

### The project

“Social Integration through Urban Growth Strategies”- “SINERGI” was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

### Applicable to the Action 1, Measure 1.2 " Networks of twinned towns"

**Participation:** The project SINERGI involved notably representatives from the local authorities and local administration, citizens associations and civic organizations representatives, researchers, academics, experts and students from the cities of **Skopje (Macedonia), Turin (Italy), Zagreb (Croatia) and Lisbon (Portugal)**.

**Location/ Dates:** The project activities took place in the cities of: **Turin (Italy)** from **24/03/2014** to **26/03/2014**; **Zagreb (Croatia)** from **15/07/2014** to **17/07/2014**; **Skopje (Macedonia)** from **03/12/2014** to **05/12/2014**; **Lisbon (Portugal)** from **14/04/2015** to **16/04/2015**; **Turin (Italy)** from **30/06/2015** to **02/07/2015** and **Skopje (Macedonia)** from **18/11/2015** to **20/11/2015**.

#### Short description:

The project SINERGI was focused on establishing a network of cooperation between representatives from the city administration, experts, academia, civic organizations that work on promoting and exercising EU knowledge and experience in citizen's participation in the field of urban planning and development, with promotion of good practices from the partner cities Skopje, Turin, Zagreb and Lisbon.

The aim of the project was organization of activities that created a platform for exchange of knowledge that brought together in a creative and open debate and communication between local authorities, Universities and research community, civil organizations and civil activist and citizens. The project developed and created an open hub where experts and citizens had an opportunity to interact together with the decision makers and different stakeholders that work together on construction of new models of social inclusion in the process of urban development.

Target groups on all project events were city representatives, experts, researchers, representatives from the universities, students as well as representatives from the citizen organizations. Through the six project events, they all have an opportunity to meet their counterparts from other partner cities and universities and to discuss and debate on the management of similar situations. The project activities have reflected and debated the existing EU policies of urban development and explored the potential and benefits of development of new and innovative policies of urban management, importance of citizen participation and influence to development of sustainable economy and showcasing the impact of inclusive strategies to local issues with an European dimension.



was used as a digital tool for enhancement of the visualization of the relevant data providing a useful tool for better understanding of the complexity of the site and the process of inclusion. InViTo was successfully used as a tool for mediation between various stakeholders and interest groups.

0Agenda of the event, please see at:

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/event/12/1st%20thematic%20workshop%20in%20skopje,%2003-05.12.2014>

-Photos of the event, please see at:

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/gallery/7/thematic%20workshop%20skopje,%2003-05.12.2014>

#### **Event 4-Second Thematic Seminar in Lisbon**

**Participation:** The event involved **104 participants** from the city administration, civic organizations academics, students, experts and citizens from the City of **Lisbon, Portugal (83 participants)**, from the City of **Turin, Italy (7 participants)**, the City of **Zagreb, Croatia (7 participants)** and the City of **Skopje, Macedonia (7 participants)**.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Lisbon, Portugal**, from **14/04/2015** to **16/04/2015**

#### **Short description:**

The aim of this project event was introduction of innovative approach on the development of social inclusive strategies for urban growth; Use of the Digital platform for interactive visualization in participation process; Use of novel methods of collection and management of urban data; Adopting new guidelines for smart urban planning and urban growth. Project partners and other interested participants have provided papers and presentations of innovative and socially inclusive models, policies and practices that enhanced the debate about the innovation in a creation of socially inclusive strategies in urban growth. Selection of presented papers has been incorporated as a part of the SINERGI Book One –Project for an Inclusive City. Visits to a local communities that have been developed as a result of socially integrated strategies of urban development and re-development in Lisbon has been provided by the local partner as part of the process of sharing knowledge between SINERGI project partners.

-Agenda of the event , please see at:

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/event/8/lisbon%20thematic%20seminar,%2014-16%20april%2020>

-Photos of the event, please see at::

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/gallery/9/sinergiproject%202nd%20thematic%20seminar%20in%20lisbon,%2014-16.04.2015>

#### **Event 5– Second Thematic Workshop**

**Participation:** The event involved **89 participants** from the city administration, civic organizations, academics, students and experts from the City of **Turin, Italy (67 participants)**, the City of **Zagreb, Croatia (7 participants)**, the City of **Lisbon, Portugal (8 participants)** and from the City of **Skopje, Macedonia (7 participants)**.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Turin, Italy** from **30/06/2015** to **02/07/2015**

#### **Short description:**

The aim of this project event was the opportunity for interaction between the decision makers, experts, students, representatives from the academia and citizens on issues related to: Novel strategies of urban growth; Innovative use of ICT in participation, negotiation and delivery of solutions; Raising awareness of decision makers on potential of EU policies on solving local urban issues; Building a sense of belonging among participants to the area of common European issues; Delivery of innovative and creative urban strategies for development. This event was organized as a creative environment for close collaboration and interaction between the local stakeholders within the process of exploration of innovative and non-standard proposals for future development of part of the city of Turin that is undergoing the transformation. Visit of the site of interest and direct insight of the local residents has been performed by the workshop participants and the students from Politecnico di Torino as a preparatory work for the workshop. The participants had an opportunity to develop innovative and context sensitive strategies through exploration of synergies between citizens' vision, infrastructure, commerce, transport, local governance and urban planning enhanced through innovative use of parametrically based interactive visualization tool- InViTo. Project quality and participation satisfaction survey have been presented at the final meeting.

Agenda of the event , please see at:

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/event/13/second%20thematic%20workshop%20in%20turin,%2030.06-02.07.2015>

-Photos of the event, please see at:

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/gallery/10/second%20thematic%20workshop%20in%20turin,%2030.06-02.07.2015>

### **Event 6- Final Conference**

**Participation:** The event involved **77 participants** from the city administration, civic organizations academics, students and experts from the City of **Skopje, Macedonia (56 participants)**, the City of **Zagreb, Croatia ( 4 participants)** the City of **Lisbon, Portugal (8 participants)** and from the City of **Turin, Italy (7 participants) and key-note speakers on the conference (2).**

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place **Skopje, Macedonia** from **18/11/2015** to **20/11/2015**

### **Short description:**

The aim of this project event was the Conclusion of the project activities, Organization of International Scientific Conference with impact broader than the project framework, Evaluation of project results; Adoption of draft of final project report; Establishment of the platform for continuous exchange of knowledge and information between partner cities, Plan of follow-up activities, Promotion of Center of four cities as a joint platform for continuous cooperation among cities, Universities and civic organizations. International Scientific Conference “Inclusive/Exclusive Cities” was organized as a forum for exchange of knowledge beyond the project partners with participants from Europe and Asia. Papers from the conference are published within the SINERGI Book Two: “Inclusive/Exclusive Cities”. Final meeting of project Steering Committee has adopted an agenda for the follow-up activities of the network obtaining a sustainability of project results through Urban Center of Four Cities in Skopje. Final project quality and satisfaction survey and self-evaluation has been performed with participants of the SINERGI meeting and the results have been incorporated in the outline of the follow-up activities established by the project partners.

-Agenda of the event, please see at:

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/event/14/sinergiproject%20final%20conference%20in%20skopje>

-Photos of the event, please see at:

<http://www.sinergiproject.com/gallery/11/sinergiproject%20final%20conference%20in%20skopje%20and%20opening%20of%20the%20urban%20center%20of%20four%20cities,%2018-20.11.2015>

## **Communication Tools**

The communication tools produced within the SINERGI project are:

1. Book with research papers “Projects for An Inclusive City”
2. Book of proceedings from the International Scientific Conference in Skopje
3. Book with research papers “Inclusive/Exclusive cities”
4. DVD with audio-visual record of three public lectures
5. Website of the SINERGI project: <http://www.sinergiproject.com>

*More info about the communication tools on:* <http://www.sinergiproject.com/events>