



EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME 2014-2020  
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2.2: Networks of Towns



# "Strings that unite us through migration"

**Reference Program: EUROPE FOR CITIZENS' PROGRAMME**

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**2.2: Network of Towns**

**Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns - EUROPEAN CONFERENCES**

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

PARTNERSHIP		
NAME OF PROMOTER	COUNTRY	Role in the project
MUNICIPIO DE GONDOMAR	PORTUGAL	Applicant
HAMRUN LOCAL COUNCIL	MALTA	Partner
OBEC DOLINKA	SLOVAKIA	Partner
ASOCIACION XUVENILVRENZA	SPAIN	Partner
ASSOCIAZIONE MOVING EUROPE	ITALY	Partner
CARAVELA - ASSOCI AÇÃO PARA A CI DADANIA EUROPEIA	PORTUGAL	Partner
PRI MARI A COMUNEI POIENARII DE ARGES	ROMANIA	Partner
UDRUGA GRADJANA ZAGREBACKE DUBRAVE 1 SESVETA	CROATIA	Partner
KEKAVAS NOVADA	LATVIA	Partner
GMI NA KAMI ONKA WI ELKA	POLAND	Partner
VALGA VALD	ESTONIA	Partner
KELMES RAJONO SAVIVALDYBES ADMINISTRACIJA	LITHUANIA	Partner
PÁSZTÓ VÁROS ONKORMÁNYZATA	HUNGARY	Partner
MUNICIPALITY OF TRYAVNA	BULGARIA	Partner
MUNICIPALITY OF KAVADARCI	NORTHERN MACEDONIA	Partner
OBLASTNI SPOLEK Českého červeného kríže Ústí nad Orlicí	CZECH REPUBLIC	Partner
SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE OF CENTRAL MACEDONIA	GREECE	Partner
MOUVEMENT EUROPEEN-MARTINIQUE	FRANCE	Partner
MUNICIPIO DE RI BEI RA GRANDE	PORTUGAL	Partner

TOTAL number of promoters

19

## SUMMARY

The project "Strings that unite us through migration" was promoted by the Municipality of Gondomar with the aim of creating a network of cities to raise awareness on priority issues related to migration, integration and social inclusion, the fight against marginalisation and stigmatisation of migrants.

The project aimed to strengthen strong, lasting and fruitful cooperation between partners from PORTUGAL, MALTA, SLOVAKIA, SPAIN, ITALY, ROMANIA, CROATIA, LATVIA, POLAND, ESTONIA, LITHUANIA, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, NORTHERN MACEDONIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, GREECE and FRANCE, as in many of them Migration is an open debate, as they are outward looking countries.

During the life of the project more than 750 participants have been involved, with a huge impact on direct and indirect participants.

The main objective of the project is to involve young people and workers related to the topic of migration, institutional actors in decision-making at local, national and European level, as well as NGOs, experts, politicians, voluntary associations and immigrant services, women by giving a gender perspective, people with fewer opportunities, dealing with: immigrants, asylum, political rights and participation, intercultural communication and cultural mediation. And above all we seek to bring to the project citizens who have never been involved in such activities.

Through the cooperation between the partners and citizens, as well as all the institutions involved, the issues raised of great relevance, priorities on the European political agenda, which allowed a very broad and direct participation, the project will have effects and repercussions in the medium and long term. The signing of the Twinning Pact will represent the solid relationship between the partners involved and the beginning of a long period of future collaborations, based on the idea of future sustainability of the project.

Through a structured programme of activities, a great impact and significant participation of direct and indirect participants was guaranteed, aiming to improve the knowledge and perception of the topics discussed, the magnitude of the initiative will also be increased through public dissemination actions.

The Project had 5 Itinerant Events all over Europe:

Event 1 in Gondomar (Portugal), from 06 to 09 September 2021

Event 2 in Fonds-Saint-Denis/Le Marin (Martinique, France), from 31st January to 7th February 2022

Event 3 in Thessaloniki/Nea Propontida (Greece), from 25 to 28

April 2022  
Event 4 in Castelmola/Forza d'Agro (Sicily, Italy), from 11 to 14 May 2022

Event 5 in Krakow/Kamionka Wielka

(Poland) from 30 June to 03 July 2022

The meetings were streamlined with the organisation of public debates, dissemination and exchange of best practices, comparison, round table, kickoff, case studies, interactive seminars, life stories learned from interviewing migrants and viewing documentaries.



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was  
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**Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"**

The project "Strands that unite us through migration", Strand 2 - Measure 2.2 "Networks of Cities", had 5 events that were carried out as follows:

**Venue(s) of the activities**

**Event 1** - Gondomar (Portugal), from 06 to 09 September 2021

**Event 2** - Fonds-Saint-Denis/Le Marin (Martinique, France), from 31 January to 7 February 2022 **Event 3** - Thessaloniki/Nea Propontida (Greece), from 25 to 28 April 2022 **Event 4** - Castelmola/Forza d'Agro (Taormina, Italy), from 11 to 14 May 2022 **Event 5** - Krakow/Kamionka Wielka (Poland) from 30 June to 03 July 2022

**Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved 92 citizens, including 35 international participants and 57 local participants. The 57 local participants who attended the event were from the city of Gondomar (Portugal).

The 35 international participants as following:

- 2 participants from the city of Hamrun (Malta)
- 2 participants from the city of Dolinka (Slovakia)
- 3 participants from the city of Teo (Spain)
- 3 participants from the city of Roccalumera (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kekavas (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the city of kamionka wielka (Poland)
- 2 participants from the city of Valga (Estonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kelme (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the city of Paszto (Hungary)
- 2 participants from the city of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Orlici (Czech Republic)
- 2 participants from the city of Nea Propontida (Greece)
- 2 participants from the city of Lyon and 1 from the city of Paris (France)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gondomar, from 06 to 09 September 2021 (Portugal).

**Short description:** The aim of the event was the official opening and presentation of the Networks of Towns "Strings that unite us through migration", European Conferences with discussions and debates on the aim to create a thematic Network of Towns for raising awareness about priority matters linked to migration, integration and social inclusion, fight against marginalization and the stigmatization of migrants.

The first event, held in Gondomar (Portugal) was conducted through thematic conferences, public debates, diffusion and exchange of the best practices, comparison, round table, case studies, interactive workshops, life stories learned from the interview of migrants and view documentary, evaluation, dissemination and networking for the Future.

The activities scheduled fostered a sense of ownership of the EU policies and promoted active participation, to build a tighter-knit Europe, according to the principles of active citizenship and participatory democracy.

All participants were actively involved in the development of a constructive dialogue on the topics, creating open debates and discussions through moments of question time and non-formal activities. It was kept in constant consideration the principle of non-discrimination, with particular attention to the inclusion of difficult groups and disadvantaged people.

The activities aimed to reflect the needs and requirements of the participants, in line with the general and specific objectives of the program and the project, to promote new strategies in active participation of citizens, cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, participation in the democratic process, debate on the Future of EU and social cohesion.

Therefore, participants have been encouraged to exchange opinions and best practices with the aim to formulate new ideas and concrete future proposals. At the closure of the event there was a final evaluation and group reflection in order to receive the feedback from the participants.

**Program of the First Event in Portugal:**

**06 September 2021 Monday** - Arrivals and Accommodation of the international participants. Accommodation in Porto at "STAY Hotel Porto Centro Trindade" (Portugal).

WELCOME CEREMONY, opening of proceedings, and institutional greetings by the representatives of the entities involved.

**7 September 2021 Tuesday** - 1st Day of Conference - from 10.00 to 13.00

**1st Conference at debates room of "Casa Branca de Gramido" (Gondomar)**

**Kick Off + Press Conference + Presentation of the Networks and of the Project**

9,30: Registration of the participants.

10,00: Opening of the 1st Conference

- Institutional Greetings by *Marco Martins*, Mayor of Gondomar Municipality (Portugal);

*Isabel Santos*, Member of the European Parliament (by video); *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of

Gondomar; *Mario Tavares* and *Joao Diogo Tavares* (Project Managers).

- Presentation of the project, activities and Network
- Opening of the Network of Town - In this specific session it will be presented the project, the activities and the knowledge of the Municipality and Territory Partners. Session devoted to the illustration of the Network, the objectives and the strategic direction of the Network

Moderator: *Mario Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *Christian Sammut*, Mayor of Hamrun Local Council (Malta)
- ❖ *Zsolt Regi*, Mayor of Dolinka Municipality (Slovakia)
- ❖ *Jose Neira Picallo*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Tino Celisi*, from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Mario Tavares*, from Caravela - Associa?ao para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Gherghina Liviu*, from Primaria Comunei Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- ❖ *Ivan Jedvaj*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Sesveta (Croatia)
- ❖ *Maris Ozolins*, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
- ❖ *Borczyk Malgorzata*, from Municipality of Gmina Kamionka Wielka (Poland)
- ❖ *Lea Vutt*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Asta Kiziene*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Nikoletta Genyene Batta*, Mayor of Paszto Municipality (Hungary)
- ❖ *Silvia Krasteva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Todor Efremov*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Jaromira Zackova*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Ceskeho Cerveneho krize Usti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
- ❖ *Ifigeneia Tsira*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Fanny Hervu*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)

12:00: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Marco Martins*, Mayor of Gondomar Municipality 12:30: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion Afternoon:

Documentary screening on the Migrant Emergency and Visit / Meeting with local associations in Gondomar, Cultural visits to the historic and artistic heritage of Gondomar and Porto.

Dinner with typical Portuguese food with the presence of local immigrants

**8 September 2021 Wednesday** - 2nd Day of Conference - from 10.00 to 13.00

**2nd Conference at "Auditorio municipal de Gondomar" (Gondomar)**

**Round table "Through greater integration, we will obtain threads that unite us socially and culturally"**

09.30: Registration of the participants 10.00: Opening of the 2nd Conference

Institutional Greetings by *Marco Martins*, Mayor of Gondomar Municipality (Portugal)

Ceremony of the Town-Twinning - Signature of the Brotherhood's Oath

10.30: Round table "Through greater integration, we will obtain threads that unite us socially and culturally"

Moderator: *Joao Diogo Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *Daniel Bugeja*, from Hamrun Local Council (Malta)
- ❖ *Tamas Regi*, from Municipality of Dolinka (Slovakia)
- ❖ *Fernando Castro*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Matteo Francilia*, (Mayor of Per Furci Municipality), from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Joao Diogo Tavares*, from Caravela - Associa?ao para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Dragos Boncea*, Mayor of Poienarii de Arges Municipality (Romania)
- ❖ *Jasna Jedvaj*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Sesveta (Croatia)
- ❖ *Juris Zilko*, Mayor of Kekavas Municipality (Latvia)
- ❖ *Sylwia Motyka*, from Municipality of Gmina Kamionka Wielka (Poland)
- ❖ *Anni Teetsmann*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Vilmantas Kizi*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Nikoletta Genye*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
- ❖ *Stelyana Boneva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Sasho Moshev*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Jaroslav Zacek*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Ceskeho Cerveneho krize Usti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
- ❖ *Stylianos Kampouris*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Chantal Dagnaud*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)

12:00: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar 12:20: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon:

Project Work - Moment dedicated to the elaboration of new joint project hypotheses and the planning of the 2nd Event - Discussion in plenary and open discussion.

Evening: Multiethnic Dinner - The Table of Cultures: Food, Traditions and Migrations Ceremony of greeting of the delegations. Interventions by local and international public authorities in the presence of citizens. Renewal of the

appointment for the 2nd Event to be held in Fonds-Saint-Denis/Le Marin (Martinique, France), from 31 January to 7 February 2022 and Departure of the international delegations.  
Final Evaluation and group reflection.

#### **09 September 2021 Thursday**

Departure of international delegations.

#### **Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved 88 citizens, including 22 international participants and 66 local participants. The 64 local participants who attended the event were 27 from the city of Fonds-Saint-Denis and 39 from the city of Le Marin (Martinique, France).

The 22 international participants as following:

- 5 participants from the city of Gondomar (Portugal)
- 2 participants from the city of Dolinka (Slovakia)
- 2 participants from the city of Teo (Spain)
- 2 participants from the city of Roccalumera (Italy)
- 1 participants from the Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia)
- 1 participants from the city of Kekavas (Latvia)
- 1 participants from the city of Valga (Estonia)
- 1 participants from the city of Kelme (Lithuania)
- 1 participants from the city of Paszto (Hungary)
- 1 participants from the city of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- 1 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- 1 participants from the city of Orlici (Czech Republic)
- 1 participants from the city of Nea Propontida (Greece)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Fonds-Saint-Denis /Le Marin (Martinique, France), from 31 January to 7 February 2022.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to create a thematic Network of Towns for raising awareness about priority matters linked to migration, integration and social inclusion, fight against marginalization and the stigmatization of migrants.

The Topics discussed during the second event was "Europe, the old continent joins America the new continent: challenges and opportunities for integration", Workshop "Local and rural agriculture";

Debate "Migration, the links that unite us: culture, multiculturalism and interculturalism".

The second event, held in Fonds-Saint-Denis/Le Marin (Martinique, France) was conducted through Thematic Conferences, public debates, diffusion and exchange of the best practices, comparison, round table, case studies, interactive workshops, life stories learned from the interview of migrants and view documentary, Evaluation, Dissemination and Networking for the Future.

The activities scheduled fostered a sense of ownership of the EU policies and promoted active participation, to build a tighter-knit Europe, according to the principles of active citizenship and participatory democracy.

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#### **Program of the Second Event in France:**

**31 January of 2022 Monday-** Arrivals and Accommodation of the international participants. Accommodation in Fort-de-France at "Karibea la Valmenière Hotel" (Martinique, France).

WELCOME CEREMONY, opening of proceedings, and institutional greetings by the representatives of the entities involved.

#### **1 February 2021 Tuesday**

Morning & Afternoon: Cultural visits in the region - Les Trois-Hets - Savannah of Slaves /Diamond Rock Pottery /Viewpoint/Arlet Cove Bath.

#### **2 February 2021 Wednesday - 1st Day of Conference - from 09.00 to 12.30**

**3rd Conference at town council of Commune de Fonds st Denis (France), including the 1st Session Debate**

**"Europe, the old continent joins America the new continent: challenges and opportunities for integration";  
2nd Session Workshop "Local and rural agriculture"**

9.00: Registration of the participants.

10.30: Opening of the 3rd Conference

- Institutional Greetings by Mrs. *Pascale Pompiere*, President of Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France);  
; *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Sandra Almeida*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Mario Tavares* and *Joao Diogo Tavares* (Project Managers).

**1st Session Debate "Europe, the old continent joins America the new continent: challenges and opportunities for integration"**

Moderator: *Mario Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *Zsolt Regi*, Mayor of Dolinka Municipality (Slovakia)
- ❖ *Javier Silvarino*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Tino Celisi*, from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Joao Diogo Tavares*, from Caravela - Associa?ao para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Gherghina Liviu*, from Primaria Comunei Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- ❖ *Jure Kupresak*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Sesveta (Croatia)
- ❖ *Maris Ozolins*, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
- ❖ *Lea Vutt*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Asta Kiziene*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Anita Denes*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
- ❖ *Stelyana Boneva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Todor Efremov*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Martin Zacek*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Ceskeho cerveneho krize Usti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
- ❖ *Ifigeneia Tsira*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Pascale Pompiere*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)

12.00: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Sandra Almeida*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar 12:10:

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon:

**2nd Session Workshop "Local and rural agriculture"**

Workshop held at "L'association Lasotè" with the theme "Local and rural agriculture".

Work session on field cultivation, with lunch typical of the Association "Lasotè" served in the field

**3 February 2021 Thursday**

Morning & Afternoon: Cultural visits in the region - Fort-de-France/Jardin Balata/Montmartre

**4 February 2021 Friday - 2nd Day of Conference - from 09.00 to 13.00**

**4th Conference at town council of Municipality of Marin (France), including the 3rd Session Debate "Migration, the links that unite us: culture, multiculturalism and interculturalism".**

9.00: Registration of the participants.

10.30: Opening of the 4th Conference

- Institutional Greetings by Mrs. *Pascale Pompiere*, President of Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France);  
; *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Sandra Almeida*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Mario Tavares* and *Joao Diogo Tavares* (Project Managers).

**Debate "Migration, the links that unite us: culture, multiculturalism and interculturalism"**

Moderator: *Joao Diogo Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *David Regi*, from Municipality of Dolinka (Slovakia)
- ❖ *Jose Neira Picallo*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Beatrice Briguglio*, from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Mario Tavares*, from Caravela - Associa?ao para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Gherghina Liviu*, from Primaria Comunei Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- ❖ *Sandra Cavar*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Sesveta (Croatia)
- ❖ *Maris Ozolins*, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
- ❖ *Lea Vutt*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Asta Kiziene*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Anita Dènes*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
- ❖ *Stelyana Boneva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Todor Efremov*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Martin Zacek*, from OBLASTNISPOLEK Ceskeho cerveneho krize Usti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
- ❖ *Ifigeneia Tsira*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Pascal Gamon*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)

12:20: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar  
12:10: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon:

Typical lunch of the region, courtesy of the Municipality of Marin, followed by a cultural visit to the municipality, highlighting the "Mangrove des Salines in Ste Anne".

### **5 February 2021 Saturday**

Morning & Afternoon: Cultural visits in the region - Saint Pierre Market and Pelé Mountain /Carbet bath Project Work - Moment dedicated to the Elaboration of new joint project hypotheses and the planning of the 3rd Event - Discussion in plenary and open discussion.

Evening: Multiethnic Dinner - The Table of Cultures: Food, Traditions and Migrations Ceremony of greeting of the delegations. Interventions by local and international public authorities in the presence of citizens. Renewal of the appointment for the 3rd Event to be held in Thessaloniki/Nea Propontida (Greece), from 25 to 28 April 2022. Final Evaluation and group reflection.

### **6 February 2021 Sunday**

Departure of some international delegations & Free time.

### **7 February 2021 Monday**

Departure of the remaining international delegations.

### **Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved 85 citizens, including 39 international participants and 46 local participants. The 46 local participants who attended the event were 20 from the city of Thessaloniki and 26 from the city of Nea Propontida (Greece).

The 39 international participants as following:

- 4 participants from the city of Gondomar (Portugal)
- 2 participants from the city of Hamrum (Malta)
- 3 participants from the city of Dolinka (Slovakia)
- 2 participants from the city of Teo (Spain)
- 2 participants from the city of Roccalumera (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kekavas (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the city of kamionka wielka (Poland)
- 2 participants from the city of Valga (Estonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kelme (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the city of Paszto (Hungary)
- 2 participants from the city of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- 4 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Orlici (Czech Republic)
- 2 participants from the city of Fort de France (France)
- 2 participants from the city of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Thessaloniki/Nea Propontida (Greece), from 25 to 28 April 2022.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to create a thematic Network of Towns for raising awareness about priority matters linked to migration, integration and social inclusion, fight against marginalization and the stigmatization of migrants.

The Topics discussed during the third event was "Immigrants and their political rights"; "Migration and human rights: the current situation at Europe's borders".

The third event, held in Thessaloniki/Nea Propontida (Greece) was conducted through Thematic Conferences, public debates, diffusion and exchange of the best practices, comparison, round table, case studies, interactive workshops, life stories learned from the interview of migrants and view documentary, Evaluation, Dissemination and Networking for the Future.

The activities scheduled fostered a sense of ownership of the EU policies and promoted active participation, to build a tighter-knit Europe, according to the principles of active citizenship and participatory democracy.

All participants were actively involved in the development of a constructive dialogue on the topics, creating open debates and discussions through moments of question time and non-formal activities. It was kept in constant consideration the principle of non-discrimination, with particular attention to the inclusion of difficult groups and disadvantaged people.

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diversity, intercultural dialogue, participation in the democratic process, debate on the Future of EU and social cohesion.

Therefore, participants have been encouraged to exchange opinions and best practices with the aim to formulate new ideas and concrete future proposals. At the closure of the event there was a final Evaluation and group reflection in order to receive the feedback from the participants.

#### **Program of the Third Event in Greece:**

**25 April of 2022 Monday** - Arrivals and Accommodation of the international participants. Accommodation in Thessaloniki at "Hotel Mandrino" (Greece).

WELCOME CEREMONY, opening of proceedings, and institutional greetings by the representatives of the entities involved.

**26 April of 2022 Tuesday** - 1st Day of Conference - from 09.30 to 13.00

**5th Conference at town council of Nea Propontida Municipality (Greece), including the Debate "Immigrants and their political rights".**

9.30: Registration of the participants.

10.00: Opening of the 5th Conference

- Institutional Greetings by *Ifigeneia Tsira*, from "Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia" (Greece); *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Ana Machado*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Mario Tavares* and *Joaquim Figueiredo* (Project Managers).

#### **Debate "Immigrants and their political rights"**

Moderator: *Mario Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *Christian Sammut*, Mayor of Hamrum Municipality (Malta)
- ❖ *Nikolett Vamos*, from Dolinka Municipality (Slovakia)
- ❖ *Andreia Ferreira*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Tino Celisi*, from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Mario Tavares*, from Caravela - Associação para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Gabriel Popa*, from Primaria Comunei Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- ❖ *Jure Kupresak*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Seseveta (Croatia)
- ❖ *Andra Vanaga*, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
- ❖ *Sylvia Motyka*, from Municipality of kamionka wielka (Poland)
- ❖ *Lea Vutt*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Asta Kiziene*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Cservolgyine Urban*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
- ❖ *Stelyana Boneva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Lidija Kuzumov*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Romana Zackova*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Českého červeného krize ilsti nad Orlici (Czech Republic)
- ❖ *Ifigeneia Tsira*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Pascale Pompiere*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)
- ❖ *RuiSilva*, from Municipality of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)

12.20: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Ana Gomes*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar 12:30: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon: Cultural visits to the historic and artistic heritage of Nea Propontida

**27 April of 2022 Wednesday - 2nd Day of Conference - from 09.30 to 13.00**

**6th Conference in Thessaloniki at Telogleion Institution (Greece), including the roundtable "Migration and human rights: the current situation at Europe's borders".**

9.30: Registration of the participants.

10.00: Opening of the 6th Conference

- Institutional Greetings by *Ifigeneia Tsira*, from "Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia" (Greece); *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Ana Machado*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Mario Tavares* and *Joaquim Figueiredo* (Project Managers).

#### **Roundtable "Migration and human rights: the current situation at Europe's borders"**

Moderator: *Mario Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *Christian Sammut*, from Municipality of Hamrum (Malta)
- ❖ *Robert Vamos*, from Dolinka Municipality (Slovakia)
- ❖ *José Neira Picallo*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Ariana Talio*, from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Joaquim Figueiredo*, from Caravela - Associação para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Paula Popa*, from Primaria Comunei Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- ❖ *Sandra cavar*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Seseveta (Croatia)

- ❖ Liga Seja, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
  - ❖ *JarostawStrojny*, from Municipality of kamionka wielka (Poland)
  - ❖ *Anni Teetsmann*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
  - ❖ *Indre Cerkauskiene*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
  - ❖ *Csilla Cservolgyi*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
  - ❖ *Greta Tsaneva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
  - ❖ *Jasminka Chuleva*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
  - ❖ *Blanka Vomackova*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Českého červeného krize ilsti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
  - ❖ *Stylianos Kampouris*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
  - ❖ *Sandra Valentin*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)
  - ❖ *Rui Lucas*, from Municipality of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)
- 12:20: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar
- 12:30: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon:

Cultural time with a Walking visit to the historic Town of Thessaloniki.

Evening: Multiethnic Dinner - The Table of Cultures: Food, Traditions and Migrations Ceremony of greeting of the delegations. Interventions by local and international public authorities in the presence of citizens. Planning of the 4th Event to be held in Taormina (Sicily, Italy) - Discussion in plenary and open discussion.

Final Evaluation and group reflection.

#### **28 April of 2022 Thursday**

Departure of the international delegations.

#### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The event involved 92 citizens, including 39 international participants and 53 local participants. The 53 local participants who attended the event were 28 from the city of Castelmola and 25 from the city of Forza D'Agro (Taormina, Italy).

The 39 international participants as following:

- 4 participants from the city of Gondomar (Portugal)
- 2 participants from the city of Hamrum (Malta)
- 3 participants from the city of Dolinka (Slovakia)
- 3 participants from the city of Teo (Spain)
- 2 participants from the Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kekavas (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the city of kamionka wielka (Poland)
- 2 participants from the city of Valga (Estonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kelme (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the city of Paszto (Hungary)
- 2 participants from the city of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Orlici (Czech Republic)
- 2 participants from the city of Nea Propontida (Greece)
- 3 participants from the city of Fort de France (France)
- 2 participants from the city of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Castelmola/Forza d'Agro (Taormina, Italy), from 11 to 14 May 2022.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to create a thematic Network of Towns for raising awareness about priority matters linked to Migration, integration and Social Inclusion, fight against marginalization and the stigmatization of migrants.

The Topics discussed during the third event was "Women, migration and gender equality"; "Migration crisis, good and bad practices in promoting cultural and social equality".

The fourth event, held in Castelmola/Forza d'Agro (Italy) was conducted through Thematic Conferences, public debates, diffusion and exchange of the best practices, comparison, round table, case studies, interactive workshops, life stories learned from the interview of migrants and view documentary, evaluation, dissemination and Networking for the Future.

The activities scheduled fostered a sense of ownership of the EU policies and promoted active participation, to build a tighter-knit Europe, according to the principles of active citizenship and participatory democracy.

All participants were actively involved in the development of a constructive dialogue on the topics, creating open debates and discussions through moments of question time and non-formal activities. It was kept in constant consideration the principle of non-discrimination, with particular attention to the inclusion of difficult groups and disadvantaged people.

The activities aimed to reflect the needs and requirements of the participants, in line with the general and specific objectives of the program and the project, to promote new strategies in active participation of citizens, cultural

diversity, intercultural dialogue, participation in the democratic process, debate on the Future of EU and social cohesion.

Therefore, participants have been encouraged to exchange opinions and best practices with the aim to formulate new ideas and concrete future proposals. At the closure of the event there was a final Evaluation and group reflection in order to receive the feedback from the participants.

#### **Program of the Fourth Event in Italy:**

**11 May of 2022 Wednesday** - Arrivals and Accommodation of the international participants. Accommodation in Taormina at "Hotel Antares" (Italy).

WELCOME CEREMONY, opening of proceedings, and institutional greetings by the representatives of the entities involved.

**12 May of 2022 Thursday** - 1st Day of Conference - from 9.30 to 13.00

**7th Conference at Auditorium of Castelmola (Italy), including the Round Table "Women, migration and gender equality".**

9.30: Registration of the participants.

10.00: Opening of the 7th Conference

- Institutional Greetings by *Agatino Celisi*, from from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy); *Marco Martins*, Mayor of Gondomar Municipality; *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Mario Tavares* and *Bruno Tavares* (Project Managers).

#### **Round Table "Women, migration and gender equality"**

Moderator: *Mario Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *Carmen Borg*, from Hamrum Municipality (Malta)
- ❖ *Analia Nagyova*, from Dolinka Municipality (Slovakia)
- ❖ *ManuelSeage*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Tino Celisi*, from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Bruno Tavares*, from Caravela - Associação para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Dragos Boncea*, Mayor of *Poienarii de Arges Municipality (Romania)*
- ❖ *Ivan Jedvaj*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Sesveta (Croatia)
- ❖ *Ginta Logina*, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
- ❖ *Matgorzata Wojs*, from Municipality of kamionka wielka (Poland)
- ❖ *Piret Villemson*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Asta Kiziene*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Cservolgyine Urban*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
- ❖ *Stelyana Boneva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Todor Efremov*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Jana Endysova*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Českého červeného krize ilsti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
- ❖ *Ifigeneia Tsira*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Max Granier*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)
- ❖ *André Raposo*, from Municipality of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)

12.20: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Marco Martins*, Mayor of Gondomar Municipality 12:30: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon: Cultural visits to the historic city of Taormina

**13 May of 2022 Friday** - 2nd Day of Conference - from 9.30 to 13.00

**8th Conference at Monastery of Forza D'Agro (Italy), including the Conference "Migration crisis, good and bad practices in promoting cultural and social equality".**

9.30: Registration of the participants.

10.00: Opening of the 8th Conference

- Institutional Greetings by *Agatino Celisi*, from from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy); *Marco Martins*, Mayor of Gondomar Municipality; *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Mario Tavares* and *Bruno Tavares* (Project Managers).

#### **Conference "Migration crisis, good and bad practices in promoting cultural and social equality"**

Moderator: *Mario Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *Cynthia Tomasuolo*, from Hamrum Municipality (Malta)
- ❖ *Akos Nagy*, from Dolinka Municipality (Slovakia)
- ❖ *Marta Salvat*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Beatrice Briguglio*, from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Mario Tavares*, from Caravela - Associação para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Gabriel Popa*, Mayor of *Poienarii de Arges Municipality (Romania)*
- ❖ *Jasna Jedvaj*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Sesveta (Croatia)

- ❖ *Agnese Katkevica*, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
- ❖ *Sylvia Motyka*, from Municipality of kamionka wielka (Poland)
- ❖ *Diana Asi*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Vilmantas Kizis*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Angelika Molnar*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
- ❖ *Radostina Puhtova*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Sasho Moshev*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Jaromira Záčková*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Českého červeného krize ilsti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
- ❖ *Meropi Chatziioannou*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Annick Comier*, (Mayor of Fonds-Saint-Denis Municipality), from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)
- ❖ *André Pontes*, from Municipality of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)

12.20: Conclusion of the daily Session by *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of

Gondomar 12:30: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon: Cultural visit of monuments and beauties of the Sicilian territory, visits to the historic GodFather Tour, Forza D'Agro, Savoca & Giardini Naxos

Evening: Multiethnic Dinner - The Table of Cultures: Food, Traditions and Migrations Ceremony of greeting of the delegations. Interventions by local and international public authorities in the presence of citizens. Planning of the 54th Event to be held in Krakow/Kamionka Wielka (Poland) from 30 June to 03 July 2022 - Discussion in plenary and open discussion.

Final Evaluation and group reflection.

### 13 May of 2022 Saturday

Departure of the international delegations.

#### Event 5

**Participation:** The event involved 94 citizens, including 37 international participants and 57 local participants. The 54 local participants who attended the event were 39 from the city of Kamionka Wielka and 18 from the city of Krakow (Poland).

The 37 international participants as following:

- 5 participants from the city of Gondomar (Portugal)
- 2 participants from the city of Hamrum (Malta)
- 2 participants from the city of Dolinka (Slovakia)
- 2 participants from the city of Teo (Spain)
- 2 participants from the city of Taormina (Italy)
- 2 participants from the Poienarii de Arges (Romania)
- 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (Croatia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kekavas (Latvia)
- 2 participants from the city of Valga (Estonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Kelme (Lithuania)
- 2 participants from the city of Paszto (Hungary)
- 2 participants from the city of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- 2 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- 2 participants from the city of Orlici (Czech Republic)
- 2 participants from the city of Nea Propontida (Greece)
- 2 participants from the city of Fort de France (France)
- 2 participants from the city of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Krakow/Kamionka Wielka (Poland) from 30 June to 03 July 2022.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to create a thematic Network of Towns for raising awareness about priority matters linked to Migration, integration and Social Inclusion, fight against marginalization and the stigmatization of migrants.

The Topics discussed during the third event was "Xenophobia and racism in times of crisis ", "Local, regional and European migration policies: a common ground".

The fifth event, held in Krakow/Kamionka Wielka (Poland) was conducted through Thematic Conferences, public debates, diffusion and exchange of the best practices, comparison, round table, case studies, interactive workshops, life stories learned from the interview of migrants and view documentary, Evaluation, Dissemination and Networking for the Future.

The activities scheduled fostered a sense of ownership of the EU policies and promoted active participation, to build a tighter-knit Europe, according to the principles of active citizenship and participatory democracy.

All participants were actively involved in the development of a constructive dialogue on the topics, creating open debates and discussions through moments of question time and non-formal activities. It was kept in constant

consideration the principle of non-discrimination, with particular attention to the inclusion of difficult groups and disadvantaged people.

The activities aimed to reflect the needs and requirements of the participants, in line with the general and specific objectives of the program and the project, to promote new strategies in active participation of citizens, cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, participation in the democratic process, debate on the Future of EU and social cohesion.

Therefore, participants have been encouraged to exchange opinions and best practices with the aim to formulate new ideas and concrete future proposals. At the closure of the event there was a final Evaluation and group reflection in order to receive the feedback from the participants.

**Program of the Fifth Event in Poland:**

**30 June of 2022 Thursday** - Arrivals and Accommodation of the international participants. Accommodation in Krakow at "Ibis Kracow Centrum" (Poland).

WELCOME CEREMONY, opening of proceedings, and institutional greetings by the representatives of the entities involved.

**01 July of 2022 Friday** - Day of Conferences - from 9.30 to 13.00 and 14.30 to 16.30

**9th Conference at the Kamionka Wielka City Hall Auditorium (Poland), including 1st Session with Round Table "xenophobia and racism in times of crisis" and 2nd Session with the Conference "Local, regional and European migration policies: a common ground" .**

9.30: Registration of the participants.

10.00: Opening of the 9th Conference

- Institutional Greetings by Andrzej Stanek Mayor of the Municipality of Kamionka Wielka; *Luis Araujo*, Vice-Mayor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar; *Mario Tavares*, *Ligia Mota* and *Joao Diogo Tavares* (Project Managers).

**1st Session with Round Table "xenophobia and racism in times of crisis"**

Moderator: *Mario Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

Videoconference on this topic with the local expert Dr Joanna Malinowska, where the results of up-to-date field research on the subject were explained.

This was followed by a period of debate and interaction with the speaker.

12.20: Conclusion of the 1st Session by Luis Araujo, Vice-Mayor of the Municipality of Gondomar 12:30: Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion

Afternoon at 14.30:

**2nd Session with Conference "Local, regional and European migration policies: a common ground"**

Moderator: *Joao Diogo Tavares*, European Project Manager (Portugal)

Speakers:

- ❖ *John Zerafa*, from Hamrum Municipality (Malta)
- ❖ *Akos Nagy*, from Dolinka Municipality (Slovakia)
- ❖ *Antonio Angueira (Mayor of Padron Municipality)*, from Asociacion Xuvenil Vrenza (Spain)
- ❖ *Matteo Francilia*, (Mayor of Per Furci Municipality), from Associazione Moving Europe (Italy)
- ❖ *Ligia Mota*, from Caravela - Associação para a Cidadania Europeia (Portugal)
- ❖ *Elena Gromsen*, from Municipality of *Poienarii de Arges (Romania)*
- ❖ *Denis Kanc*, from Udruga Gradjana Zagrebacke Dubrave i Sesveta (Croatia)
- ❖ *Aiva Vancane*, from Municipality of Kekavas (Latvia)
- ❖ *Sylwia Motyka*, from Municipality of kamionka wielka (Poland)
- ❖ *Mare Raid*, from Municipality of Valga (Estonia)
- ❖ *Vilmantas Kizis*, from Municipality of Kelme (Lithuania)
- ❖ *Genye Dorottyia*, from Municipality of Paszto (Hungary)
- ❖ *Daniela Koseva*, from Municipality of Tryavna (Bulgaria)
- ❖ *Aleksandra Denevska*, from Municipality of Kavadarci (Northern Macedonia)
- ❖ *Jin Preclik*, from OBLASTNI SPOLEK Ceského červeného krize ilsti nad Orlici (Czech Republic )
- ❖ *Eleftheria Georgoulea*, from Social Welfare Centre of Central Macedonia (Greece)
- ❖ *Emile Gabriel*, from Mouvement Europeen Martinique (France)
- ❖ *Monica Medeiros*, from Municipality of Ribeira Grande (Portugal)

16.20: Conclusion of the 1st Session by *Aurora Vieira*, Councillor of the Municipality of Gondomar 16:30:

Question time / public Debate, questions about the issues under discussion 17.00: Cultural visit to the monuments and landscape of Kamionka Wielka

**2 July of 2022 Saturday**

Morning: Walking visit to the historic Town of Crakow Afternoon: Free Time

Evening: Multiethnic Dinner - The Table of Cultures: Food, Traditions and Migrations

Ceremony of greeting of the delegations. Interventions by local and international public authorities in the presence of citizens. Final Evaluation and group reflection.

**A farewell with joy and willingness to do projects together again !**

**3 July of 2022 Sunday**

Departure of the international delegations.