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Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"  
Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

**Preparatory activities** (if applicable): the activities involved 8 participants.

**Location / Dates:** Stara Zagora (Bulgaria), Hódmezővásárhely (Hungary), Wald am Arlberg (Austria), Deventer (Netherlands), Maribor (Slovenia), Vilnius (Lithuania) from 01/02/2021 to 28/02/2021

**Short description:** these activities consisted of administrative and strategic preparation of the project. During the first month representatives of all six involved organisations collaborated to address management issues, set out terms and conditions of the partnership to deal with every possible situation where there might be confusion, disagreement, or change, including roles and responsibilities, financial rules, milestones and tasks schedule, project visibility and dissemination of project results.

#### **Events:**

9 events have been carried out within this project:

#### **Event 1 / Research and Analysis**

**Participation:** The event involved 119 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), 2 participants from the city of Stara Zagora (Bulgaria), 2 participants from the city of Kazanlak (Bulgaria), 10 participants from the city of Wald am Arlberg (Austria), 95 participants from the city of Vilnius (Lithuania), 2 participants from the city of Deventer (Netherlands) and 4 participants from the city of Maribor (Slovenia)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Stara Zagora/Sofia (Bulgaria), Wald am Arlberg (Austria), Vilnius (Lithuania), Deventer (the Netherlands), Maribor (Slovenia) from 01/03/2021 to 31/07/2021

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to serve as a backbone of the project, providing valuable materials and information to examine and analyze the causes and the impact of totalitarian regimes in Europe from the perspective of different countries. We gathered personal stories and analyzed facts and insights at national level to better understand the human factor in our recent past.

#### **Event 2 / Traveling Exhibition**

**Participation:** The event involved 573 citizens, including 8 participants from the city of Stara Zagora (Bulgaria), 65 participants from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), 18 participants from the city of Kazanlak (Bulgaria), 2 participants from the city of Plovdiv (Bulgaria), 43 participants from the village of Tazha (Bulgaria), 133 participants from the city of Hódmezővásárhely (Hungary), 125 participants from the city of Vilnius (Lithuania), 30 participants from the city of Deventer (Netherlands), 147 participants from the valley of Klostertal (Austria), 2 participants from the city of Evette-Salbert (France).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Community Hall (Sofia, Bulgaria), Bethlen Gábor Calvinist Grammar School (Hódmezővásárhely, Hungary), the Third Age University of Medardas Čobotas (Vilnius, Lithuania), Town Square (Deventer, Netherlands), Gallery Hall of Ethnographic complex 'Father's hearth' (Tazha, Bulgaria), the Klostertal Museum (Wald am Arlberg, Austria) from 01/10/2021 to 20/07/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to offer the audience a closer engagement with the gained insights during the research through the lens of art and to involve citizens from different European countries in remembering the common past and discussing the common future.

### **Event 3 / Public Event**

**Participation:** The event involved 225 citizens, including 225 participants from the valley of Klostertal (Austria)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Klostertal Museum (Wald am Arlberg, Austria), from 08/10/2021 to 10/10/2021

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to address the topic of National Socialist regional history, to hear and record stories and memories of some elder people who can still remember the war from when they were school children, to show places around the Klostertal Museum, where workers had been fixing the Arlberg railway and other tasks while prisoners of war.

### **Event 4 / Seminar**

**Participation:** The event involved 36 citizens, including 36 participants from the city of Hódmezővásárhely (Hungary)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bethlen Gábor Calvinist Grammar School (Hódmezővásárhely, Hungary), from 21/04/2022 to 21/04/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to introduce young people to historical facts related to national and international socialism, personal stories and insights on the role of human factors in the rise of totalitarianism and development of democracy.

### **Event 5 / Training**

**Participation:** The event involved 53 citizens, including 53 participants from the city of Oldemarkt (Netherlands)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Oldemarkt, Netherlands, from 23/02/2022 to 23/02/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to teach youngsters how to use art as a tool to express freedom and develop democratic skills. Introduction to historical facts, biographies, personal stories, political ideologies and how art has been used in totalitarian systems was part of the agenda.

### **Event 6 / Art Event**

**Participation:** The event involved 57 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Stara Zagora (Bulgaria), 15 participants from the city of Kazanlak (Bulgaria), 39 participants from the village of Tazha (Bulgaria)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gallery Hall of Ethnographic complex "Father's hearth" (Tazha, Bulgaria), from 18/06/2022 to 18/06/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to involve local inhabitants and guest in remembering the past through the lens of art, sharing memories and family stories related to repressions during the communist regime and to engaged underrepresented groups and people with fewer opportunities with creative workshop and presentation, contributing to their inclusion in the debate on the European future and raising awareness of democratic values and tolerance.

### **Event 7 / Webinar**

**Participation:** The event involved 50 citizens, including 38 participants from the city of Oldemarkt (Netherlands), 12 online participants.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Oldemarkt, Netherlands, from 30/04/2022 to 30/04/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was the development of democratic skills such as tolerance, mutual understanding and openness to diversity. Being available for online participation, the event also enabled youngsters not present in the live activity to reflect the common past and build multicultural empathy.

### **Event 8 / Conference**

**Participation:** The event involved 156 citizens, including 156 participants from the city of Vilnius (Lithuania)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Third Age University of Medardas Čobotas (Vilnius, Lithuania), from 27/05/2022 to 27/05/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to discuss and explain how the personal characteristics of the heads of state and the behavior and maturity of society determine the change of democracies and dictatorships. Siberian exiles, politicians, historians shared their memories during the conferences.

### **Event 9 / Dissemination Event**

**Participation:** The event involved 53 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Stara Zagora (Bulgaria), 3 participants from the city of Kazanlak (Bulgaria), 43 participants from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), 2 participants from the city of Vidin (Bulgaria)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in "Museum of art from the socialist period" / Memorial monument to the victims of communism / Movie Theatre "Dom na kinoto" (Sofia, Bulgaria), from 29/07/2022 to 29/07/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to engage people previously not involved in the project, activities were conducted on several locations taking advantage of different approaches and formats. Presentations of book and short documentary movie dedicated to the project and historical tour across places related to the victims of totalitarian regimes gathered different profiles of participants.