

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[OUR LIVING LIBRARY FOR SOLIDARITY & EQUALITY] — [EQUAL]
Participant:	[COMUNE DI BORRIANA] (BORRIANA - ITALY)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[1 – Deliverable 1]
Event name:	[OUR LIVING LIBRARY FOR SOLIDARITY & EQUALITY – EQUAL EVENT 1]
Type:	[workshop + conference + study visit]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[CROATIA], [BELISCE]
Date(s):	[24 – 25 – 26 June 2022]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.comune.borriana.bi.it/aree-tematiche/leuropa-nel-nostro-comune/our-living-library-solidarity-equality
Participants	
Female:	14
Male:	11
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Italy-Borriana municipality]:	3
From country 2 [Italy-Sandigliano municipality]:	8
From country 3 [Slovakia-Tahanovce municipality]:	14
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Total number of participants:	25
From total number of countries:	2
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

DELIVERABLE D1.1.: Twinning event n. 1 in situ.

Place: **Belisce** in Croatia

Dates of the event: **24/26 June 2022**

Number of countries involved: 2 foreign countries (IT and SK) + HR in situ.

Number of individual direct participants: 100

Number of invited foreign participants: 25.

Brief description of the event / agenda of the event:

The organisation of the Event has been coordinated by Belisce Municipality, supported by Partners.

The scheduled agenda was:

Day 1 – Arrival of foreign delegations in Belisce (near Osijek). Welcome Ceremony. Welcome dinner.

Day 2 – Morning: Living Library Event - "OUR LIVING LIBRARY ABOUT SOLIDARITY" Public Workshop.

Real cases from the local community and speeches by each Delegation.

Afternoon: Study visits to associations that deals with solidarity, women rights and gender equality.

Day 3 – Meeting with local volunteers/Authorities.

Project meeting and brunch.

Return home of foreign delegates.

Further details about the realised Event 1:

The City of Belišće – together with the Applicant and partners – organized the 1st Event/WP1 previewed by the CERV "EQUAL" project. Belisce organised logistic and hosting aspects and coordinated the first three-day meeting for the partnership transnational Event 1. It was rich in meaningful activities and gatherings held in the period from Friday, June 24 to Sunday, June 26, 2022 (in Belisce – Croatia).

Day 1 - June 24th

Welcome ceremony at the Town Hall

On the first day, at the **Welcome Meeting on June 24th**, the representatives of the City of Belišće, Deputy Mayor, Ljerka Vučković and the head of the Administrative Department for Social Activities of the City of Belišće, Antonija Andrašek Barić, and their associates - Senior Associate for Social Activities Lea Kozina, Head of the Department of Health, Sports, Physical Culture, tourism and social care, Branimir Kolarić, and the expert associate for planning and development, Marko Anić, and the president of the Belišće association, Puks Vanesa Šerić, attended the presentation of the project in the City Administration, from Italy Francesca Guerriero (Mayor of Borriana Municipality – Coordinator).

The speech of Guerriero was followed by those of the representatives of the other partners: the Italian Mayor of Sandigliano Municipality, Mauro Masiero, as well as the mayor of Tahanovce (Košice) from Slovakia, Jan Nigut. After the opening address of the moderator of the meeting, senior associate, Lee Kozina, the present participants were appropriately greeted and welcomed by the deputy mayor Ljerka Vučković, who emphasized her particular satisfaction with the achieved joint cooperation and five-year friendship (for the former project realised in 2017 named „Europe Just in Time!“), as well as with the fact that the city of Belišće was the organizer of the first three-day event of EQUAL. This was followed by a video presentation of the city of Belišće, followed by a welcome speech and presentation of the project itself by the representative of its holder, the mayor of Borriana, Francesca Guerriero. The other attending representatives of the partners in the project gave welcoming words and expressed their thanks and satisfaction for the joint cooperation, and the gathering continued through the presentation of the most important information about the Italian province of Biella, the municipalities of Borriana and Sandigliano, and the presentation of the partners of the city of Cesis from Latvia, whose representatives unfortunately could not attend the

meeting in Belišće for unforeseen circumstances. Deputy Mayor, Ljerka Vučković, spoke in more detail about the new project for the media. According to her, the EQUAL project resulted from the cooperation on the "Europe just in time" project, which the City of Belišće jointly implemented five years ago with several partners, among which were the Italian municipalities of Borriana and Sandigliano as well as the friends from Tahanovce in Slovakia.

Speakers underlined the „special situation“, lived in this year, during which people must show solidarity towards individuals who need help, such as displaced persons from Ukraine, to whom all the involved Municipalities are trying to give assistance and care: as aired done in Croatia, Slovakia and Italy. These are not projects that have a large monetary value, but they carry on another value: which is the value of connecting people, cooperation, friendliness and hospitality where anyone can learn from each other.

Day 2

Workshop "Our Living Library on Solidarity" - June 25, 2022

The day after the presentation of the international EQUAL project in the Belišće City Administration, on Saturday, June 25, at the Sigmund Romberg Culture Center in Belišće, the public workshop "Our Living Library on Solidarity" was held. After the well-known composition "Ode to Joy", the anthem of the European Union, which was played on the trumpet at the beginning of the meeting by Frane Šerić, the representatives of the EQUAL partnership, who attended its presentation the day before, and many local association and authorities, participate into the workshop.

On behalf of the City of Belišće, the attendees were greeted by the deputy mayor Ljerka Vučković and the president of the City Council of Belišće Domagoj Varžić. With welcoming words, deputy Ljerka Vučković, in addition to the project aims, appropriately referred to the pandemic and the current war in Ukraine, pointing out the great need and necessity of showing solidarity and providing support and help in Europe, as well as the importance of equality, and the president of the City Council Domagoj Varžić, in addition to welcoming guests from partner countries, also presented the most important social and demographic measures that the City of Belišće has implemented for the benefit and satisfaction of all generations of its fellow citizens.

As a representative of Osijek-Baranja County, the President of the Assembly of Osijek-Baranja, County Ivana Bagarić, addressed the audience and presented the projects on the subject of solidarity and equality implemented by the County. This was followed by appropriate speeches by the Mayor of the Municipality of Borriana from Italy, Francesca Guerriero, the Mayor of the Municipality of Sandigliano, Mauro Masiero, and the mayor of Tahanovce (Košice), Slovakia, Jan Nigut, who in their speeches and presentations referred to the aids given to displaced Ukrainians – present in their territories – and the people ill and involved in to the pandemic from 2020 to nowadays.

All of them emphasized what the municipalities and cities helped a lot persons with fragility.

Through the presentations, the participants of the workshop could also hear the real and „Living“ stories, i.e. the personal experiences of three Slovakian women who faced covid, and listen live to the story of the participants of the meeting, the Ukrainian couple Yuliia and Artem Loskutnikov, who, fleeing the war in Ukraine, thanks to their solidarity and kindness people, found a safe home in the municipality of Sandigliano. After the representatives of the partners, Gordana Stojanović, assistant to the head of health and people with disabilities in the City of Osijek, presented the social projects implemented in the City of Osijek, and then the most interesting, central and certainly the most emotional part of the public workshop followed - the Living Library on Solidarity, in which people who were recipients of help and support or volunteers who provide or give help and support to their loved ones, told stories about their experiences to those present in a special way, in the form of books.

In the introductory part, the president of the PUKS Association from Belišća, Vanesa Šerić, presented the work of the Association, which deals with providing psychosocial support and strengthening the mental health of the persons with needs, as well as the main activity of this special meeting and six books, six people who represented them, and then presented them to

the guests.

In the Beliše Culture Center, they told stories about their experiences related to personal life struggles and crisis situations, and about expressing solidarity and engaging in volunteerism. The first book in the Beliše living Library on solidarity, which was called "From altruism to personal development", was written by Jelena Katalenić, who spoke to those present about her own life experiences, work and struggle for health, as well as her volunteer contribution and the values and importance of the support of the PUKS Association.

The second book "To fight - with weapons or with the heart?" with her personal story was Sunčica Nižetić who, after participating in the Homeland War, found her refuge and safe haven under the auspices of the PUKS Association and in volunteering and working with children; the book about fleeing from the war in Ukraine, the friendliness and solidarity of the people of Beliše, finding a temporary home in Beliše and her valuable contribution to society through work in the Red Cross.

"The shot spring" was presented by our fellow citizen, Ukrainian Irina Edwards, a book called "Accidental Volunteer" and personal experience of volunteer work and providing wholehearted help and support to displaced Ukrainians who are accommodated in Hostel Beliše was presented by the manager of the Hostel Luka Budimir. Eva Bošković told her instructive story "My own worst enemy" and at the very end of the meeting Slovakian Maria Javornicka talked about her life experience as a book called "Health is Gold". She presented, to all the participants of the meeting, without any hesitation the personal problems and the valuable support received from people.

Antonija Andrašek Barić (Belisce city) thanked all the speakers for the precious contributions.

After the end of the workshop and the lunch, the representatives of the City of Beliše and the other project participants and foreign delegates, went to the Entrepreneurial Development Center of Erdut Municipality - the Local Development Agency d.o.o. on the same day, and then did a visit to the Cultural and Scientific Center, Milutin Milanković, where they participated in the presentation of women's entrepreneurship. This was followed by a trip to Aljmaš and a one-hour visit to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Refuge.

Each meeting/visit was enriched by debates, common discussions and interviews.

After the aforementioned meaningful activities organized by the host City of Beliše as part of the EQUAL project and the organized dinner, the participants decided to have fun at Gibonni's concert in the neighboring town of Valpovo, organized as part of this year's manifestation of the Summer of Valpovački.

Day 3 - June 26th, 2022

On the last day of the EVENT 1, on **Sunday, June 26**, Deputy Mayor Ljerka Vučković, Mayor Antonija Andrašek Barić and their colleagues with partners from Italy and Slovakia visited the Beliše Pensioners' Home in the Retirement Home in Beliše, where they were warmly welcomed by Matica secretary, Dobrila Peroković. She introduced the guests to the work and activities of the Pensioners' Home, while Deputy Mayor, Ljerka Vučković and the associates of Matica, and the women employed within the projects, presented the guests with social projects and activities that Matica implements in partnership with the City of Beliše for elder citizens. After breakfast and another pleasant and useful meeting in the Matica pensioners of the town of Beliše, the guests from Italy and Slovakia, together with HR partner, debated about the EVENT 2 scheduling and issues and its realisation (that will be held in November 2022). They decided to plan periodic online common meetings to better organise the second appointment of the project and carry on the transversal dissemination.

Then, after said goodbye to the hosts from Beliše and with thanks for the hospitality and good wishes, delegates set off on their way home.

PICTURES



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