

The project «A Bottom up approach to Equal opportunities and Gender Migration» 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 Town Twinning Project “A Bottom up approach to Equal opportunities and Gender Migration”, promoted by the Municipality of Castelmola (Italy), it involved a total of 88 citizens from all over Europe: 24 participants from Veroce Kozseg Onkormanyzata (Hungary), 8 participants from Ayuntamiento de Laracha (Spain), 21 participants from Vecpiebalgas Novada Pasvaldiba (Latvia), and 35 participants from Institucia Regionalnych Aktivit Novohradu (Slovakia).

Location/ Dates: The event of Town Twinning took place in Castelmola (Italy) from 24/11/2019 to 30/11/2019

Short description:

Event 1 have been carried out within this project:

Day I – 24/11/2019

was dedicated to Arrival of the project partner delegation + Welcome Ceremony

Arrival of the International Project Partners at the airport, first reception and transfer by coach to Castelmola.

Welcome Ceremony, in the presence of the Mayor, the Municipal Council Member and the citizenship of Castelmola, at the Central Square of the town.

Welcoming and accommodation of guests at the Hotel in Castelmola.

Evening: Welcome dinner and overnight stay

Day II - 25/11/2019

was dedicated to Flag Raising Ceremony + Project Presentation + Working Group

H 10,00 Morning: At the Town Hall Ceremony of the Flags of the countries involved and executions Hymns, in the presence of school students

H 12,00 Presentation of the Project "A Bottom up approach to Equal opportunities and Gender Migration - EqualEU" - Aims and Objectives

H 13: Lunch

H 16,00 Afternoon: Working Group: "Inclusion and Diversity, the key word for the Inclusion Strategy" an analysis of the current critical issues related to the topic dealt with at EU level.

H 21,00 Dinner and overnight stay

Day III - 26/11/2019

was dedicated to Interactive Seminar + Workshop

H 10: Interactive seminar and exchange of good practices "Women on the Move: Migration and Gender Equality". Participants will demonstrate the national and local situation related to gender equality and social inclusion with particular reference to migrant women. Discussion and Comparison

H 13: Lunch

H 16,00 Afternoon: Workshop on "The importance of Twinning: from local actors to protagonists in Europe"

Comparison and Discussion

H 21,00 Dinner and overnight stay

Day IV - 27/11/2019

was dedicated to was dedicated to Brotherhood Ceremony + Seminar + Visit of the territory

H 10: Visit of the city of Taormina and the bay of Naxos

H 13 Lunch

H 16,00 Afternoon: Ceremony of brotherhood between cities with the execution of national and European hymns. Debate and Dissertation on EU policies on Equal Opportunities and the principle of non-discrimination.

Twining Seminar "A Bottom up approach to Equal opportunities and Gender Migration" with Citizens' Interventions, experts, local and regional politicians, MEPs and Local Mayors + Gift exchange

H 21,00 Intercultural Dinner

Day V - 28/11/2019

was dedicated to Visit Help Center + Case Studies + Interactive Workshop

H 9: Visit to the Help Center of S. Teresa di Riva and Interviews with Women Migrants Victims of trafficking, to understand the difficulties of integration from a gender perspective
Case Studies: "Unskilled female migrants as wall for integration".

H 13 Lunch

Afternoon: Interactive Workshop: "Gender Violence and Femicide" + Presentation of the Campaign Occupied Place.

H 20 Dinner

Day VI - 29/11/2019

was dedicated to Interactive seminar + Round Table

Morning: 10.00 Morning: Interactive seminar: "The social Inclusion in the European Gender Equality Strategy". A plenary space will be left for discussion and reflection, the exchange of new knowledge and the sharing of information.

H 13 Lunch

H 16,00 Afternoon: Round Table "The importance of the integration of migrants and those at risk of marginalization" The experience of partner countries and direct testimonies. Exchange of good practices.

H 20: Greeting Dinner

Day VII - 30/11/2019

was dedicated to Networking; Reflection Group and final evaluation of the implemented activities; Departure of partner delegations; Closure of the Twinning

Morning: Networking, Future cooperation on activities to be implemented jointly.

Reflection Group and final evaluation of the days lived; Shared reflections.

- Free space to express oneself and express one's ideas

- Administration of evaluation questionnaires of the initiative.

Greeting and farewell ceremony between local and international participants.

Return of Foreign delegations

Departure of Foreign Participants