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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 102 citizens, notably 19 participants from the city of Dunakeszi (Hungary), 10 participants from the city of Székelykeresztúr (Romania), 15 participants from the city of Stary Sącz (Poland), 50 participants from the city of Almansa (Spain), 8 participants from the city of Blansko (Czech Republic).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Casalgrande and Scandiano (Reggio Emilia, Italy), from 14/09/2017 to 21/09/2017.

Short description:

The day of 14/09/2017 was dedicated to the arrival of the delegations, welcome of the Local Council, presentation of the programme, accommodation in family and dinner together.

The day of 15/09/2017 was dedicated to the work in groups. The participants were divided into 3 main groups facing topics of common interest: sport, education and governance of the territory. First some presentation of the respective contexts, and then, study visits to sport facilities, schools and companies.

The day of 16/09/2017 was dedicated to learn more about the host Region with a cultural visit to the Sanvitale Fortress in Fontanellato and the medieval abbey in Fontevivo (Parma). In the evening, on the occasion of a live music performance open to the broader public, the project (objectives, contents, etc.) and its participants were presented to the citizenship.

The day of 17/09/2017 was dedicated to socialization and citizens' involvement. The kids and teens of the guest futsal team played a friendly with the local team and, within the framework of the annual fair of Casalgrande, the partner countries had a chance to show their traditions and typical products. Concludingly, a dinner c/o the public library was offered to both guests and hosting families.

The day of 18/09/2017 was dedicated to activities and workshops facing the importance of knowledge, the mechanisms of information and manipulation in our current society, taking some inputs for reflection from the books "The name of the Rose" by U. Eco and "Misinformation. Guida alla società dell'informazione e della credulità" by W. Quattrociocchi. In the evening the pianist Guillermo Ruano performed for guests and families (free entrance).

The day of 19/09/2017 was dedicated to learn more about the historical and cultural background of the novel "The name of the Rose": the Pomposa Abbey and the city of Ravenna.

The day of 20/09/2017 was dedicated to the cultural visit of Scandiano (Boiardo's Fortress, Clock tower, Torricella Castle, etc.) and to wine-gastronomy (Parmesan cheese, balsamic vinegar and wine).

The day of 21/09/2017 was dedicated to goodbye greetings and departure of the delegations (eventhough some delegations left on the 22nd).