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The Project

React project starts from previous collaboration between cities and from international relations already established by local authorities and institutions; its main aim is to build a first nucleus of a thematic network that will expand over time to new partners, establishing forms of long-lasting cooperation and strengthening the interaction between cities and the EU institutions and analysing specific issues as citizenship, ethnic stigma reduction, integration and intercultural dialogue

The project is going to be performed both at local and EU level. At local level, a large number of participants is directly and indirectly involved. The project activities have been planned in order to allow participants to discuss, exchange ideas and experiences, to improve and enrich their local actions in the perspective to share them at EU level. The project partners are going to use the bottom-up model for their activities, in order to make participants feel involved in the important democratic stages of building the European Agenda of migration and trying to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.
The React team from across the EU, including Italy, France, Greece, Sweden, Croatia, Albania and Belguim, has made a strong start and this newsletter will provide an update on the efforts of the team.

Who We Are

The project is managed by Anci Abruzzo (National Association of Italian Municipalities of Abruzzo Region) with the support of EDERA (European Development and Educational Research Asasociation) in Italy, in collaboration with the excellent support from across Europe from the following institutions:

- Municipality of Durres - Albania
- University “Aleksander Moisiu” Durres - Albania
- European Centre for Economic and Policy Analysis and Affairs ECEPAA - Belgium
- Municipality of Breznički Hum - Croatia
- Municipality of Gornja Rijeka - Croatia
- Municipality of Wattrelos – France
- Emigration Immigration Integration in Europe EIIE – France
- Municipality of Katerini – Greece
- Coompanion Östergötland Ekonomisk Förening – Sweden

The React team-project during the Kick off meeting in Pescara – Italy - May 2017

What have we been up to?

The Kick off meeting - May 2017

The kick off meeting in Italy held at Pescara, in the Venue of the Regional Council of Abruzzo Region, brought together local politicians, associations and experts from the migrants sector, including the Regional Councilor of Social Affairs, Mrs Marinella Sclocco.
The purpose of the meeting was to showcase the project and increase stakeholder interest in our project activities. During the first day of meeting, after the official greetings, all partners made their presentation introducing the organisations (background, activities, previous work, involvement in EU projects, aims, vision etc.), and the immigration situation in each Country.

The working session during the Kick off meeting

During the second day of the meeting, was organized a study visit of a SPRAR CENTRE in Pescara and CARITAS centre in Pescara: it was an opportunity to have a direct meeting with refugees and asylum seekers living in the receiving centres and to do some interviews with social operators working with migrants.

The study visit at the SPRAR centre

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The 2nd meeting - July 2017

The venue of the second meeting was the Town Hall of Wattrelos. After the welcome by the Mayor of Wattrelos Dominique BAERT, as hosting partner, there were a session about the "National citizenship in partner Countries" (legal issues, social rights), presented by each partner. By the French partner was presented a very interested project lead by local young people and then also a video projection created by ActiJean association: it was also an opportunity to interview young generations about migration, social inclusion, European citizenship.

The working group at Wattrelos Municipality – July 2017

During the meeting the team project listened to "The story and the consequences of Grande-Synthe refugee's camp" described by Mr Olivier Caremelle, Director of Cabinet in Mairie de Grande-Synthe.

Young people of ActiJean association

The 3th meeting - October 2017

During the first day of the meeting, after the welcome of the Mayor of Breznicki Hum, mr Zoran Hegedic, and the vice-Mayor of Gornja Rijeka, Mrs Anita Dakic – Head of Direction of administrative and inspection affairs - Ministry of Interior tlaked about policies and practices about immigration in Croatia. The first part of the meeting was attended by a huge number of local stakeholders.

During the meeting in Turčin – October 2017

The specific topic of the third meeting, held in Turčin, Croatia, was about good practices carried out by local administrations in order to improve migrants' access to public services, integration and intercultural dialogue; eventual tools to reduce discrimination.
The meeting was concluded by the study visit to the Immigration center "Porin" in Zagreb.

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