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## Strand 2 – Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

9 events have been carried out within this project:

### Event 1 – Kick-off Meeting

**Participation:** The event involved 49 citizens, including 24 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 10 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 12 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 2 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 1 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Thessaloniki, Greece, from 22/03/2019 to 22/03/2019**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was the kick-off meeting to discuss for the beginning of the project. The event involved project coordinators from all participating organisations and citizens to be part of the project, to reach a common understanding of the project and its idea; We shared the aims and objectives of the project; we discussed and clarified the work plan and the main phases. Solidarity movements that begun their activities in Greece, were also invited.

### Event 2 – Study Visit

**Participation:** The event involved 49 citizens, including 34, participants from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 4 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 4 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 5 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 2 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Novo Mesto, Slovenia, from 21/05/2019 to 24/05/2019**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to have discussions and make visits to the Civil Society Solidarity Migration members, in order to conduct the need analysis. By interviews and on-line questionnaire for the volunteers, the aim was to get the input for the need analysis and the practices used to develop the civil society solidarity migration movement strategy. "DRUSTVO ZA RAZVIJANJE PROSTOVOLJNEGA DELA NOVO MESTO" was responsible for the need analysis taking the input from "Greek Association of IT Telecom Applications & New Technologies Companies" and "Eu Diaspora Council". The event involved project coordinators from all participating organizations.

### Event 3 – Study Visit

**Participation:** The event involved 49 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 24 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 8 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 5 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 2 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Siatista, Greece, from 03/07/2019 to 05/07/2019**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to have discussions and make visits to the **Civil Society Solidarity Migration** members was organized on the spot. By interviews and on-line questionnaire for the volunteers, the aim was to get the input for the need analysis and the practices used to develop the civil society solidarity migration movement strategy. "Greek Association of IT Telecom Applications & New Technologies Companies" was responsible for the report about good practices taking input from "SDRUZHENIE EVROPEYSKI PROEKTI V BALGARIA" and "Eu Diaspora Council". The event involved project coordinators from all participating organizations.

### Event 4 – Study Visit

**Participation:** The event involved 45 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 3 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 3 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 5 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 10 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Stockholm, Sweden, from 04/09/2019 to 06/09/2019**  
**Short description:** The aim of the event was to implement a study visit to the **Civil Society Solidarity Migration organisations in Sweden**, in a country where ever since World War II has been a country of immigration. Also, interviews were performed and an on-line questionnaire for volunteers to get their input for the need analysis CiSoMo project performed, and the good practices used to develop the civil society solidarity migration movement strategy. At the study visit, representatives of the project partners were involved, as well as members of the target groups.

#### **Event 5 – Round Table**

**Participation:** The event involved 25 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 2 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 2 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 16 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 2 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Varna, Bulgaria, from 18/10/2019 to 18/10/2019**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was for representatives of academics, experts, volunteers and migrants to come together and participate in a round table to express their view on solidarity and migration and provide the stakeholders with the data, sources, methodologies and the results required for evidence-based policymaking. Representatives of the partner organizations and citizens from Varna were invited to discuss and debate issues from the European Migration Policy whereas the debates were based on the need analysis and the good practice report that was produced by the Ci.So.Mo. project partners previously. The Round Table was focused mainly on the situation of the Bulgarian solidarity movements, their good practices and deficiencies, as well as an exchange of opinions and views lead to the conclusion that the civil society solidarity movements in Bulgaria need support and encouragement.

#### **Event 6 – Round Table**

**Participation:** The event involved 25 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 2 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 17 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 2 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 1 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Novo Mesto, Slovenia, from 29/11/2019 to 29/11/2019**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was for representatives of academics, experts, volunteers and migrants to come together and participate in a round table to express their view on solidarity and migration and provide the stakeholders with the data, sources, methodologies and the results required for evidence-based policymaking. Representatives of the partner organizations and citizens from Varna were invited to discuss and debate issues from the European Migration Policy whereas the debates were based on the need analysis and the good practice report that was produced by the Ci.So.Mo. project partners previously. The Round Table was focused mainly on the situation of the Slovenian solidarity movements, their good practices and deficiencies, as well as an exchange of opinions and views lead to the conclusion that the civil society solidarity movements in Slovenia are well based and active, however they need support and encouragement.

#### **Event 7 – Seminar**

**Participation:** The event involved 25 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 10 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 3 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 5 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 2 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Siatista, Greece, from 03/03/2020 to 05/05/2020**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to raise awareness on solidarity and against racism. Participants were active citizens who wanted to get informed about volunteering, migration and solidarity. The seminar was designed to develop literacy, empathy, and understanding of race-related issues and identities, and improve safety and support for migrants. The Seminar offered to participants an overview of key concepts related to race, racism and systems of oppression, and explored anti-racist practices through the lens of solidarity.

#### **Event 8 – Seminar**

**Participation:** The event involved 25 citizens, including 12 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 4 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 4 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 4 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 1 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Thessaloniki, Greece, from 24/03/2022 to 27/03/2022**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to raise awareness on solidarity and against racism. Participants were active citizens who wanted to get informed about volunteering, migration and solidarity. The participants gained a richer understanding of key anti-racist concepts, literature, and resources, reflected on their role as an active member of society and of the solidarity movements, and explored how to embed anti-racist practices in their life and context.

### **Event 9 – Final Conference**

**Participation:** The event involved 151 citizens, including 80 participants from the city of **Thessaloniki, Greece**, 25 participants from the city of **Siatista, Greece**, 20 from the city of **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)**, 20 from the city of **Varna (Bulgaria)** and 6 from the city of **Stockholm (Sweden)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Thessaloniki, Greece, from 30/03/2022 to 30/03/2022**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was for the diverse body of stakeholders (policymakers, civil society organizations, volunteers, migrants and others) to come together in an international conference to disseminate the project results, as well as to raise awareness of the importance of the civil society solidarity movements in creating and maintaining a balance in our local communities. The aim of the Final Conference was to share and discuss common recommendations on a common European policy on migration and asylum and the role of the active European Citizen in terms of solidarity and volunteering. Renown speakers were invited to address our audience and present the solidarity presence in EU and international law, in the educational system, and gender aspect in solidarity movements.