



The project « From periphery to institutions: participate 4 EU democracy » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Nine events have been carried out within this project:

**Event 1 – International meeting: "Migration at the core of the European and Mediterranean crisis", within the Sabir Festival**

**Participation:** The event involved approximately 400 citizens, representatives of associations and networks, social activists, members of the European and National Parliaments, Pozzallo inhabitants, journalists including participants from 25 countries (Spain, Mali, Greece, France, Great Britain, Bulgaria, Estonia, Turkey, Romania, Lebanon, Libya, Croatia, Serbia, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Czech Republic, Kurdistan, Syria, Finland). International CSOs and networks represented were more than 50.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Pozzallo**, Sicily (Italy), from 12/05/2016 to 15/05/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to discuss on some priorities of the European agenda, in order to improve coordination and common action on topics such as new European Union migration politics and policies. Citizens have had the chance to approach and discuss these items with NGOs working in this field, as example of active participation into the European debate. One of the main important event was a meeting with 300 students of Pozzallo that attended the Forum and had the chance to discuss on Europe and their perception of being the front door of migration arrivals with the President of Italian Parliament.

**Event 2 – Debate: 'EU for Refugees'**

**Participation:** The event involved 82 citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 24/11/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to address three different topics related to the refugee situation in Europe: Moral, Law and Policies. The result of the conference was the participant from each group had made an appeal to our politicians, on recommendations to be made for the current situation. The picture shows the handover to the Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen. The appeal overall conclusion had a clear signal of promoting a more nuanced debate about refugees in Denmark and in Europe, and present long-term solutions on the refugee situation, were the member states need to find common solution in close cooperation

**Event 3 – Debate: 'Can we see ourselves in the eyes in 20 years'**

**Participation:** The event involved 90 citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 19/04/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to debate the issues, if we can look ourselves into the eyes in 20 years, in regard how the refugee situation have been addressed by senior officials and politicians. This discussions conclusions was a concerned about the current situation in Europe and underlined that the increase nationalism in the different European Countries can have an effect on the European project

**Event 4 – Debate: 'The War in Syria, Refugees in Europe'**

**Participation:** The event involved 53 citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 28/04/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to discuss the war in Syria and refugees in Europe. It was a broader discussion about the entire situation. There were prominent presentations about the current

situation and also about what we should do on a political level, as different representatives from the political parties were invited for a concrete discussion about the situation as a whole.

#### **Event 5 – Seminar: "What role does the welfare state play in the inclusion of immigrants?"**

**Participation:** The event involved 58 citizens, including interest groups, NGO's, local politicians, migrants associations, and citizens from different locations of Spain.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Madrid, Spain on 29/01/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to explore what role does the welfare state play in the inclusion of immigrants, in order to share, compare and build a European view of the subject based on citizens participation.

#### **Event 6 – Spaces for discussion and citizen participation in Algeciras, Melilla and Ceuta (Spain)**

**Participation:** The event involved 59 citizens, including participants from Melilla, Ceuta and Algeciras (Spain) mostly belonging to social organizations, but a large group belonged to political groups, trade unions, public administrations, universities, and a minor group was persons who attended individually.

**Location / Dates:** The event consisted in the organisation of three Spaces for Discussion and Citizen Participation in southern Andalucía and in the Spanish cities in northern Morocco and precisely in Melilla, Ceuta and Algeciras, Spain. The seminars took place respectively on 10/03/2016, 19/04/2016 and 07/03/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the events was to discuss how the southern border city of Spain and Europe is affected by migration flows, how it affects citizens and how it affects the coexistence among local citizens and migrants.

#### **Event 7 – Debate: Challenges refugee crisis from European and national perspective**

**Participation:** The event involved 67 citizens, including participants from European Parliament, national and local institutions, mass media, NGO and students from the cities of Bucharest, Galati and Cumpana (Romania).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bucharest, Romania, on 08/04/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to collect people's perceptions about the refugee crisis and its impact on population. In order to have a better understanding of the perception of the Romanian people about the so called 'refugee crisis', the event was preceded by a research with elementary questions – "Did you hear about refugees crisis?, What is your main source of information regarding this subject?, What is the number of refugees in our country, in this moment?, With what you associate the refugees crisis?, What are the 3 main things when you think about refugees people?, Do you think that the Romanian state should be more involved in settlement of the refugees crisis?" – This research helped to understand the situation and give more useful information about the Romanians' position with respect to this topic, as well as their expectations from National and European institutions.

#### **Event 8 – Projection of the film Hope and debate**

**Participation:** The event involved 200 citizens, including participants from CSOs and refugees, coming from Arras, Calais, Norrent, Fontes, Angres and Grand Synthe.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Arras (France) on 29/02/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to show the film Hope (<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3684980/>) in order to stimulate a debate and discussion with the organization Arras Solidarité Réfugiés as well as other volunteer organizations and witness who are present everyday in the refugee the camps of the region. This event was preceded

#### **Event 9 – International meeting with European CSOs representatives and international CSOs networks**

**Participation:** The event involved 53 citizens, including participants from Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Belgium, Spain, Italy, France

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Brussels (Belgium) on 24/01/2017.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to present the main results of local activities and the project outcomes. The presentation was held in the frame of a meeting on populism and democracy addressed to a large number of CSOs from all over Europe, in order to introduce the P4EUDEM proposals and conclusions in this context and to make it available to a relevant number of organisations and networks.