 10/05/2018 was dedicated to the part of the program called "Europe is calling you for a trip". This part of program had goal to discuss with participants EU values, Integration process and myths about EU through set of workshops run for 2 days. Participants were also introduced to the main aims and reasons for having project which brings European Union closer to the citizens by fighting Euroscepticism made through long existence stereotypes and prejudices in our societies, with the use of objective and accurate information on values and political system of EU. After those sessions, a series of 2-day workshops started where participants had opportunity to discuss about Europe, its values, policies and the way of functioning of the EU. They were briefly introduced into each topic proposed for discussion and gave their contribution by proposing topics they would like to add into discussion.

The day of 11/05/2018 was dedicated to "European Space" program, as continuation of workshops. After defining a list of the topics for discussion, participants were separated into different working spaces within "European Space" according to their preferences. Within each topic participants have discussed about common misconceptions that exist in the society, prejudices and stereotypes on the issues discussed, why and how those misconceptions were made. As a result from the series of workshops, participants created messages from the objective and accurate information that should be transferred to the citizens in order fight Eurosceptical narrative. All this was transferred to videos and campaign that will be run at social media sending messages about EU. Also, the Country fair aiming to incite intercultural exchange among youth took place, where separated into different corners by countries, participants presented culture, tradition and life in their countries, as well as work of partner organizations.

The day of 12/05/2018 was dedicated to the "Europe Talking" part of the program, aiming to create and realize EUrope Talking Living Library. Participants have learned from the expert about living library methodology, its aims, various roles that exist and its purpose, and together they have done complete content and technical wise preparation of the EUrope Talking Living Library, deployed roles among themselves and set the Library. Participants become living books, librarians, volunteers, readers, etc. When everything was set, EUrope Talking Living Library was opened with press conference which was dedicated to promotion of the project and celebration of the Europe only few days after Europe's Day. Speakers on the conference coming from partner organizations and most important EU-instance institutions like EU delegation to Serbia or Ministry for European integration, have all stressed importance of European Union for development of this region and impact on youth from their respective angles. Aiming to get to know better with European Union and ensure access to objective and accurate information on values and political system of the EU, EUrope Talking Living Library took place. This public exhibition simulated a work of library, where participants and all interested citizens were able to rent a "living book people" instead of real one and engage into 15 minutes discussion about the topic on EU and Europe that person represents. This way young people were able to have direct talk with person representing certain topic, gain information from the first hand and set up a real picture on value-based and political system of EU. Many more institutions like Chamber of Commerce. Office for Cooperation with Civil Society, Agency for Development and European Integration of the City of Belgrade, National Library of Serbia, Council of Europe, etc. by exhibiting their work and taking active part into EUrope Talking Living Library together with young people being living books. Culture of each country was also presented at the public space to all citizens of Vracar municipality in the "Traditional Dance Corner" attracting interest from many citizens.

The day of 13/05/2018 was dedicated to finalization of the event and summary of its results, as well as to developing a plan for multiplication and dissemination of the results through social networks campaign. Its aim is to fight Euroscepticism among youth by transferring messages developed within the project through social networks channels. Also, a several PR activities in the traditional and online media took place in order to promote Europe Talking project.

## Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns" Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Rememberance"

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### Event 1

**Participation:** The event involved ... citizens, including .... 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 aim of the event was .....

Participation: The event involved ... citizens, including ... 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 aim of the event was .....

#### **Event 3**

Participation: The event involved ... citizens, including .... 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 aim of the event was .....

#### Event 4, 5 etc.