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Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

10 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 2 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); 2 participants from the city of Linköping; 2 (Sweden); 15 participants from the city of Masku (Finland) and 2 participants from SERN (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Masku Finland from 12/10/2016 to 13/10/2016

Short description: The opening event took place in the municipality of Masku. The project was launched in a press conference during which each partner presented its local context and ongoing situation regarding youth unemployment and job-guidance services. The central part of the meeting focused on the coordination strategy, which was discussed in multiple working sessions. Moreover, the municipality of Masku gave a thorough presentation of the actions carried out to tackle youth unemployment and organised a study visit to "Lounais-Suomen Työllistäjäätty", an example of a social enterprise which collaborates with local authorities to provide pathways for introducing young people with special needs to the labour market.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 52 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 4 participants from the City of Forlì (Italy); 4 participants from the City of Linköping (Sweden); 33 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); 4 participants from the city of Masku (Finland) and 3 participants from the city of Bologna (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zagreb, Croatia, from 07/02/2017 to 10/02/2017

Short description: The conference focused on the strategies adopted in each country to tackle youth unemployment and provide youngsters with counselling for choosing their future occupation. This was the first of three thematic conferences addressed to youth unemployment issues and it was targeted to political representatives and civil servants.

On the first day of conference the participants have been welcomed by Frane Šesnić, Director of Development Agency Zagreb and Marko Pavić, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Pension System. Afterwards, Nicola Catellani, coordinator of the Sweden Emilia Romagna Network presented the details of the project, while Marko Helfrih Local development Agency and Branko Baričević, Head of European Commission Representation in Croatia provided an insight of actions to foster youth employment both in Croatia and in Europe. The discussion was taken further on in a panel composed by political representatives from all the participating municipalities. The discussion among politicians provided a picture of the activities and the strategic framework in the participating municipalities. In the afternoon the international participants visited Zagreb Technology Park, a start-up incubator supporting 25 young entrepreneurs. Here, some of the start-uppers met the delegations and presented in details their business and how they have been supported.

The second day of conference focused on the framework of employment and guidance services at national, regional and local level. After a presentation of the state of the art in each countries, the participants discussed the main aspects related to the theme of the conference in two working groups addressed to political representatives and Civil servants. The discussion in working groups has highlighted important aspects that will be taken into consideration in the development of the project such as the need to improve collaboration with VET education, companies and third sector for effective orientation measures addressed to young people.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 51 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 4 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 35 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 4 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); 2 participants from the city of Masku (Finland) and 2 participants from SERN (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Linköping (Sweden), from 02/05/2017 to 05/05/2017

Short description: The second thematic conference addressed the theme of the competences needed by operators working in job-guidance services. Participants were mostly civil servants or staff of stakeholder organisations working with your people. In this occasion the partners exchanged practices on which professional profiles are needed in order to provide effective services and how these have to interact and be coordinated. Also, examples of practices related to the competences needed by the staff were also presented and discussed. This event also included study visits focusing on the theme of the conference, which took place at Jobb och Kunskapstorget premises both in the city center and in the Skäggetorp district, one of the most segregated areas in town. Bringing services to areas populated mostly by refugees or immigrants is an example of concrete strategies implemented at local level and aimed at reaching out marginalised people. The international participants had the opportunity to visit two more services in Skäggetorp, the public library and the youth center “UngPuls”. The second service in particular provides informal learning contexts where young people at risk can find a safe and stimulating environment to grow their passions and at the same time gain some basic skills that are also useful for finding an occupation. At UngPuls the partners met the street educators of Linköping, a team of professionals working on the street in collaboration with the police and social services with the main task of reaching out to young people at risk of criminality.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 51 citizens, including 35 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 4 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 4 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 3 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); 3 participants from the city of Masku (Finland) and 2 participants from the city of Bologna (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Ciudad Real (Spain), from 09/10/2017 to 12/10/2017

Short description: This conference has examined activities target to young people aimed at finding an occupation even through self-employment. The first day of the conference was dedicated to self-employment, and it started with presentations of good practices from Spain, including the testimonies of young entrepreneurs supported by local programmes, who have presented their business to the international participants. The theme of self-employment was further discussed in two working groups on how to a) support young people in the creation of new companies and b) educating to entrepreneurship. The same programme structure was repeated the second day with the focus on job orienteering. Two working groups deepened the discussion on a) guiding and supporting young people in finding an occupation and b) orienteering through formal, non formal, and informal educational contexts. Study visits were organised in local organisation supporting young people in starting their businesses (such as AJE and the chamber of commerce) and in the youth center of Ciudad Real.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 26 citizens, including 1 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 2 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 2 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 20 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); and 1 participants from SERN (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zagreb (Croatia), from 03/05/2018 to 04/05/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the project and the practices exchanged in the previous events to the local stakeholders. The event also included presentations to international participants of local programmes which support young people in starting a business or finding an occupation. Study visits have been organised to the School of natural sciences “Vladimir Prelog”, and the Technology Park Zagreb. The international participants and local stakeholders discussed about the practices changed through the project in a dedicated workshop.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 2 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 2 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); 16 participants from the city of Masku (Finland) and 1 participants from SERN (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Masku (Finland), from 08/05/2018 to 09/05/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the project and the practices exchanged in the previous events to the local stakeholders. The programme of the event foresaw a visit to local case studies such as “me and my city”, where participants interacted with 9th graders, lectures on entrepreneurship education, and presentation of the VET system.

Event 7

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 14 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 3 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); 2 participants from the city of Masku (Finland) and 2 participants from the city of Bologna (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Forlì (Italy), from 08/03/2018 to 09/03/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the project and the practices exchanged in the previous events to the local stakeholders. The activities included presentation of practices from all counties, discussion in working groups, a panel on self-entrepreneurship composed by young entrepreneurs, visit to a technical upper secondary school where students presented their prototypes and business models, workshops with young people whose results are used for drafting the local welfare and health programme and its operational strategy.

Event 8

Participation: The event involved 27 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 2 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 20 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia) and 1 participant from SERN (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Linköping (Sweden), from 14/05/2018 to 15/05/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the project and the practices exchanged in the previous events to the local stakeholders. The activities included meetings and workshop with young people, presentations of local projects (such as Project Kisam) targeting young people and against segregation, workshops on how to increase a sense of belonging and participation in the democratic life of local communities and how to create a vision of hope for the future among young people; study visits to youth center.

Event 9

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 16 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 4 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 2 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 3 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia);

Location / Dates: The event took place in Ciudad Real (Spain), from 16/03/2018 to 17/03/2018

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the project and the practices exchanged in the previous events to the local stakeholders. The activities included presentations and workshops on "How to improve professional competences and soft skills in young people through the European Volunteering Service and the work-based experience"; study visits to the youth center “espacio joven” and the festival of the volunteering. Young people were also involved in the presentation of the local partners and the local programmes targeted to them.

Event 10

Participation: The event involved 79 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Ciudad Real (Spain), 60 participants from the city of Forlì (Italy); 4 participants from the city of Linköping (Sweden); 3 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia); 4 participants from the city of Masku (Finland) and 3 participants from SERN (Italy)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Forlì (Italy), from 12/06/2018 to 15/06/2018

Short description: The final event was aimed at sharing the results. During the first day the partners presented the results at local level, the presentations included a specific focus on the project activities organised during the local seminars and the practices in the process of being transferred. Each partner in fact identified at least one good practice to be transferred in collaboration with the local stakeholders. During the second day, the partners worked in groups to define the content of the guidelines on effective job guidance services in the light of the most important elements emerged during the project. The themes of the working groups in fact were: a) support and education to self-entrepreneurship, b) Guidance, orienteering and development of competences c) work based learning.

After this the partners also reflected on possible follow-up projects at European level. Just like the previous occasions, the conference included study visits to local services and stakeholders such as youth centers supporting people with fewer opportunities (including migrants) in gaining competences, a VET center, and a cooperative providing opportunities for work-based learning abroad to students.