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Participation: The project involved 317 citizens, notably 140 participants from the city of Klanjec (Croatia), 20 participants from the city of Wilamowice (Poland), 20 participants from Rajecke Teplice (Slovakia), 29 participants from Novi Sad (Serbia), 58 participants from Občina Starše (Slovenia), 50 participants from Bistrica ob Sotli (Slovenia)

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Klanjec (Croatia), from 30/09/2016 to 02/10/2016

Short description:

The day of 30/09/2016 was dedicated to arrival of participants, their gathering and dinner, movie presentation about immigration crisis in eastern Europe followed by discussion, and accommodation of participants. MOVIE PRESENTATION was made and held by groupe of people which consisted of one representative of each association of citizens of Klanjec and representative of Center for culture. They presented key points of this project, diffrent aspects of immigration crisis - from economical, political, cultural to medical. Inspirational stories of volounteers were shared and discussed. The aim of this presentation was to introduce participants with themes of project, to expand knowledge about immigrants and problems that concern them.

The day of 01/10/2016 was dedicated to debates, workshops and international cultural show. DEBATE "BORDERLESS", part 1 was held in Studio Galery Antun Augustinčić where participants actively discussed immigration politics. Member of European Parliament Biljana Borzan opened the debate and talked about different attitudes of EU Member States towards migration crisis and various solutions that they propose. Participants had firm opinions about immigration crisis, emphasis was put on solidarity towards immigrants but also on finding solution to crisis in its focus.

WORKSHOP "WIRELESS", part 2 of "Borderless" debate, took place in Zelenjak, along Croatian-Slovenian border where razor wire was put. Most of participants expressed their regret that wire is separating two EU Member States. The aim of this workshop was to bring citizens of EU States closer.

WORKSHOP "WITHOUT BULLYING AMONGST CHILDREN" - Family center of County Zagorje had an interesting presentation followed by discussion about solidarity between children and youngsters. Participants talked about importance of nondiscrimination based on disabilities, gender, race or economic standard. INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CULTURAL SHOW on main square gathered citiziens of Klanjec and surrounding area who watched participants present ther cultural heritage. Donations were collected for immigrants by city red cross branch of Klanjec.

The day of 02/10/2016 was dedicated to workshop EU charter of fundamental rihts, excursion, cultural show and departure of participants.

WORKSHOP EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS - participants shared their opinions about human rights and Asylum laws in participant countries. They discussed problems that refugees experience when applying for asylum. The main aim of this workshop was reached and that is spreading the awarness of human rights in everyday life of citizens of Europe.