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CRISCO Local Process - Reporting

A. Local Process - Introduction

Local Panels of Stakeholders (LPS) are central in CRISCO.

- Each CRISCO participant sets up a motivated, active and well-balanced LPS (based on these proportions: 1/3 of citizens or citizens' organizations, 1/3 non-profit and civil society organizations, and 1/3 experts, officials and local authorities), that will meet regularly to **experiment and review (new or existing) local integration initiatives.**
- In each CRISCO partner, the LPS is composed of at least 18 formal members (**at least one signed attendance list per reporting period** is necessary – 4 in total), but may be widely enlarged by the informal participation of the wider local community.
- Building on their existing mechanisms of local democracy, each partner town will maintain existing or develop new instruments to involve local stakeholders and citizens in the project, especially the “hard-to-reach” groups.
- For this purpose, different participatory approaches, adapted to their specific conditions and needs, are expected to be maintained or developed by the CRISCO partners
- Local activities could be of two main types:
 - *Reflection*: debates, workshops, in-field visits, review of existing local initiatives (including interviews or questionnaires), invitation of external ‘experts’ or ‘resource persons’ (including from other CRISCO partners), etc.;
 - *Action*: launch, activate, enrich or adapt (new or existing) local integration initiatives with a focus on the theme for the reporting period (4 in total).
- **Local activities reported in the CRISCO reports may be activities that take place in the context of other local initiatives but must be relevant for and linked to CRISCO (logos...).**

Important note: CRISCO partners may take part as ‘experts’, ‘external resource persons’ or ‘interested persons’ in the local process of another partner (2 missions per CRISCO partner), following rules that will be established for CRISCO (relevance, cost efficiency...).

Please submit (at crisco@etterbeek.irisnet.be) each local process report and its annexes not later than 1 month after the end of the reporting period (4 in total).

Reports must be written in English language.

Please send pdf documents and keep all original documents in your possession and in good conditions until five years after the end of the project.



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B. Local Process - General information for the reporting period n°1 (4 in total)

- Name of the partner: Municipality of Delft (Netherlands)
- Reporting period:
 1. *From September 2017 to March 2018 (theme: "Cultural and social barriers to integration")*
- Summary of the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):
 1. *In December and February, 2 preparatory meetings were held with key persons from the Delft community.*
 2. *With them a seminar was prepared. Within the topic of 'social and cultural barriers to integration', it was decided to focus on the problem of polarisation between social and cultural strata in the Delft community, since this is considered most problematic in Delft at this point in time.*
 3. *Participants for the international seminar were selected*
 4. *Implementation of the local seminar on 6th March*
- What are the 3 things you consider successful and 3-unsuccessfull about the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):

Succes:

 1. *We are very happy that the topic of social barriers to integration and polarisation has mobilised a large number of citizens in Delft to join the seminar, and especially*
 2. *that we have managed to include people from different cultural and social groups, such as a variety of religions, inner-city citizens as well as those living in surrounding neighbourhoods, young and old, entrepreneurs, etc.*
 3. *With these people jointly learned from an expert and gained and shared insights.*

"Unsuccesfull": (room for improvement)

 1. *Although professionals (health care, police, welfare, municipality) were well presented at the seminar, we can improve their participation in the preparatory process.*
 2. *This first meeting the focus was more on learning together than on the interaction.*
 3. *The process started a bit late in Delft.*
- How did the local process support the preparation and contribution to the forthcoming transnational thematic event (max. 5 lines):

It offers a broad spectrum of perceived barriers towards integration, as well as an overview of civil organisations dedicated to overcome these.
- During this reporting period, representatives of the partner have taken part as 'experts', 'external resource persons' or 'interested persons' in the local process of another partner (2 missions per CRISCO partner):

0 YES **X NO**



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- During this reporting period, representatives of another partner have taken part as 'experts', 'external resource persons' or 'interested persons' in the local process of the partner:

0 YES **X NO**

Annexes:

- X** At least one signed attendance list per reporting period (obligatory)
- 0 Signature(s) of the representative(s) of other partner(s) who came on visit in the partner's local process (obligatory)
- X** Pictures (obligatory)
- X** Evidence documents for the local process: invitations, meeting reports, local on-line and paper press, leaflets... (obligatory)
- 0 Other.....



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C. Local Process – Activities during the reporting period n°1.

C.1. Activity 1

Name of the activity: Seminar “Delft: city of extremes? Overcoming polarisation (wij/zij denken)

Venue: .Museum Prinsenhof Delft

Date: March 6 2018

Number of participants: 125

Attendance list:

YES: see annex

NO: reason

Representative(s) of another partner have taken part as ‘experts’, ‘external resource persons’ or ‘interested persons’ in this activity:

NO:

YES:

Name(s) of the person(s):

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Type of activity:

Reflection (e.g. meeting, debate...): dissemination of expertise and exchange of views regarding barriers against integration and ways to prevent excessive polarisation

Action (e.g. activity, course, social event...):

Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (about 10 lines):

After an introduction by Mrs. M. van Bijlerveldt, major of Delft, Bart Brandsma introduced the dynamics in the process of polarisation (we/them thinking). Questions about his insights were discussed, as well as their applicability in de Delft’ context.

Results and outcomes of the activity (max. 10 lines):

- *Fresh insights about the dynamics of polarisation processes*
- *An understanding of different roles and positions in this process, as well as every actor’s own position therein.*
- *An overview of citizen groups and activities in Delft geared towards overcoming barriers and improving social cohesion in Delft*
- *An impulse towards different groups to get to know each other and join forces on this theme*

Relevance for and link to CRISCO (max. 5 lines):

- *Insight in the Delft agenda and topics related to social cohesion*
- *Emphasis on citizen participation and positions, instead of focus on professional inputs*
- *Municipality of Delft works mainly to facilitate citizens who work towards achieving social goals. This requires very different professional skills and behaviour than the more common top-down, professional-driven methods*

Other comments on the activity:

none



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Annexes for the activity:

- 0 Signed attendance list
- 0 Signature(s) of the representative(s) of other partner(s) who came on visit at the activity
- 0 Pictures (obligatory – at least 5 per activity)
- 0 Evidence documents for the activity: invitation, meeting report, local on-line and paper press, leaflet...
- 0 Other:

Please submit (at crisco@etterbeek.irisnet.be) a draft report (+ annexes) of the activity not later than 7 days after the activity, and a final report (+ annexes) of the activity not later than 1 month after the end of the reporting period

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