



EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

Democratic engagement and civic participation sub-programme

FINAL REPORT form

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Contractual Data

Dates and Beneficiaries

Dates

Project Start: 01/03/2019	Project End: 20/10/2019
Activities Start: 21/06/2019	Activities End: 23/06/2019
Project Duration(months): 0	

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Implemented Activities

Short description of the project's results in English, French or German

English - 1	<p>The project entitled "Culture as a bridge of communication and cooperation in a united Europe" (acronym: CUBUNE) aimed to demonstrate a 360° approach to cultural cooperation between twinned cities in order to further promote cooperation at European level. More specifically, the project aimed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">to showcase existing practices (through concert and music-dance events),to propose new forms/ideas of cultural cooperation (through presentations and 'open dialogue'); andto design a cross-cultural-trans-European product (publication and web site) through a Joint Working Group. <p>The project results included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion on "culture as a bridge of communication and cooperation of United Europe" between executives of the two Municipalities and / or their cultural organisations in which they presented their views and experiences in this field- Workshop in which were presented a number of proposals - ideas for further development of cultural cooperation but also ways - actions of their promotion - communication (such as the joint organisation of lessons for learning the Serbian and Greek language to Greek and Serbian people, respectively)- Organisation of a concert and a music-dancing event where cultural cooperation was practiced- Established of a Joint Working Group for the design of an intercultural European product - service (printed guide - website) where members of Municipalities will exchange - apply views, ideas and practices at the level of common cultural creation <p>The direct participants of the projects were 58 citizens of Municipality of Lavreotiki and 90 people of the Municipality of Aleksinac.</p> <p>The project was promoted and communicated through live streaming web broadcasting of the events, press releases and announcements to municipalities' websites and social media, reaching to an audience that estimated to exceed the 50.000 people (EU citizens and citizens outside EU).</p> <p>The resulted key messages were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">#1 - "The culture is the 'core' bridge of communication and cooperation of United Europe"#2 - "The involvement of young people to cultural -and other- communication and cooperation activities between European (twinned or not) Cities is the 'key' for ensuring the broadest dissemination and visibility of such activities"#3 - "The development and continuous operation of online -internet- communities can substantially support and promote all communication and cooperation activities between European (twinned or not) Cities" <p>The implementation of all planned activities (web site, publication, Greek-Serbian language learning courses etc.) will further strength the communication and cooperation between the twinned cities demonstrating how culture forms actually a bridge of communication and cooperation in a united Europe.</p>
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Description

Impact and Citizen Involvement

Direct impact:

In the organised dance and music events were participated (pls read 'Statistics:')

- 58 people from the Municipality of Lavreotiki

- 90 people from the Municipality of Aleksinac

Some of them will participate to the decided joint Working group for the implementation of the planned activities.

Indirect impact:

The event was broadcasted through via live streaming through the Municipality of Aleksinac website. A number of press releases and announcements were published to the web sites and social media of both municipalities.

The use of web-based channels (web, social media) and web live streaming gave the opportunity of impact to a much broader audience than the direct participants. More than 50000 people (most of them EU citizens) is estimated that have been informed for the above event.

The planned development of the Lavreotiki-Aleksinac website that will incorporate the material of the event as well as all material from the 20+ years of communication and cooperation of the two municipalities is expected to further impact EU citizens (as well as citizens outside EU).

Therefore, the

Direct testimonies/stories from participants collected during the events.

The friendship between the two municipalities began in 1999, after the initiative of the people of Lavreotiki, offering humanitarian aid to NATO bombed Aleksinac.

In 2003, a Greek-Serbian friendship association was established in both cities respectively, and then the two municipalities were formally twinned.

Relations between the two cities have been going on seamlessly for nearly twenty years and are maintained through the various joint cultural events, both in Aleksinac and in Lavreotiki.

All these 20 years (1999-2019) of strong friendship and solidarity between the two (2) Municipalities a significant number of visits and events have been taken place.

One of the most important testimony of the project events, it was the historical reference to the above 20 years that was presented by the President of the (Greek) Lavrio-Aleksinac Friendship and Solidarity Association, Mr. Papastavropoulos.

Key message(s) of citizens involved in the project

The key messages were:

#1 - "The culture is the 'core' bridge of communication and cooperation of United Europe"

#2 - "The involvement of young people to cultural -and other- communication and cooperation activities between European (twinned or not) Cities is the 'key' for ensuring the broadest dissemination and visibility of such activities"

#3 - "The development and continuous operation of online -internet- communities can substantially support and promote all communication and cooperation activities between European (twinned or not) Cities"

Description of implemented activities

DAY #1: 27/09/2019

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Welcome & Music event (Concert)

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES:

- a. Reception of participants (mission of the Municipality of Lavreotiki) in a special room at Aleksinac.
- b. Speeches on the objectives and the subject of the event but also on "culture as a bridge of communication and cooperation of the United Europe" by:
 - Mayor Aleksinac
 - Mayor of Lavreotiki
 - executives of the two Municipalities and / or their cultural organisations
- c. Open discussion with proposals - ideas for further development of cultural cooperation but also ways - actions of promotion – communication of these actions.

More specifically:

During the first day of the visit, the Mayor of Aleksinac, Mr. Nenad Stanković, together with the President of the Municipal Council Mr. Grugitse Velkovits, welcomed at the Town Hall the visiting group of the Municipality of Lavreotiki, which consisted of the President of the Municipal Council Mr. Adamis Ioannis, the President of "Thorikos" Public Entity Mrs. Veletakou Evangelia, the former Vice Mayor Mr. Tsiklos Panagiotis, the former Mayor Mr. Papastavropoulos Stavros, the President of the "Friendship and Solidarity League of the Lavrio - Aleksinac" Mr. Moroglou Antonis and officials of cultural institutions. In the speeches held on the first day of the visit, representatives of the two Municipalities and cultural institutions discussed the objectives of the project and the importance of twinning as a bridge of communication and cooperation for both peoples.

In the evening of the same day, the first event was organized in which the Lavrion Philharmonic Orchestra along with musicians of the Municipal Philharmonic Orchestra of Keratea participated representing the Municipality of Lavreotiki. They presented a delightful program with well-known European and Greek music tracks. From the Municipality of Aleksinac participated the choir "Sumatovac" which impressed the audience and the orchestra of the music school "Vladimir Djordjevic".

DAY #2: 28/09/2019

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Historical visit & Dance event

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES:

In the evening of the second date of the visit day it was the turn of the dance groups of the two twin municipalities to perform traditional Greek and Serbian dances. The spectacular costumes of the Keratea Lyceum of Greek Women gave the public a unique performance, while the dance ensembles "KUD Merak" Vukasinovac and "Gkud Aleksinac" roused the audience with their vibrant dances.

DAY #3: 29/9/2019

TYPE OF ACTIVITY: Workshop

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES: Co-operation of officials and executives of the two (2) Municipalities, as well as members of the "League of Friendship and Solidarity of the peoples of Lavrio - Alexinac" and decisions for establishing joint working teams for:

- 1 / The publication of a historical-cultural twinning (printed) guide of the two cities in Greek-Serbian and English language
- 2 / The development of the relevant website which will contribute significantly to the mapping and further dissemination of the historical and cultural links between the two cities within the framework of the United Europe.

Changes in relation of the original application

The initially scheduled project activities from 21/6/2019 to 23/6/2019 were date shifted from 27/9/2019 to 29/9/2019.

The main reasons for the above time shift were:

- the municipal elections on 26th of May and 2nd of June (2nd round)
- the government elections on 7th of July

that caused a very heavy workload for to the Municipality of Lavreotiki, resulting to lack of resources for implementing the project events during the initially scheduled period.

An official change requested was submitted in 30th of July 2019 and its was accepted by the EC Program Officers (EACEA - Unit C1: Europe for Citizens) in 9th of August 2019.

There was also a change to the mix of participants from the Municipality of Lavreotiki mainly because some people that were originally planned to participate to the scheduled activities, it was not possible to participate after the above reschedule. As a result the Municipality of Lavreotiki replaced them with other candidates. The final participants mix is presented to the STATISTICS>DIRECT PARTICIPANTS table.

Dissemination and visibility of your project

The project activities and results were disseminated through the web site and social media of both Municipalities:

A. MUNICIPALITY OF ALEKSINAC

<https://www.facebook.com/RadioTelevizijaBosphorusAleksinac/videos/396306997934397/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HPOLHMAS/videos/460286714829210/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HPOLHMAS/videos/2479535155461248/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HPOLHMAS/videos/1781568025321035/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HPOLHMAS/videos/950049978668524/>

B. MUNICIPALITY OF LAVREOTIKI

AUGUST 2019

<https://www.lavreotiki.gr/poioi-eimaste/dimarxos/deltia-typou/item/1667-dimos-lavreotikis-europe-for-citizens>

<https://www.facebook.com/dimitris.loukas.l/posts/2628219950573715>

<https://www.facebook.com/1702703496655065/photos/a.1703793656546049/2337089109883164/?type=3&theater>

SEPTEMBER 2019

<https://www.lavreotiki.gr/poioi-eimaste/dimarxos/deltia-typou/item/1391-evropi-gia-tous-polites>

<https://www.lavreotiki.gr/poioi-eimaste/dimarxos/deltia-typou/item/1688-apo-26-eos-30-septemvriou-2019-i-dimotiki-filarmoniki-lavriou-kai-to-lykeion-ellinidon-kerateas-tha-symmetasxoun-stis-drastiriotites-pou-tha-pragmatopoiithoynto-aleksinats-sto-plaisio-tou-evropaikoy-programmatos-europe-for-citizens-2014-2020>

<https://www.facebook.com/dimitris.loukas.l/posts/2666337593428617>

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=2350912985167443&id=1702703496655065&__tn__=-R

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbbAc5JYeIE>

2. PROJECT VISIBILITY

During the last day of the project activities, a workshop was organised in which all further actions in order to foster the cooperation between the two municipalities were discussed.

The final decisions include:

- a. The development of a relevant (cities twinning) website which will contribute significantly to the mapping and further dissemination of the historical and cultural links between the two cities within the framework of the United Europe. The web site will include all the information that has been archived the last 20 years of the two municipalities twinning.
- b. The further exploration of some very interesting ideas-proposals that were discussed such as:
 - Publication of a historical-cultural twinning (printed) guide of the two cities in Greek-Serbian and English language
 - organised visits of children dealing with vines and other agricultural products
 - organisation of Greek/Serbian languages learning seminars
 - organised tours to Aleksinac and Lavrio for candidate travelers of both Municipalities

In order to organise, and implement all the above a joint working group was assigned by the two municipalities.

The music and dance events were also broadcasted live via streaming from the Municipality of Aleksinac website.

Visibility of the Europe for Citizens Programme

The project entitled "Culture as a bridge of communication and cooperation in a united Europe" aimed to demonstrate a 360° approach to cultural cooperation between twinned cities in order to further promote cooperation at European level. The project aims:

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- b. to propose new forms/ideas of cultural cooperation (through presentations and 'open dialogue'); and
- c. to design a cross-cultural-trans-European product (publication and web site) through a Joint Working Group.

In order to achieve the above objectives, a number of activities have been implemented:

- Presentations on "culture as a bridge of communication and cooperation of United Europe" by executives of Municipalities and / or their cultural organisations presenting their views and experiences in this field
- Open discussion (workshop) with proposals - ideas for further development of cultural cooperation but also ways - actions of their promotion - communication.
- Concert and music-dancing event where cultural cooperation was practiced
- Joint Working Group on the design of an intercultural European product - service (printed guide - website) where members of Municipalities will exchange - apply views, ideas and practices at the level of common cultural creation

Additional information

- The President of the Association of Friendship and Solidarity of the Lavrio-Aleksinac Peoples, Mr. Moroglou informed the public that the entire history of the twinning of the two cities has been recorded and that there is a related video posted on the Youtube channel of the Municipality of Lavreotiki.

- A common point of reference for both sides was the need to attract youth, which is the future of both Municipalities. The main objective is to unite the young people of the two cities through exchanges of ideas, thoughts, opinions and information through short and targeted texts that will attract interest. In this context it was mentioned that It is important to use the internet and its power (e.g. to create an interactive website) to attract youth.

- Mr Papastavropoulos, a former mayor of Lavreotiki, stressed the need for ideas with perspective and exchanges of persons and institutions. He presented specific examples concerning the health sector and the primary sector (e.g. viticulture) with the possible exchange of personnel between the two cities in order to come into direct contact and exchange knowledge. In this context he stated that there needs to be realistic and practical plans that can be implemented. He also pointed out that it is essential that the residents of the two twin cities be able to communicate without the need for a translator. It was suggested to create a tutorial where Serbian and Greek will be taught in order to have a first group of people who can speak a common language and continue to work together. Finally, he mentioned that Aleksinac needs tourist promotion and could become a "bridge" to visit Serbia.

- The President of "Thorikos" Public Entity, Mrs. Veletakou Evangelia who after a short briefing on the activities of the legal entity expressed her desire to contribute to the enhancement of communication between the two peoples through various cultural and sporting events. She also referred to an evening hosted by the Aleksinac youth, who participated in the program, during which the members of cultural groups demonstrated in practice that culture can function as a bridge of communication and cooperation for two peoples.

Statistics

Direct Participants

Name of Organisation/municipality	Country	Participants by target group			Disadvantaged participants	Women	Men	Total
		below 30	30-65	above 65				
DIMOS LAVREOTIKIS	Greece	18	39	1	0	31	27	58
Opstina Aleksinac	Serbia	30	50	10	5	50	40	90
		48	89	11	5	81	67	148

Indirect Participants

Indirect Participants

Number of indirect participants	<input type="text" value="50 000"/>
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Other information

Activities of the project

Project start date	<input type="text" value="27/09/2019"/>
Project end date	<input type="text" value="29/09/2019"/>

Venues of the activities

Venues of the activities	
Country	City
Serbia	Opstina Aleksinac

Information template

<p>Direct link to the webpage of the municipality where the duly filled out information template is located/published. Reminder: acceptance of the Final Report is conditioned upon the publication of the information template with project-related information.</p>	<input type="text" value="https://www.lavreotiki.gr/e4c-cubune"/>
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Citizens' understanding of the EU

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To which extent have the project's activities increased citizens' understanding of the EU?

Please give an example

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All the above activities and their promotion, has an important impact to EU citizens (not limited to two countries) and increase significantly the citizens' understanding of the EU.

Short description check



I hereby confirm that the information provided under the "Short description of the project's results" is written in EN, DE or FR and clearly indicates the main results/achievements of the project, topics covered, countries involved; number of direct/indirect participants.
I am aware that this information can be used for publication purposes.

Duty to keep documents/obligation to provide information check



I hereby confirm that I'm aware about contractual obligations set out in the Articles n° 27.2 & n° 27.3 of General Conditions to keep all original documents for a period of 3 years starting from the date of payment of the balance. Therefore, the evidences of the project implementation(e.g. participants lists and/or photos and/or catering & travelling invoices and/or boarding passes and/or any other proves) have been kept and will be provided upon request in the context of checks and audits.

Financial Sheet

Final Grant Requested

Item	Contractual	Declared
Executive Agency - EACEA	10 080,00	10 080,00
Total:	10 080,00	10 080,00

Attachments

Type of File	Name of the File
Declaration on Honour	ANNEX 1-DECLARATION.pdf
Financial Final Report - Grant calculation sheet	Agreement-No-20183306-final_budget_calculation_sheet_tt_en_2018.xlsx
Project's pictures (if you could summarize the project in 3 pictures what those would be?). Please note that these pictures might be used for publication purposes - picture 1	ΑΛΕΞΙΝΑΤΣ ΔΗΜΑΡΧΕΙΟ 10.jpg
picture 2	ΛΥΚΕΙΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΔΩΝ 2.jpg
picture 3	ΦΙΛΑΡΜΟΝΙΚΗ 2.jpg