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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved ...citizens, notably **236** participants from the city of Zavidovići, Bosnia and Herzegovina, ...participants from the city of(**country**) etc.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in...(city, country), from dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy

Short description:

The day of 21/10/2019 to 21/11/2019 was dedicated to **Youth understanding of diversity and identity within local context**

The day of 06/07/2021 to 12/07/2021 was dedicated to **"Europe for Citizens"-common history and values, sense of belongings**

The day of 26/02/2022 to 24/03/2022 was dedicated to **Measures to Face and Fight Euroscepticism**

The day of 05/05/2022 was dedicated to **Short stories and experiences of people living abroad**

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"
Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"
Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

4 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1-Youth understanding of diversity and identity within local context

Participation: The event involved 51 citizens, all participants from the city of Zavidovići (BiH).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Zavidovići (BiH), from 21/10/2019 to 21/11/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was social participation, with special focus on inclusion of younger people, making them discuss, challenge and understand their history and diversity.

- 1) Photo gallery „Zavidovići through history“-photographs were collected, selected and exhibited in the underground pedestrian crossing. Place is specific because it is on the way to two high schools and one elementary school, in the vicinity of town library and cultural centre;
- 2) Guided tour – Local landmarks; places visited: Local catholic church, Orthodox monastery (national monument), Old mosque Rujnica (national monument), Finding site of stone spheres;
- 3) Members of the Youth Council of the Zavidovići Municipality painted Bosnian kilim (carpet) on the city steps of Zavidovići.
- 4) workshop – Local ethnic identities and EU identity and values (Workshop organized by LDA Zavidovići; Participants – students of local high schools)

Event 2-“Europe for Citizens”-common history and values, sense of belonging

Participation: The event involved 40 citizens, all participants from the city of Zavidovići (BiH),

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Zavidovići (BiH), from 06/07/2021 to 12/07/2021

Short description: The aim of the events (round table and workshop) was to raise awareness especially among young people to become aware of common history and values as the foundation for a common future. Historical, social, cultural and intercultural factors are presented in order to create a European identity based on common values and a sense of common belonging.

Workshop was held on July 6th, 2021 in which 21 participants attended.

Round table (history class and discussion) was held on July 12th, 2021 in which 19 participants attended.

Conclusion:

- the fear of a European identity that could endanger national identity,
- both activities confirm that role of education about common cultural heritage and history is path to strengthen citizens' sense of belonging to the Union. That sense of belonging is based on shared values and elements of a common European history and cultural heritage, as well as an appreciation of national and religion diversity and an understanding of the importance of intercultural dialogue.

Event 3- Measures to Face and Fight Euroscepticism

Participation: The event involved 90 citizens, all participants from the city of Zavidovići (BiH),

- **Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Zavidovići (BiH), from 26/02/2022 to 24/03/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was to develop a discussion, present the views and opinions on BiH's accession to the EU and raise their awareness of the role of Europe.

"Open Assembly" panel discussion was held on Feb. 26th, 2022, in which 32 participants attended (Zavidovići Youth Council, President of the Municipal Council, Municipality of Zavidovići and ALD). The event was held at the public institution "Centre for culture" Zavidovići. The panellists discussed about several issues raised such as:

- Is it possible to learn something from Euroscepticism instead of ignoring or demonizing it?
- Are we for Europe the „place that does not matter“ and why is that?
- How important is that EU take steps to build on sense of togetherness?
- What about continuous building and maintaining public trust in non-EU countries that seek for candidate status?
- Why more and more people believe that we will never join EU?
- What are the steps to take by us and by EU to create an effective Euroscepticism counter-narrative?

Second event -Workshop was held in local community Kovači on Mar. 24th, 2022 in which 58 participants attended. Municipality of Zavidovići organized workshop with municipal representatives mr. sc. Džeraldina Miličević, assistant mayor for entrepreneurship and local development with representatives of Local Community Council, Woman association "Majska ruža" and local population. Participants discussed about positive side of EU and what good would EU bring to their community; further, about reasons for a slow accession procedure for our country; and about their role/contribution to EU.

Event 4- "Short stories and experiences of people living abroad"

Participation: The event involved 55 citizens, all participants from the city of Zavidovići (BiH).

- **Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Zavidovići (BiH), date: 05/05/2022

Short description: Municipality of Zavidovići is one of municipalities with significant percentage of emigrants in total population. The aim of the event was to conjure up and share experiences, positive/negative life stories, and problems of people living abroad (EU countries);

Round table was held on MAY 5th, 2022 in "Coworking centre Zavidovići" in which 55 participants attended.