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Łódź, POLAND

21 & 26-27 APRIL 2021

INTERNATIONAL OFFLINE AND ONLINE EVENT

**"We just wanna have fun...damental rights!" - on
bottom-up civic engagement**

Topics that will be handled with in this event:

1. Mobilizing citizens in digital era - learning from experience of social movements, grass-roots level organisations and non-organised citizens
2. Creative policy session on stimulating civic engagement and participation
3. Community workshop based on non-formal methodology for better inclusion of citizens \ from diverse social backgrounds
4. Meetings with grass-root organisations using new formats of civic engagement
5. Street debate on Euroscepticism

Results:

- Spread knowledge and tools for social and political action at a European political level in digital era
- Learned and shared methods of stimulating civic engagement and participation facilitated by new technologies, and how local public bodies can support them
- Policy highlights from the creative policy session on stimulating civic engagement, and from the street debate on Euroscepticism
- Press release, social media posts
- Policy paper 2 on mobilizing citizens across Europe in digital era

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The project partners are required to assure that at least 3 persons representing them will register and attend the open sessions (highlighted in the agenda in orange), and 1-2 persons per partner will attend the sessions which are exclusively for the partners (highlighted in blue).



Day 1, Wednesday 21 April 2021

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT ONLINE:

link <https://tinyurl.com/5e8wvrt5>

10.00-10.30 ZOOM and ONLINE BROADCAST on the project FB page

- Welcome from the local host: Ewa Gabryelak (10 mins) - Łódź,
- Welcome from the Leader - Federación de Municipios de Madrid - Guillermo Hita Téllez, President of FMM (10 mins) - Spain,
- Introduction into the agenda and the format of the event,
- A short summary of the previous project events in Penne (Italy) and in Nove mesto (Slovenia).

ZOOM meeting: link to be provided

The session will be translated into Spanish and Italian.

10.30-12.00 ZOOM: Online session debate

Mobilizing citizens in digital era – learning from experience of social movements, grass-roots level organisations and non-organised citizens

Ola Sidoruk, Gals4Gals Lodz

Anna Jurek, SPUNK

Jagoda Kmita, Youth Regional Assembly of Lodzkie Region

Paweł Szypulski, Greenpeace Poland

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Moderator: Aga Kozak

Description:

A moderated session with the representatives of NGOs and researchers actively involved in mobilizing citizens in the areas of ecology, political and social activism, human rights.

Short presentations (5-10 minutes) of the invited guests (practitioners) and moderated discussion showing best practice in engaging different social groups in activities devoted to different areas of social life and involvement.

The session will be translated into Spanish and Italian.

12.00-12.45 ZOOM: Online session group discussions

Mobilizing citizens in digital era - learning from experience of social movements, grass-roots level organisations and non-organised citizens

Description:

A group session with the panelists actively involved in mobilizing citizens in the areas of ecology, political and social activism, human rights (multiple groups). The session is designed as a continuation of the discussion panel in order to work on the practical ideas and sharing of experience of the experts with the participants.

The session will be only in English.



12.45-14.00 lunch break

14.00-15.00 ZOOM: Online project partners session only

Mobilizing citizens in digital era - learning from experience of social movements, grass-roots level organisations and non-organised citizens

What is your experience on the mobilization of citizens?

Moderator: Ewa Gabryelak



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Description:

Discussion with project partners on their experience in relation to local organisations and grass-roots social movements in their countries. Sharing experience on the common practice as well as local challenges in engaging citizens in 13 partner countries.

ZOOM meeting: link to be provided



Day 2, Monday 26th April 2021

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT ONLINE:

link <https://tinyurl.com/5e8wvrt5>



9:45-10:00

Opening of the ZOOM room for the partners, morning coffee

10:00-11:30

ZOOM: ONLINE - OPEN FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Creative policy session on stimulating civic engagement and participation

Creative and new methods of social involvement and civic engagement.

Moderator: Aga Kozak

Description:

Involvement of citizens can be stimulated via different methods such as deliberative debates, consultations, co-creation of new solutions and addressing main problems and challenges of the local society, as well as the use of new approaches such as living labs and urban labs.

ZOOM meeting: link to be provided

The session will be translated into Spanish and Italian.



11.30-12.00

coffee break



12:00 - 13:30 ZOOM: ONLINE - OPEN FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Meetings with grass-root organisations using new formats of civic engagement

Local Action Groups and civic engagement (45 minutes)

Dr Katarzyna Zajda, Department of Rural and Urban Sociology, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Lodz, Poland

Description:

The session is dedicated to innovative solutions in animating local societies with the use of the cooperation model of a Local Action Group as a form of co-creation of innovation and solutions addressed to the local community. The results of the project entitled 'Local Systems of Social Innovations in Rural Areas' financed by the National Science Centre (015/19/D/HS6/00690, contract number UMO-2015/19/D/HS6/00690) will be presented.

Online visit in an innovative Local Action Group (45 minutes)

Anna Doliwa, Local Action Group "Dolina rzeki Grabi"

Description:

A study visit in LAG "Dolina rzeki Grabi" an active NGO supporting the local communities in the rural areas and improving the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry by supporting restructuring, development and innovation, improving the environment and the countryside by supporting land management as well as improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversification of economic activities.

ZOOM meeting: link to be provided

The session will be translated into Spanish and Italian.



13.30-14.00 coffee break



14.00-15.00 ZOOM: ONLINE - ONLY FOR THE PARTNERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS:

Debate on Euroscepticism

ZOOM meeting: link to be provided

Description:

Introductory presentation on Euroscepticism, debate with partners, presentation of the video made together with partners. Presentation on the concept of Euroscepticism and discussion with project partners.

time: 1 h



Day 3, Tuesday 27th April 2021

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT ONLINE:

link <https://tinyurl.com/5e8wvrt5>



9:45-10:00

Opening of the Zoom room for the partners, morning coffee

10.00-11.30 ZOOM: ONLINE - ONLY FOR THE PARTNERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS:

Community workshop based on non-formal methodology for better inclusion of citizens from diverse social backgrounds

Presentation of good practice in integration of foreign citizens in Lodzkie Region, Arrival Regions Interreg Central Europe Project

time: 15 min

Workshop on better inclusion of citizens with different social, cultural and ethnic background

Weronika Jóźwiak, Łódź Czterech Kultur

time: 1,15 h



Description:

Integrating different groups of people as members of the local community can be tricky and requires a better understanding of cultural context and differences as well as commonalities. The integration process and cooperation can be facilitated by various techniques and tools.

ZOOM meeting: link to be provided

11.30-12.30 ZOOM: ONLINE - ONLY FOR THE PARTNERS AND LOCAL CITIZENS:

How to promote citizenship. how to promote Europe as a union.

Moderator: Ophellie Masson, European Alternatives; Maia Mazurkiewicz, Alliance 4 Europe.

Description:

The use of different promotion tools and media cooperation can facilitate the process of integration and sense of common European values.

- How to ensure representative and equal participation in democratic deliberations of the European Union and in the Conference on the Future of Europe?
- As part of the Conference on the Future of Europe, how to maximise opportunities for dialogue, deliberation and contestation among citizens, between citizens and politicians, and with other stakeholders including relevant experts?
- For a truly transnational Conference on the Future of Europe: maximizing opportunities for interaction, deliberation and collaboration among people from different countries

ZOOM meeting: link to be provided



12.30-13.00 coffee break

13.00-14.00 ZOOM, ONLINE - ONLY FOR THE PARTNERS (1-3 persons per partner):

summary of the event, evaluation of the format, next steps of the project, recommendations from the Network.

Moderator: Gosia Wochowska

Closing of the meeting.