

**The project «A Dialogue on Gender Equality for Building our Europe»
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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 *"Town-Twinning"*

Participation: The Town Twinning Project “A Dialogue on Gender Equality for Building our Europe”, promoted by the Municipality of Ali Terme (Italy), it involved a total of 81 citizens from all over Europe: 27 participants from Municipality of Vila de Cruces (Spain), 30 participants from Szurdokpüspöki Község Önkormányzata (Hungary) 24 participants from Municipality of Gornja Rijeka (Croatia).

Location/ Dates: The event of Town Twinning took place in Ali Terme (Italy) from **13/09/2015** to **20/09/2015**

Short description:

Event 1 have been carried out within this project:

Day I - 13/09/2015 was dedicated to the Arrival of foreign delegations in Catania Airport with the transfer to Ali Terme Municipality and Accommodation in the Hotel “Terme Marino”.

Welcome Ceremony: Welcoming and Greetings by the Mayor, Executive body and Local Council of Ali Terme Municipality at the presence of citizens.

Dinner.

Day II - 14/09/2015 was dedicated to the official Presentation of the project and the Programme “Europe for Citizens” + Guided tour of Ali Terme

H 10,00 Visit of the monuments and beauties of Ali Terme: Mother Church, the Convent of Maria Ausiliatrice Sisters, the farm VIGAP with a testing of typical products.

Meeting: The Town Twinning as Instrument of Peace and Integration among citizens. The importance of the Committees of Town Twinning – Comparison and Discussion

Lunch

H 16,00. Conference at City Hall: Official Presentation of the project and the Programme “Europe for Citizens”, as tool to improve the democratic and active participation in UE. Discussion on Twinning Town as instrument of Friendship and integration among peoples. Debate on the ways to use European opportunities for an active participation.

Press Conference and Presentation of Partnership and territories by the foreign delegations.

Dinner.

Day III - 15/09/2015 was dedicated to Round table and Official Ceremony of Signature of Town Twinning Oath.

H 10,00 Round Table: "Women and Work": reconciliation between work and family, the discrimination and mobbing, comparison of countries' experiences and exchange of best practices.

Lunch

H 17,00-20,00 Official Ceremony of Town Twinning Oath' Signature. Meeting on "A Dialogue on Gender Equality for Building our Europe" with the foreign delegations with a huge participation of citizens. Debate and discussion on European policies and the priorities of European Agenda.

Signature of Town Twinning Oath by the Mayors of the cities involved. Execution of the National Anthems of the countries involved and the European Hymn.

Intercultural Dinner –Party with Sicilian Folk Group.

Day IV - 16/09/2015 was dedicated to Working Group and Interactive Workshop

H 10,00-12,00 Ali Terme

Interactive Workshop: The Principle of Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunities in the European Countries. The obstacles to the real affirmation of the principle of Gender mainstreaming and the difficulties to improve Equal opportunities in the different field of social life in UE.

Working Group: Europe for Citizens' and Erasmus+ Opportunities: Programme of Youth Participation

H 13,00 Lunch

H 15,00 -19,00 Tour around Taormina and Castelmola. Greetings by the Mayor of Castelmola.

Dinner and Music

Day V - 17/09/2015 was dedicated to Visit of the Local Farms and Round Table

Visit of the Local Farms of Ali Terme. Practice Laboratory of bread with the direct participation of foreign delegates to the “Guarnera” farm.

Lunch

Round Table: Workshop on new EU programs for Entrepreneurship: Cosme e EaSy. Meeting with female entrepreneurs “Tella Tella” and “Terre di Santo Stefano” factories. Direct witnesses of Successful Cases.

Dinner

Day VI - 18/09/2015 was dedicated to the Visit of Agrò Valley + Meeting with Mayor.

Tour around the towns of Agrò Valley:

Casalvecchio Siculo: The museum, SS Peter and Paul Church.

Savoca: Tour of God father, catacombs

Lunch

Tour of Forza D'Agrò: Meeting with the Mayor, Presentation of Partnership by the foreign delegations and territories. Discussion on possibilities of cooperation and enlargement of the Partnership.

Dinner.

Day VII - 19/09/2015 was dedicated to the Round Table and Evaluation and Planning for the Future + Networking

Round Table on Women and Gender Violence – Meeting with Local Association “Al tuo Fianco Onlus” that gives support to the victims of gender violence and fights against stalking phenomena, and “ Posto Occupato” an Italian national campaign for the women killed by the men.

Lunch

H 16,00-19,00

Individual self-evaluation thought Questionnaires. Plenary Comparison.

Discussion on cooperation and new project proposals in the field of “Europe for Citizens Programme”. Comparison and exchange of experiences. Collection of the materials for dissemination and exploitation of the results of the Twinning.

Dinner

Day VIII - 20/09/2015 was dedicated to Departure

Departure of Foreign delegations