

**The project « WOW- WhO am I, Who are you: European citizenship and intercultural dialogue » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

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Action 2 – Measure 2.3 "Support projects initiated by civil society organisations"  
Action 4 – "Active European Remembrance"**

**Four events have been carried out within this project:**

#### Event 1

**Participation:** The event involved **91** citizens, including **50** participants from the city of **Algemesi (ES)**, **5** participants from the city of **Casalecchio di Reno (IT)**, **3** participants from the city of **Valsamoggia (IT)**, **4** participants from the city of **Zola Predosa (IT)**, **10** participants from **Paredes (PT)**, **12** participants from **Tuzla (BiH)** and **7** participants from **Veseli nad Moravou (CZ)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Algemesi, Spain**, from **03/06/2014** to **05/06/2014** (arrival on **02/06/2014**, except for Portugues participants that arrived on **04/06/2014**, departure on **06/06/2014**)

**Short description:** The aim of the event was talk about "**Constitutional principles and legal aspects of citizenship in my country**". Participants worked on themes in their own country to prepare a brief report about: civil and social rights, rights and duties connected with citizenship and with European citizenship. These presentations were shared at the start of the activities during a plenary meeting and deepened in several mixed nationality groups; particularly participants reflected about the meaning of European citizenship and about implications in everyone's day life of rights and duties connected. To deepen these issues the host partner organized meeting with local and European politicians and with functionary of EU in Valenciana Region. Participants had also the possibility to talk about these themes during workshops in Valencia made through street interviews. During last day participants shared their experiences and draft the first basis of the *Vademecum for inclusive citizenship*.

Hospitality was guaranteed in a Sport Hall and this was a good opportunity to stay all together and shared daily live experiences. All participants had the opportunity to comprehend Algemesi youth pride towards their old traditions – as Fiestas de Nuestra Señora de la Salud – and to appreciate traditional food.

A contest among young participants was launched to create Project logo, to promote involvement among beneficiaries.

The event was filmed to document all activities done and to improve contents for final DVD.

#### Event 2

**Participation:** The event involved **94** citizens, including **49** participants from the city of **Paredes (PT)**, **6** participants from the city of **Casalecchio di Reno (IT)**, **4** participants from the city of **Valsamoggia (IT)**, **4** participants from the city of **Zola Predosa (IT)**, **12** participants from **Algemesi (ES)**, **12** participants from **Tuzla (BiH)** and **7** participants from **Veseli nad Moravou (CZ)**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Paredes (PT)**, from **14/10/2014** to **18/10/2014** (dates had a little postponement in agreement with all Partners).

**Short description:** Focus of the meeting "Recognition of rights and inclusive citizenship: the system of municipal services". At local level, before the meeting, all participants worked to understand what sort of activities their Municipalities done for its citizens, in order to guarantee rights and to improve social inclusion. First day, participants displaying in plenary session a brief presentation about their national situation. After that, divided in 4 groups of mixed nationalities, participants could deepen these themes during meetings and activities with local Institutions and citizens (Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service, Youth Foundation, Portuguese Institute of Sports and Youth, National Centre for Immigrants Support), both in Paredes and Oporto. Logo contest winner were awarded so WOW had its own logo chose by participants using web platform. During the event participants could appreciate local food and folkloristic traditions presented by students involved in the Project. Hospitality was guaranteed into a grouping of schools where Portuguese students were directly involved to prepare and to serve meals. All participants appreciated this involvement and the view of the Ocean (frequently for the first time) and all reflections that this experience provoked. Atlantic Ocean is for Europe a border but also a contact point which gave helps for internal and external

migration, cultural melting pot, comprehension and acceptance differences.

The event was filmed to document all activities done and to improve contents for final DVD.

### **Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved 94 citizens, including 52 participants from the city of Tuzla (BiH), 11 participants from Algemesi (ES), 10 participants from Paredes (PT), 6 participants from the city of Casalecchio di Reno, 4 participants from the city of Valsamoggia (IT), 4 participants from the city of Zola Predosa (IT) that travelled by pullman due to less costs, 7 participants from the city of Veseli nad Moravou (CZ) that also travelled by pullman for the same reason.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Tuzla BiH, from 20/01/2015 to 24/01/2015 (all participants arrived on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan except Portuguese that arrived from/to 18<sup>th</sup> and departed on 25<sup>th</sup> due to less tickets costs).

**Short description:** The aim of the event was talk about "Towards an inclusive European citizenship: integration in the school and university system". During the event, in plenary session, each partner showed their own situation on School and University system to manage integration of foreigners and disabled, deepened at local level in preparation to the meeting. During activities emerged different Partner approach on integration for disabled. After that, separated in 4 groups of mixed nationalities, participants deepened the meaning of different disabilities: intellectual, physical, blindness and deafness. They experimented the feeling to have disabilities and learned how communicate with disabled (using sign language, experiment moving on wheelchair, etc.). All these experiences were useful to define contents of *Vademecum for inclusive citizenship*. During the event was possible appreciate activities done by several NGOs to promote integration and to support disabled, to give them another opportunity to study and to work (NGOs involved: Centre for information "LOTOS", Centre for street children "TELEX", Association Blind people", U.G.O.V., Association of students with disabilities PROGRES) and also Associations involved in folklore promotion.

This event was a great opportunity to know what happened about twenty years ago nearby Europe with the Balkan War and to know the Bosnian history. Visit Srebrenica-Potočari Memorial and Cemetery for the Victims of the 1995 Genocide was extremely important for all participants. It was a chance to share sorrow for the victims, to appreciate force of survivors to surpass they past and to work together for their future. It was a strong emotional experience, particularly share a lunch with Srebrenica Womens' Association, that gave us an opportunity to express our solidarity. Participants had the opportunity to see directly the terrible consequence of the war, the difficulty that more innocent people paid not only during the war but, unfortunately, still today. During this meeting everybody understood the importance to be pro-active in building their own life. Hospitality was guaranteed into "Institute for fosterage and educating persons with difficulties in mental and physical development"; so participants could know the Bosnian approach to disabled and experiment spaces, instruments and activities used to improve their ability in an integration optic. Several suggestions and materials for communication tools came from this experience, particularly for DVD and *Vademecum for inclusive citizenship*.

### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The event involved 91 citizens, including 48 participants from the city of Casalecchio di Reno, Valsamoggia e Zola Predosa (IT), 12 participants from the city of Algemesi (ES), 8 participants from the city of Paredes (PT), 14 participants from the city of Veseli nad Moravou (CZ) and 11 participants from the city of Tuzla (BiH).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Casalecchio di Reno, Valsamoggia, Zola Predosa e Bologna from 06/05/2015 to 09/05/2015 (dates had 1 day postponement to cover Europe Day; all participants arrived on 5th May, Spanish groups departed on 10th May due to less costs of tickets).

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to conclude the partnership activities in order to have a public presentation of the project results: to define contents of dissemination tools, particularly *Vademecum for inclusive citizenship* and DVD; to realize the Fair of Citizens to promote WOW's experience and disseminate project suggestion in order of European citizenship, inclusion and intercultural dialogue. Before the event, at local level, each Partners examined thoroughly some topics of the *Vademecum* and propose some creative performance to include in the DVD. During activities - realized both in plenary and in groups of mixed nationality - all contributions were shared and defined to obtain *Vademecum's* contents. Also, using Animoto (a free ICT application to create video), participants directly created a part of DVD contents. Each Italian Partner hosted the event for a day and organized particular activities realized into a school, a public library, an auditorium, NGOs and so on. Participants animated also squares, gardens and mall to realize different activities connected with the project. In this way participants know different aspect of Italian society and the vitality of social tissue in Emilia-Romagna Region. In Zola Predosa there was a meeting with Institutions at local and European level (special guest Mrs Elly Schlein, European Parliament Deputy) and with Mrs Stefania Fenati, functionary of Europe Direct Emilia-Romagna. Participants talked about their experiences also with simple citizens and NGOs' representatives. A young Italian disable artist presented an original art work, expression of his personal involvement in the project, named "Io, voi, loro, Noi (I, you, they, We)" that has been completed during the event by participants' signatures.

WOW's activities were integrated with other local project; particularly, in Casalecchio di Reno, funded by Municipality and TCS Salvemini, WOW participants collaborated in the redevelopment of a local underpass and painted the murales "Trees of inclusion: Europe tour in 80 steps", in which each Partner is represented by their

own typical tree. Thanks to the supplies connected with an Emilia-Romagna Region Project, last day participants reached Bologna by bicycle in a "long snake" with WOW promo t-shirt (offered by private Sponsor). Easily recognizable with their logoed t-shirt and thanks to collaboration with Europe Direct and Bologna Municipality, participants organized Fair of Citizens in Bologna downtown. Hosted in Town Hall, a preview of official DVD and Vademecum contents were presented. Fair of Citizens reached also the City Centre where participants in small groups, talked about Project directly with citizens; of course they were recognizable thanks to their logoed t-shirt. Hospitality was guaranteed by participants families. This is an interesting way to know traditions, food, habits in Italian everyday life. Very interesting was involvement of social and cultural Associations as: Nema Problema (Associations of Italian and Bosnian people of Valsamoggia); Sandro Pertini Centre (social and cultural association in Zola Predosa); LifeZola an informal youth group in Zola Predosa.