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**Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"**

**Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"**

**INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:**

**Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved 56 citizens, including 1 participant from the City of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 1 participant from Verband Region Stuttgart (**Germany**), 2 participants from the City of Craiova (**Rumania**), 2 participants from the Metropolitan City of Bari (**Italy**), 2 participants from the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (**Spain**), 2 participants from the ALDA (**France**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the headquarters of Città Metropolitana di Milano (Milan, Italy), on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

**Short description:** the *Management of EU funds and opportunities for Metropolitan Areas - MFF 21-27* event took place, within the Camelot project, a project included in the Europe for Citizens program, which aim is to bring citizens closer to the European institutions.

**Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved 54 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 1 participant from the city of Stuttgart (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of Craiova (**Rumania**), 2 participants from the city of Milano (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Porto (**Portugal**), 2 participants from the city of Gdansk (**Poland**), 1 participants from the city of Bari (**Italy**), 34 participants from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Strasbourg (**France**), 1 participants from the city of Esplugues de Llobregat (**Spain**), 1 participants from the city of Sant Boi (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Gavà (**Spain**), 1 participants from the city of Badalona (**Spain**), 1 participants from the city of Cerdanyola del Vallès (**Spain**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Barcelona Metropolitan Area headquarters (**Barcelona, Spain**), from 28/03/2022 to 29/03/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the international meeting in Barcelona was to explain and discuss how citizens, municipalities and metropolitan areas participate in EU Cohesion Policy funded projects. Each partner explained some of their projects regarding different topics like energy transition and urban and digital agenda.

**Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved citizens, local government representatives, representatives from national level and representatives from other urban areas in Croatia. On the event participated project partners from Milan Metropolitan Area, Porto Metropolitan Area, Stuttgart Region, Barcelona Metropolitan area, Bari Metropolitan Area, Gdansk-Sopot Metropolitan Area and City of Craiova.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in City of Zagreb on 19<sup>th</sup> and City of Zabok 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.

**Short description:** The main focus of the Zagreb conference was the study of the Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI) tool. It was important to see how the other cities and metropolitan areas are implementing it, what are the most common obstacles and what are the solutions in overcoming it. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May the panel with partners and representatives from other urban areas in Croatia was arranged in order to share experience and good practice. In the other part of the day the project partners presented different strategies of implementation of ITI tool. During afternoon session the Steering Committee Meeting among CAMELOT project partners was held and afterwards, members of the Steering Committee came together to visit the historical center of the City of Zagreb. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, City of Zagreb organized a study visit to areas that funded their projects through ITI tool. The project partners visited the music school Elly Bašić in the City

center. They had the opportunity to see the renovated old military hospital building transformed into the beautiful new spaces completely adjusted for the musical school purposes. Afterwards, the partners visited the City of Zabok where they had the chance to learn about the project “reGENERATOR” and project “BRZO”. Aim of the project “reGENERATOR” is renovation/reconstruction of an industrial facility located in the very center of the city of Zabok. After the renovation, the community will get the space for personal and creative development. Project “BRZO” is the bicycle route which is connecting two towns, Zabok and Oroslavje. Both projects are funded from ITI tool in the financing period 2014.-2020.

#### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The event involved 65 citizens, including 2 participants from the metropolitan city of Milan, (**Italy**), 2 participants from the metropolitan city of Bari, (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Zagreb, (**Croatia**); 1 participant from Verban Region Stuttgart, (**Germany**); 1 participant from the metropolitan area of Barcelona, (**Spain**); 1 participant from ALDA, Strasbourg (**France**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Porto, Portugal, from 06-06-2022 a 08-06-2022.

**Short description:** AMP organized and hosted the international conference “Metropolitan Areas and ITI - Integrated Territorial Investments”. Policy-makers, metropolitan governments, public institutions, stakeholders, local actors and citizens will debate.

The aim of the event was to present some good practices and debate about some common interests and challenges about:

- What is the impact of ITI on the development of AM / CIM's Cities?
- How is this reflected in people's lives?
- How were ITIs built?

#### **Event 5**

**Participation:** The event involved 152 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Bari (**Italy**), 2 participants from ALDA, Strasbourg, (**France**), 2 participants from the city of Craiova (**Romania**), 2 participants from the metropolitan area of Porto (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the metropolitan area of Barcelona (**Spain**), 1 participant from the city of Sant Boi de Llobregat (**Spain**), 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 1 participant from Ukraine.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gdańsk, Poland, from 04/07/2022 to 05/07/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was discussion of solutions for **ADAPTATION OF THE METROPOLIS TO CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF ITI PROJECTS.**

On the 4 th of July the partners presented the following:

- What are the main actions/priorities in your metropolitan area in the context of climate change adaptation?
- Which experiences do you think are going in the right direction and which ones are difficult in terms of climate action? /Good and bad practices?

On the 5th of July the event took place in European Solidarity Centre in Gdańsk.

The partners took part in III Pomorskie Forum of Climate Solidarity, a high-profile conference attended by: representatives of the European Parliament, representatives of regional and local governments, mayors of cities, chairmen of boards of directors, as well as distinguished experts and specialists from the world of science.

The guests were welcomed by **Antonella Valmorbida, ALDA Secretary General.**

The results of the workshop of the international project Camelot were presented by **Joanna Bogdziewicz-Wróblewska, strategy coordinator of GGSMA.**

Four debates were held during the Forum:

- 1) The impact of the war in Ukraine on Europe's energy transition,
- 2) Perspectives for the development of offshore wind energy in Poland,
- 3) Adapting to climate change at local and metropolitan level,
- 4) Climate impact on agriculture and climate change.

### **Event 6**

**Participation:** The event involved 55 citizens, including 1 participant from Verband Region Stuttgart (**Germany**), 1 participant from the metropolitan city of Milan (**Italy**), 2 participants from the metropolitan area of Barcelona (**Spain**) and 1 participant from ALDA, Strasbourg (**France**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Craiova, Romania, from 27th to 28th of October 2022.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to promote the cohesion of metropolises and cities through the sharing of specific knowledge, which was debated during international events hosted by the partners.

The event took place at the Art Museum in Craiova where more than 50 participants attended the meeting: the project partners (Stuttgart, Barcelona, Craiova, Strasbourg and Milano), representatives of Local Authorities, students and representatives of Art Museum. The event was also attended by online participants from our partners from Zagreb, Croatia and Milano, Italy.

The Mayor of Craiova highlighted the importance of the cohesion of metropolises and cities through the sharing of specific knowledge and introduced the most important investing objectives and attractions in Craiova. She also said that besides the relationship with European cities, it is essential to build an institutional network with local authorities and municipalities of the Metropolitan Area, to facilitate the effective involvement of these actors in the European funds system and to create stable relationships.

The participants were introduced the Camelot Project, acronymous for Cities and Metropolis in Europe Labouring Onward Together, by briefly describing the objectives, beneficiaries, activities and attended results of the project.

The Camelot partners also shared best experiences on Democratic engagement and civic participation projects.

Within the organized Workshop there were brainstormed some key actions for involving citizens to the public authority's projects by going to door to door, by posting different news and finding the citizens opinions or meeting them face to face in some organized activities where representatives of the public authority, councilors go in the neighborhoods, solutions competition on specific themes, participatory budgeting, youth advisory council and senior citizens advisory council.

The session resumed in the afternoon with the Steering Committee meeting among CAMELOT project partners about the next activities in the projects. Mrs. Tatiana Negurita, the Camelot project manager, reminded the official dates of the following event in Stuttgart, asked the partners to fill the registration forms, to send the presentations and to disseminate the activities of the project.

### **Event 7**

**Participation:** The event involved 62 citizens, including 49 participants from the metropolitan city of Bari (ITALIA),

2 participants from the city of Zagreb (CROATIA), 2 participants from the metropolitan area of Gdańsk Gdynia Sopot (POLAND), 4 participants from the metropolitan area of Porto (PORTUGAL), 2 participants from the city of Craiova (ROMANIA), 3 participants from the metropolitan area of Barcelona (SPAIN).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in BARI (ITALIA), from 14/10/2022 to 15/10/2022

**Short description:** Core of the action conducted by Metropolitan City of Bari was the organization of the international event "Role of Culture in European relations" held on 14 and 15 October 2022.

The title of the event makes clear the will of Administration to focus the event on the role that culture and art world are destined to assume in the development of European relations, through the involvement of main institutions, experts of public and private sector, universities and civil society organizations.

Hence the involvement of Artistic Director of "Pino Pascali" Foundation, of Councilor delegated for Culture, Dr. Francesca Pietroforte, of Metropolitan Mayor's delegate for strategic planning, Prof. Ing. Luigi Ranieri, as well as, of course, the delegates of the Metropolitan City of Milan, Zagreb, Porto, Gdansk, Stuttgart and Craiova.

The realization of the event required the completion of several activities such as, for example, organization of hospitality to the contacts designated by the project partners, guided tours of historic center and monuments of the institution, creation of posters, social media cards, photo

shoot, video maker and live streaming for report about activities.

### **Event 8**

**Participation:** The event involved 61 citizens, including 2 participants from the metropolitan city of Bari (**Italy**), 1 participant from the metropolitan city of Milan (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 2 participants from the city of Craiova (**Romania**), 2 participants from the metropolitan area of Barcelona (**Spain**), 2 participants from the metropolitan area of Porto (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the metropolitan area of Gdańsk Gdynia Sopot (**Poland**), 1 participant from ALDA (**France**) and 2 participants from the European Parliament (**France**)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Stuttgart, Germany, from 01/12/2022 to 02/12/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the international event on 02/12/2022 was to discuss European instruments regarding the development of the metropolitan dimension.

Europe is lived locally by and in its cities and metropolitan regions. They form the backbone of European democracy and are the closest political level to the citizens. Cities and metropolitan regions are centers of political and economic power, engines of growth and innovation, socio-cultural melting pots and drivers for a resilient future. Nevertheless, challenges like climate protection, sustainable mobility and energy systems, immigration and the transformation of the economy culminate in cities and metropolitan areas. To sustain Europe's competitiveness, metropolitan regions require support from the European Union (EU). Thus, it is all the more important to involve cities and metropolitan regions on the European stage and to support them in their pressing challenges. In the last couple of years, the EU has taken the local level and also metropolitan areas more and more into account. The Amsterdam Treaty, the Pact of Amsterdam, the Urban Agenda, the New Leipzig Charter, the European Urban Initiative or also the requirement to use 8 % of ERDF funding for sustainable urban development are outcomes of this. The CAMELOT international event in Stuttgart discussed these European developments and showed how cities and metropolitan regions contribute to a Europe closer to its citizens.

The event discussed the role of local authorities within the EU with four experts who are responsible for EU policy at different political levels - the EU level, the state level Baden-Württemberg and the local and metropolitan level from Germany and Spain.

### **Event 9 – Final event**

**Participation:** The event involved 51 citizens, 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 1 participant from the metropolitan area of Barcelona (**Spain**), 1 participant from the metropolitan area of Porto (**Portugal**), 2 participants from the metropolitan area of Gdańsk Gdynia Sopot (**Poland**), 1 participant from Verband Region Stuttgart (**Germany**), 1 participant from ALDA, Strasbourg (**France**) and 1 participant on-line from the City of Craiova (**Rumania**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Milan, Italy, at Palazzo Isimbardi, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

**Short description:** The aim of the international event was to discuss the results obtained with project Camelot

which, despite the arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic, saw the organization of eight international events and local activities carried out by the partners in their own territories.

The project had the aim of improving the collaboration between active citizens and public bodies in the process of building a metropolitan European identity and, consequently, strengthening international cooperation.

The development of relations with other European cities is one of the most important functions of the Metropolitan City of Milan.

The main purpose of the project was therefore not only to bring together different metropolitan realities and create a constructive dialogue in this context, but also the implementation of an "European network" where every metropolitan area and city participated with the aim of improving its role in European governance.

The events that characterized the last year, the reference is to the aggression of Ukraine by Russia, have further demonstrated how the consolidation of cooperation between the European peoples is an essential goal, which we must all strive for.

The metropolitan areas and cities can play an important role in the formation of stronger networks

among European citizens.

It is only with the European Union that it is possible to achieve social cohesion among peoples, in a democratic context of prosperity, economic growth and cultural development.

During the conference each partner presented feedbacks, comments and considerations on the effects the project has had on their organization and territory.

Also, the partners have discussed about new projects to implement together.

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

### MILAN

**Participation:** The event involved 35 participants, of which, 25 were students from IIS De Nicola, a local high school institution.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the headquarters of Città Metropolitana di Milano (Milan, Italy), on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

**Short description:** "Camelot project and EU funds: an opportunity for youth civic engagement" held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2022 at Palazzo Isimbardi, Milan. Two classes attending a local high school participated in a meeting with representatives of Città Metropolitana di Milano on EU funds.

### BARCELONA

**Participation:** The event involved 26 citizens, including 26 participants from the city of Barcelona (Spain),

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the CitiLab Center (Cornellà del Llobregat, Spain), from 17/10/2022 to 18/10/2022.

**Short description:** The local event was in the framework of the congress MetroSolutions organized by Barcelona Metropolitan Area focused on innovative visions for the metropolises of the future, with the aim of presenting and debating innovative metropolitan solutions for the major metropolitan challenges faced today by metropolises locally and also worldwide.

### CRAIOVA

**Participation:** The event involved 52 citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The event was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 in the City Hall of Craiova.

**Short description:** Citizens, students, public institutions and policymakers were involved in a public discussion after Camelot partners had shared their presentations and experiences.

### BARI

**Participation:** The event involved 29 citizens.

**Location / Dates:** "The role of culture in building metropolitan citizenship" took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2022 in the "Corrado Giaquinto" Art Gallery in Bari.

**Short description:** Some influencers and instagrammers met at the "Roundtable of Talents of the younger generations" of Città metropolitana di Bari.

### GDANSK

**Participation:** The event involved 32 citizens.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gdańsk, Poland, from 28/10/2022 to 28/10/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was:

The local event was organized as part of the Smart Metropolis Congress 27-28 October 2022 (program attached).

The congress program included items on the local event within the Camelot project:

- 1) "Climate Mosaic" workshop;
- 2) Debate: "Let's work together for the climate".

- 1) Workshop on climate change based on IPCC reports. Climate Mosaic is an educational game in



which

participants, working together as a team, can understand how the climate will change and what its consequences will be.

The workshop is aimed at a wide audience. The goal of the workshop will be to develop recommendations for joint action.

## **2) Debate: "Let's work together for the climate".**

### **Participants:**

**1) Jakub Mazur**, Deputy Mayor of Wroclaw, President of the METREX network of metropolitan areas,

**2) Beata Rytkiewicz**, Deputy Mayor of Wejherowo,

**3) Virginie Little**, Founder and President of Little Greenfinity,

**4) Prof. Tymon Zieliński**, Head of the Department of Climate and Ocean Research and Education Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences,

**5) Wojciech Falkowski**, Founder of the Business for Climate Foundation and president of Ecol-Unicon Ltd.

**Moderator: Sylwia Molewska**, CEO of the Business for Climate Foundation.

In total, the debate organized as part of the Camelot Project's local event was listened about 100 participants of the Smart Metropolis Congress.

## **PORTO**

**Participation:** The event involved 27 citizens

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Porto, Portugal, from 28/10/2022 to 28/10/2022 on the 21st of October 2022.

**Short description:** "Adaptation of the Metropolis to climate change, including implementation of ITI projects". This local activity focused on the Metropolitan Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change. Our partner arranged a group activity and a discussion panel also.

## **STUTTGART**

**Participation:** The event involved 27 citizens

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Stuttgart, Germany, on the 15th of October 2022.

**Short description:** Citizens were invited to participate to a European policy breakfast to discuss current European developments with Evelyne Gebhardt, Vice President of the European Parliament, followed by a city walk to explore the industrial culture of Göppingen. Thanks to the Interreg project Value +, an industrial culture route was created.

## **ZAGREB**

**Participation:** The event involved 27 citizens

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Zagreb, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, during the Urbanization Days, at the headquarters of Grad Zagreb.

**Short description:** The event was entitled "Integrated projects in Zagreb Urban Agglomeration"., the City Office for Economy, Ecological Sustainability and Strategic Planning of the City of Zagreb showed the results of the workshops held on the day of the Camelot international conference.

Representatives of public bodies participated in a discussion on these topics:

- 1) Urban mobility and integration of public transport.
- 2) Culture, heritage and tourism.
- 3) Green transition and circular management of space and buildings.
- 4) Safe, pleasant and attractive public spaces.