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Action 1 – Measure 1.2 "Networks of Twinned Towns"

3 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 Summer conference – "Local democracy"

Participation: The event involved 200 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of Nové Zámky, 40 participants from the city of Banská Bystrica, 10 from the city of Šala, 10 from the city of Piešťany (**Slovak Republic**), 7 from the city of London (**United Kingdom**), 10 from the city of Hague (**Netherlands**), 15 from the city of Piatra Neamt (**Romania**), 15 from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 20 from the city of Tábor (**Czech Republic**), 2 from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**), 20 from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 10 from the city of Holte (**Denmark**), 20 from the city of Gödöllő (**Hungary**), 11 from the city of Elsbethen (**Austria**).

Location / Dates: The event took place Podbanské (Slovak Republic), from 09/04/2014 to 11/04/2014

Short description: Participants of the event focused their attention on obtaining knowledge of the local governments agenda. Event was attended by students from universities, local governments representatives and experts in given field from the 11 EU Member States. The conference was opened by the official opening and presentation of the project. Participants had an opportunity to meet each other, exchange their knowledge and acquire new skills through expert lectures, workshops and discussions on topics: Characteristics of local government features, Municipal elections 2014, Information Act from the perspective of local governments. The European contact point Slovakia (ECP) attended the event as well. The leader of the ECP presented the Europe for Citizens program.

Event 2 Summer conference – "Benefits of EU membership, active European citizenship"

Participation: The event involved 60 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Nové Zámky, 5 from the city of Šala, 5 from the city of Martin, 5 from the city of Bojnice (**Slovak Republic**), 3 from the city of London (United Kingdom), 3 from the city of Hague (Netherlands), 5 from the city of Piatra Neamt (Romania), 5 from the city of Dublin (Ireland), 5 from the city of Tábor (Czech Republic), 4 from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), 3 from the city of Riga (Latvia), 2 from the city of Holte (Denmark), 7 from the city of Gödöllő (Hungary), 3 from the city of Elsbethen (Austria).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vienna (Austria), from 12/06/2014 to 13/06/2014

Short description: Participants of the event focused attention on increasing their awareness of the importance of EU membership. Representatives of governments, students and lecturers (MEPs, university teachers) were holding interesting discussions and sharing experiences through good practices. These activities followed lecturing of thematic areas: developing policy, the benefits of EU membership, active citizenship. The conference included proposals for international cooperation of Associations to ensure long-term sustainability of established partnerships.

Event 3 Autumn conference – "Harmonization of family and working life"

Participation: The event involved 200 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of Nové Zámky, 40 participants from the city of Banská Bystrica, 5 from the city of Šala, 5 from the city of Bojnice, 10 from the city of Piešťany (**Slovak Republic**), 20 from the city of London (**United Kingdom**), 7 from the city of Hague (**Netherlands**), 10 from the city of Piatra Neamt (**Romania**), 10 from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 20 from the city of Ostrava, 5 from the city of Tábor (**Czech Republic**), 14 from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**), 7 from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 8 from the city of Holte (**Denmark**), 23 from the city of Gödöllő (**Hungary**), 6 from the city of Elsbethen (**Austria**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Ostrava (Czech Republic) from 08/10/2014 to 09/10/2014 and Podbanské (Slovak Republic) from 10/10/2014 to 11/10/2014.

Short description: Participants of the conference, students, citizens of involved cities and local government representatives from various EU countries, had the opportunity to understand the importance of harmony between work and family life through lectures on given issue, mutual exchanges and workshops of university students from different EU member states. Conference was ended by the official conclusion and common valuation of the project by all participating associations.

The project Active citizen in modern European local government involved three communication tools: website of APUMS and participating municipalities, publications about the project and DVDs containing information about the project.