

The 2WILL Project, promoted by 26 Partners of 16 countries, focuses on the potential of networks and encourages new forms of civic and democratic engagement; this, by stimulating debate and reflection on EU related themes, fostering the active involvement of citizens in the policy-making process and avoiding passiveness and misunderstanding of the EU actions. The 2WILL Partners cooperate in obedience to the "Europe for Citizens" 2014-2020 Programme and to the annual priorities jointly chosen:

- Understanding and Debating Euroscepticism;
- Solidarity in times of crisis;
- Debate on the Future of Europe.

Partnership

Wieliszew-PL (Applicant)

Serock-PL

Graffignano, Castiglione in Teverina,

Celleno, Lubriano and Civitella d'Agliano-IT

Herrera del Duque-ES

Lanškroun-CZ

Agia, Dionysos and Alimos-EL

Amt Trittau-DE

Siret-RO

Balkanu Zieds Latvijas Un Balkanu Regiona

Valstu Ekonomisko Un-LV

Salaspils-LV

Udruga Za Ocuvanje Neretvanske Bastine-

Opuzen-HR

Kelme-LT

Strumyani-BG

Onga-HU

Filipstad and Habo-SE

AEKS-FI

Santa Lucija and Swieqi-MT

Deryneia-CY



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2 Work in Integration
of Local Life

PROJECT'S PRESENTATION



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THE EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME

Encouraging and facilitating citizens' wider involvement in the EU and what it stands for is of great importance. This ranges from the need to increase their participation in current affairs, to the need of ensuring a broader understanding of the history of the EU and its origins in the aftermath of two World Wars. The Lisbon Treaty at the end of 2009 led to a number of changes towards bringing the Union closer to its citizens and fostering greater cross-border debate about Union policy issues. The new Article 11 of the "Treaty on the EU" introduces a whole new dimension of participatory democracy.

Europe has a challenging agenda for the next seven years, with serious issues at stake. With decisions and policies needed on issues ranging from economic growth, security and Europe's role in the world, it is now more important than ever for citizens to take part in discussions and help shape policies. Considering the European citizenship as an important element in strengthening and safeguarding the process of European integration, the European Commission continues encouraging the engagement of European citizens in all aspects of the life of their community, thus enabling them to participate in the construction of an ever closer Europe.

In this context, the "Europe for Citizens" Programme, adopted for the period 2014-2020, is an important instrument aimed at getting the Union's 500 million inhabitants to play a greater part in the development of the Union. By funding schemes and activities, in which citizens can participate, the Programme is promoting Europe's shared history and values and fostering a sense of ownership for how the Union develops.

PROJECT'S AIMS AND AIMS

Volunteering is important, especially for young people, and is a vehicle for personal development, social cohesion and active citizenship, fostering the involvement at EU level avoiding oppositions. Youth volunteering is an excellent example of non-formal learning for young people and also strongly contributes to inter-generational solidarity.

The aims of 2WILL are to:

- foster transnational volunteering and inter-generational solidarity in the Europe of the future;
- improve good working conditions for young volunteers, also through the exchange of best practices among them;
- achieve greater recognition of the value of voluntary activities and the skills it promotes;
- enhancement of the knowledge of volunteers on the EU policy-making process, through the knowledge of the Programme, EU funds, the Europe 2020 strategy;
- recognising and promoting cross-border voluntary and solidarity activities in the EU, especially in this particular time of crisis, avoid border closure and stereotypes;
- foster a sense of European citizenship and societal and intercultural engagement, as citizens can be actors not only spectators in the building of the Europe of the future;
- improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level thanks to citizens' direct involvement in the Project activities;
- gathering of suggestion and proposal for a better and solid future of Europe.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- 1st International Event: Launch Conference in Graffignano (Italy). April 24th-28th 2017;
- 2nd International Event: Workshop on "European solidarity in times of crisis" in Agia (Greece). October 26th-30th 2017;
- 3rd International Event: Workshop on "Volunteering and civic engagement at EU level to contrast the risks of Euroscepticism" in Swieqi (Malta). February 23rd-27th 2018;
- 4th International Event: Workshop on "EU Solidarity vs Euroscepticism" in Habo (Sweden). May 14th-18th 2018;
- 5th International Event: Workshop on "Drawing the conclusions: citizens perception of EU solidarity: needs and perspectives" in Wieliszew (Poland). September 7th-11th 2018.

OBJECTIVES OF 2WILL

- To foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level;
- Encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policy making-process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Identification of local problems, goals, actions and possible solutions;
- Stimulation of democratic and civic participation;
- Implementation of local innovative solidarity and volunteering actions;
- Identification of future strategies.
- Fostering of the friendship among the Partners.