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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](mailto: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°... (4 in total)**

- Name of the partner: VIFIN
- Reporting period:
  1. **From September 2017 to March 2018 (theme: “Cultural and social barriers to integration”)**
  2. From March 2018 to September 2018 (theme: “Prejudices and precarious individual situations”)
  3. From September 2018 to January 2019 (theme: “Language barriers to integration”)
  4. From January 2019 to August 2019 (theme: “Lack of (public) places for inclusion activities”)
- Summary of the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):

*During the period we have:*

- *Gathered the panel group – which have reached 31 persons all in all*
  - *Prepared for the first local meeting*
  - *Sent invitation to the panel group including questions to reflect upon before the meeting*
  - *Created a Facebook group to the panel group*
  - *Held a 3 hours local meeting with the theme: Cultural and social barriers to integration*
  - *Sent a summary of the discussion and ideas from the local meeting*
  - *Sent invitation to the transnational meeting in Basso del Grappa and recruited the participants*
  - *Participated in the transnational meeting in Basso del Grappa*
- What are the 3 things you consider successful and 3-unsuccessful about the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):

### Success:

*We have been very surprised – and happy – that there has been a lot of interest to join the local panel group. Invited persons has even told other persons about it and they have then asked to be part of the panel group too. In the same way all participants at the local meeting was really enthusiastic and active in the discussion. Finally we are very glad, that the participants have joined the facebook group and seems to use it.*

### Unsuccessful:

*For the next local meeting we want to work on getting more detailed information regarding the topic from the participants. We got a lot of information this time, but more on a general level than actually detailed.*

*Even though everybody wanted to contribute to social cohesion, we did also notice, that it is very difficult not to talk in an us-them terminology. (Many of our participants work specifically with integration and the ‘us/them’ discourse are very dominating in media, etc). We would like to see, how it could be possible to minimize this and create a common ‘we’.*

*We have a group of passionate people regarding the subject. We find, that the project could be even more successful, if we manage to recruit less passionate people too, to have their perspective as well.*



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- How did the local process support the preparation and contribution to the forthcoming transnational thematic event (max. 5 lines):

*Since we didn't have the agenda and the food for thought before the local meeting, it was difficult to be precise in the discussions, which we wanted to make the local panel contribute to. We did though get the first thoughts about the subject and will bring those perspectives to the transnational event. It would have been good with a conceptual clarification and definition about the topic before the local meeting though.*

- 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):

YES     NO

Name(s) of the person(s): .....

Name(s) of the visited partner(s): .....

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Summary of the mission(s):

- 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:

YES     NO

Name(s) of the person(s): .....

Name(s) of the visiting partner(s): .....

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Summary of the mission(s):

**Annexes:**

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





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

### C.1. Activity 1

Name of the activity: CRISCO local panel meeting.

Venue: Vejle Bibliotek

Date: 09-01-18

Number of participants: 23

Attendance list:

**1 YES:** see annex

**0 NO:** reason .....

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

**0 NO:**

**0 YES:**

Name(s) of the person(s): .....

Motivation, reason of the visit(s): .....

Type of activity:

**1 Reflection** (e.g. meeting, debate...): .....

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

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

Description of the activity (about 10 lines):

*The meeting started with an overview of the project and its goals. This was followed by three different activities:*

#### *Cultural and social barriers to social cohesion*

- *Individual reflection: writing down the greatest barrier – seen from the individual or organisational level - to social cohesion.*
- *Finding other persons, who had written the same barrier and then discuss the factors involved in the barrier and writing it down. Then moving on to a new person.*
- *Discussion together in plenary.*

#### *Good examples of social cohesion*

- *Four stations; one for examples implemented at the municipality level, one for NGO's, one for the volunteers and one for other.*
- *Participants gathered round a spot and shared good examples and found the important factors involved in its success*
- *Summary in plenary*

#### *Vision for social cohesion in Vejle*

- *Four groups drew their visions*
- *Presentation of the visions in plenary*

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

In summary the thoughts from the three activities from the local meeting was:



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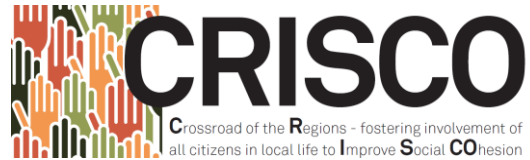
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Barriers to social cohesion:

The overall barrier mentioned was lack of Danish language and knowledge about each other (newcomers and local people). Possible factors mentioned regarding new comers in Denmark were: courage to use the new language and ability to learn it. As for the Danes possible factors was seen as lack of a need to contribute to social cohesion and fear of other cultures, habits etc.

Factors involved in good practices:

Two main factors were mentioned as important for success regarding social cohesion. The first was, that more departments, organisations etc. work together and thereby share their knowledge and competences. The other was that it seems to be important to be able to help regarding economy, practical help, providing information etc.

Vision for social cohesion in Vejle:

Some of the elements in the visions for Vejle were:

To be aware of different use and perception of time (eg. importance of showing up on time). To have a real interest in each other. To identify what we share. A good opportunity to meet: New Years Eve. To smile and be open to each other. To make different kinds of organisations: municipalities, NGO's, volunteers etc. equal in the work for social cohesion.

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

The local meeting made us start our reflections on social cohesion. It made relevant partners meet – and thereby already get the possibility to work together – equally. At the same time, the meeting gave relevant thoughts for the coming transnational meeting.

Other comments on the activity:

Nothing

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: .....

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