

**The Municipality of Sopronkövesd actively participated in the Workshop entitled "Mobile EU citizens integration - one for all, all for one!", under the European Programme entitled "UNITED", was held in Bucharest, on 23, 24 and 25 September 2021**

A **Workshop** entitled **"Mobile EU citizens integration - one for all, all for one!"** under the European Programme entitled **"UNITED"** was organized in order to reinforce the inclusion of EU mobile citizens and their families into the political and societal life of the host countries and to increase their active involvement in democratic processes, particularly amongst under-represented groups such as women and young people and **hosted by ASOCIATIA A.S.E.L. RO, in Bucharest, in Romania, at 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2021.**

The **venue** was the Hotel Continental Forum in Bucharest (Izvor str. 82-84, P.C. 030167), in Romania.

The **Town** was represented was **Primaria Oarja**, near Bucharest.

The **consortium** was consisted of **6 EU countries: Romania, Greece, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary** and the partners were **local public bodies** (Municipalities), such as the **Municipality of Breznicki Hum**, a Local Public body in Croatia and **Sopronkövesd Község Önkormányzata (Municipality of Sopronkövesd)**, as a Local Public body in Hungary that participated in several successful transnational initiatives, as well as **NGOs** that were **represented a local authority** (Municipality). In specific, those representative were the **Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute (Fifty-Fifty)**, as a NGO that was represented the Municipality of Voio, in Kozani, in Greece., **Danube 1245**, as an Association of citizens that was represented the Municipality of Sremski Karlovci, in the South Bačka District, in Serbia, **Zavod Boter**, was represented the Municipality of Novo Mesto, in southeastern Slovenia.

In these **3-days activities** were involved **60 participants**, 10 from each partner with **physical presence** and the **remaining >125** with **online** participation, given the backdrop of the **COVID-19 restrictions** and in case of a potential pandemic outbreak. In this context, **the first (1<sup>st</sup>)** of the 3 days, at **23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2021**, after the Registration of participants, a welcoming speech and greetings were delivered by Mr. **Konstantinos Symeonidis**, as the President of the Association A.S.E.L. RO.

After the presentation of the Agenda, there was an introduction of the participating bodies, specifically **1 representative from each organization**, concerning the situation of EU mobile citizens integration in each one's country.

Proceeding with the presentation of the Action and the whole Project, a speech was delivered by **Mr. Stylianos Vasileiou** regarding with the legislation and the administrative practices related to enabling democratic participation for mobile EU citizens and their rights, including voting rights, and responsibilities of EU mobile citizens.

The **first day was closed** with the participants' declaration on their opinions and views and a social dinner in the evening in Bucharest.

The **second day (2<sup>nd</sup>)**, at **24<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**, was started with the relevant registration of participants and their departure to Primaria Oarja.

There, welcoming greetings were delivered by **Mr. Constantin Bîlea**, as the Mayor of Primaria Oarja. After that, they have taken place in a visit in the Oarja City Hall, in the Town Twinning Ceremony, as well as in a Visit in a local school.

Proceeding with a visit in the largest MDF Factory in Europe that has been implemented, participants visited Curtea de Argeş, in order to have a tour guide in the Monastery and Kings' graves. The **second day was concluded** with a social dinner in Bucharest.

Finally, the **third day (3<sup>rd</sup>)**, at **25<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**, was devoted to a tour guide in Bucharest, as well as for networking with local authorities and experts were invited, in order to give the opportunity to advice on major EU topics, including legislation and administrative practices related to enabling democratic participation for mobile EU citizens and the rights, including voting rights, and responsibilities of EU mobile citizens.

As the inclusion is a matter of the local governments and societies and it is important to ensure that municipal services are open to all residents and the cohesiveness of the more and more diverse populations, this workshop underlined that this project can be considered a tentative first glance at some of the problems concerned, considering the incomplete studies on the social and political impacts of EU free movement to date. Thought these activities, it has been pointed out the bringing

together a wide range of partner towns in a town twinning event around EU mobile citizen's integration.



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