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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

13 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 32 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Milan (**Italy**), 4 participants from the city of Porto (**Portugal**), 4 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 3 participants from the city of Bari (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 5 participants from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 4 participants from the city of Gdansk (**Poland**), 1 participant from the European Commission (**Belgium**), 4 participants from ALDA association (**Belgium**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milan (**Italy**) from 02/02/2017 to 03/02/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was to expose the theme "Models of governance of metropolitan areas and their future in the context of the European Urban Agenda". The participants discussed the various governance models of the metropolis and their role in the European context. The discussion brought out the difficulties of the individual urban realities and promoted a dialogue on the various metropolitan experiences starting from the analysis of the reality of the city of Milan.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 63 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Milan (**Italy**), 4 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 6 participants from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 2 participants from ALDA (**Italy**), 1 participant from ALDA (**Belgium**), 3 participants from the city of Bari (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 2 participants from the city of Craiova (**Romania**), 20 participants from the city of Gdansk (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Amsterdam (**Netherlands**), 1 participant from Municipality of Subliso (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Porto (**Portugal**), 1 participant from Smart Value Consulting (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Maia (**Portugal**), 12 participants from AMP (**Portugal**), 1 participant from AG/RO Nord (**Portugal**), 1 participant from OMGGS association (**Poland**), 1 participant from GAIURB association (**Portugal**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Porto (**Portugal**) from 26/06/2017 to 28/06/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was the description of the key role of the Metropolitan areas as international brands. It listed the different ways in which the different stakeholders of the metropolitan areas (citizens, local governments, social and economic actors, NGOs) can work together to build an image and a strong vision linked to their territory, in order to attract as many people as possible to work, study, visit and invest in their territory.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 31 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Bari (**Italy**), 3 participants from ALDA (**Italy**), 4 participants from ALDA (**Belgium**), 1 participant from ALDA (**France**), 2 participants from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from the Voivodeship of Pomeran (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Tessalonica (**Greece**), 2 participants from the city of Melbourne (**Australia**), 2 participants from the city of Porto (**Portugal**), 1 participant from Comando Forze operative NORD (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Gdansk (**Poland**), 1 participant from ACR+ (**Belgium**), 1 participant from Schuman Associates (**Belgium**), 2 participants

from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 2 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 1 participant from CITYO (**Italy**), 1 participant from URBACT (**Hungary**), 1 participant from EUROCONSULTS (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Marseille (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Milan (**Italy**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Bruxelles (**Belgium**) on 11/10/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was to reunite EU stakeholders such as the EU, national, regional and local policy/decision makers. In addition to, authorities managing and evaluating cohesion policy programmes and projects, private companies, financial institutions, European and national associations. The goal was to exchange opinions and views on the performance of the urban policy and provide to EU institutions with metropolitan actors' feedback for the post-2020 strategies.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 102 citizens, including 1 participant for the city of Amsterdam (**Netherlands**), 18 participants from the city of Gdansk (**Poland**), 2 participants from the city of Sopot (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Bremen (**Germany**), 4 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**), 3 participants from the city of Gdynia (**Poland**), 1 participant from Sweden, 2 participants from the city of Poznan (**Poland**), 1 participant from European Commission (**Belgium**), 5 participants from the city of Katowice (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Cracow (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Milan (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from the city of Stockholm (**Sweden**), 2 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 1 participant from the city of Vancouver (**Canada**), 1 participant from the city of Kartuzy (**Poland**), 1 participant from ALDA (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Wuppertal (**Germany**), 1 participant from Belgium-Netherlands, 1 participant from the city of Weherowo (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Slupsk (**Poland**), 1 participant from OECD (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Lublin (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Lodz (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Pelplin (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Ghent (**Belgium**), and 46 local citizens (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Gdansk (**Poland**) on 13/11/2017

Short description: The aim of the event was the presentation of the theme "Smart Metropolia – Metropolitan Areas and Sustainable Development". The meeting highlights first of all the Polish experience of the Smart Metropolia congress, a conference on the theme of the "smart city", which has contributed with great success to the creation of a forum to discuss the issues raised by the growing phenomenon of metropolisation. The participants shared their experiences on the ways in which proposal on improving services are taken into consideration, and in particular on the theme of sustainable policies in urban and metropolitan areas in order to increase the efficiency of large cities, the main center of attraction of an increasing number of people.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 98 citizens, including 21 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 5 participants from the city of Vienna (**Austria**), 1 participant from the city of Gava (**Spain**), 5 participants from the city of Oslo (**Norway**), 6 participants from the city of Casoria (**Italy**), 5 participants from the city of Dusseldorf (**Germany**), 7 participants from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from CPMR (**Belgium**), 3 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 2 participants from the city of Baia Mare (**Romania**), 2 participants from the city of Sant Boi de Llobrigat (**Spain**), 4 participants from the city of Antwerp (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Naples (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Milan (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Brno (**Czech Republic**), 1 participant from BR & A, 1 participant from URBACT (**Hungary**), 4 participants from URBACT (**France**), 1 participant from URBACT (**Netherlands**), 2 participants from the Agency of Planning and Building (**Norway**), 2 participants from the city of Ghent (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Porto (**Portugal**), 2 participants from MED Cities (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Grad Solin (**Croatia**), 1 participant from Noysom Architekten AS (**Norway**), 1 participant from Green Party of Norway (**Norway**), 1 member of the provincial Parliament lower Austria (**Austria**), 2 participants from OMGS (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Gdansk (**Poland**), 2 participants from ALDA (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the Department of urban development (**Belgium**), 1 participant from BCN (**Spain**), 1 participant from Metropolis (**Spain**), 1 participant from Building Department (**Belgium**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Barcelona (**Spain**) from 25/04/2018 to 27/04/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was the exchange of good practices among the different cities and metropolitan areas of Europe for the use of European funds for urban and metropolitan strategic projects for the redevelopment of degraded areas, and also to discuss the EU multi-annual financial framework (European budget) for the period 2021-2027 and on the future of cohesion policy and European urban policy.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 89 participants, including 1 participant from Petrol Slovenja (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 4 participants from the city of Porto (**Portugal**), 4 participants from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 3 participants from the city of Milan (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Gdansk (**Poland**), 3 participants from ALDA (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (**Slovenia**) and 67 local citizens (**Croatia**)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zagreb (**Croatia**) from 12/09/2018 to 14/09/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was the presentation of the European urban agenda, sustainable mobility in metropolitan cities and the active participation of citizens (Sustainable Urban Transport and Civic Participation in Metropolitan Cities). On 13th September a public conference was held on the project in the presence of the partners, the Deputy Mayor of Zagreb, Mrs Olivera Majic and local stakeholders.

Event 7

Participation: The event involved 55 citizens, including 50 participants from **Spain**, 1 participant from **UK**, 1 participant from **Germany**, 2 participant from **Netherlands**, 1 participant from **Hungary**.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Barcelona (**Spain**), on 15/06/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was the presentation of a study analysis of the different models of cooperation and organisation of Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Greater Manchester, Stuttgart and Zurich metropolitan areas. The presentation included a set of political recommendations to be implemented in the metropolitan area of Barcelona. Shared challenges were analysed, as well as possible ways to adopt the recommendations proposed in the study. The conference involved the participation of representatives of the metropolitan areas studied.

Event 8

Participation: The event involved 52 local citizens

Location / Dates: The event took place in Bari (**Italy**) on 15/03/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to actively the citizens, the stakeholders, the representatives of the institutions in the decision-making process of the Metropolitan City of Bari; collect data, observations, opinions and ideas for civic participation and evaluate the commitment of the various participants and their interests regarding topic of local activity. With this intent, a public debate took place, among institutional representatives of the metropolitan body, journalist, university professors and high school student of the territory on theme "Citizens participation and living together in European Metropolitan areas today".

Event 9

Participation: The event involved 59 local citizens

Location / Dates: The event took place in Gdansk (**Poland**) on 14/11/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was the focus on the "Citizens participation and living together in European Metropolitan areas today" theme. The event had introductory lectures regarding the European Union policy towards metropolises and cities, where directions of intervention in the current and consecutive financial perspective were showed. The first round of topic sessions touched the topics of the Urban poverty, the sustainable land use, the solutions in favour of environment, the climate adaption and the energy transition. The second round of topic touched the topics of inclusion of migrants and refugees, the air quality, the digital transition and urban mobility. In the last part several topics were touched: jobs and skills in the local economy, circular economy, innovative and responsible public procurement and housing policy.

Event 10

Participation: The event involved 40 local citizens

Location / Dates: The event took place in Santo Tirso (**Portugal**) on 30/03/2018

Short description: The event consisted in a workshop, with the participants being stakeholders from public and private institution, dedicated to the theme "The promotion of AMP (Area Metropolitana do Porto) Heritage Roadmaps as a tourist attraction factor". The activity lasted one day and 4 thematic scripts were presented, and their respective patrimonial symbols. Stakeholders discussed the relevance of the elements of the roadmaps and

suggested some adjustments. It was also outlined a territorial marketing strategy to be adopted to promote the respective itineraries as a tourist attraction of AMP.

Event 11

Participation: The event involved 26 local citizens

Location / Dates: The event took place in Riga (**Latvia**) on 10/04/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to give an opportunity to citizens interested in the role of the EU in their everyday lives, to discuss the priorities emphasis in the European Urban Agenda as well as new recommendations and suggestions for future plans for the city. The seminar included a presentation on the past and current EU projects being implemented within the area.

Event 12

Participation: The event involved 30 local citizens

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zagreb (**Croatia**), on 04/09/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to show a workshop on the topic of “Participation of Citizenship and Coexistence in European Metropolitan Areas Today” and “Managing European Funds by Local Communities and Inclusion of Social and Economic Stakeholders”. The workshop presented some examples and reinforce the importance of citizens involvement in various aspect of local development for sustainable interventions. The workshop included a wide range of participants, including staff form different departments of Zagreb administration, civil society organisations, employer representatives, education institutions and others.

Event 13

Participation: The event involved 20 local citizens

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milan (**Italy**) at University of Studies of Milan, Via Conservatorio office, on 01/06/2018 and on 08/06/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was the exchange of knowledge with university students on the topic of “citizens participation in the EU and local decision-making processes” and the collection of their opinions and ideas on the topic of civic participation and of their own personal perspective based on their vision of the EU. The insight of the students would help in establishing a framework for the opportunities offered by EU funds in fostering citizens” participation and involvement. The activity consisted of two laboratories with students of various universities on the topic of EU funds as a way to foster citizens” participation in decision making at local and European level. Specific attention was devoted to the program Europe for Citizens and the actions implemented within the Meaning project.