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Local Process - Reporting

Local Process - General information for the reporting period n°1

- Name of the partner: **Rezekne Municipality**
- Reporting period:
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):**

During the first reporting period

*we have created the motivated and active Local Panel of Stakeholders (LPS) of 18 people who also make leaflets for the local community on voluntary bases (about once a month or once in two months).

See one of the leaflets: <http://rezeknesnovads.lv/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Decembris.pdf>

Part of them are cultural workers, part of them are librarians, some represent local authorities and NGOs. About 18 persons went to every workshop, about 3 or 4 appeared once.

*we organized 3 workshops (2h each) with the following themes: analyses of obstacles which prevent different society groups from integrating into the local life and decision-making processes, learning to write the professional articles about integration issues and learning to make professional photos which can be published in the leaflet.

*at the end, we organized the competition for the best article on integration issues. Winning articles: about the man from Pakistan living in Rezekne district, about the person with HIV disease (however the author refused to publish it in the municipality website because of the possible follow up activities), about the teachers who is from Siberia.

- **What are the 3 things you consider successful and 3-unsuccessful about the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):**

Successful: there was a lot of interest in joining the LPS in the municipality. The volunteers regularly participated in the workshops about integration issues which become more and more popular in Europe. We also had chosen interesting lecturers who knew how to talk to the people.

Unsuccessful: there were submitted only 7 articles; we expected at least 12. May be the theme was rather complicated for "the journalists".

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

The winning articles were published in municipality website which can reach about 30 000 people. *the authors of the best articles could participate in the transnational meeting in Bassano del Grappa.

- 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):



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0 YES **0 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:

0 YES **0 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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Local Process – Activities during the reporting period n°1

ACTIVITY 1

Name of the activity: **workshop No.1 “Introduction into the CRISCO project aims and tasks; analyses of obstacles which prevent different society groups from integrating into the local life and decision-making processes”.**

Venue: Rezekne Municipality, Atbrivosanas aleja 95A, Rezekne, Latvia

Date: **07.12.2017.**

Number of participants: 19

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...):
- Action (e.g. activity, course, social event...):
Workshop.....
- Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (max. 10 lines):

The participants were introduced into the project activities. Each of the them named the obstacles which prevent different society groups from integrating into the local life and decision-making processes.

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

The participants had to think about the possible article related to integration issues.

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

The participants mentioned the lack of interest about the surrounding environment, lack of knowledge, language barriers, cultural and national barriers and fear which prevent people from the successful involvement into the local life. There are also many positive examples in the municipality when new comers have been accepted by the local society very soon.

Other comments on the activity:

No

Annexes for the activity:

- Signed attendance list



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

See: <http://rezeknesnovads.lv/eiropa-un-rezeknes-novads-regionu-krustceles/>

ACTIVITY 2

Name of the activity: **workshop no. 2 “Learning to make professional photos which can be published in the leaflets: how to reflect integration issues in the photography”.**

Venue: Rezekne Municipality, Atbrivosanas aleja 95A, Rezekne, Latvia

Date: **14.12.2017.**

Number of participants: 18

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...):
- Action (e.g. activity, course, social event...):
Workshop.....
- Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (max. 10 lines):

The participants could see how the professionals make the photos and learn how to make the professional photos on their own. The participants also learnt that the person can be offended if the picture is made unprofessionally. There was an interest about the project activities in the regional mass media.

Results and outcomes of the activity (max. 10 lines): **led workshop about integration issues in the photography.**

Relevance for and link to CRISCO (max. 5 lines): **conclusion: low quality photo can spoil a very good article about the integration issues.**

Other comments on the activity:

Annexes for the activity:





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

See video of the regional TV studio:

<http://rezeknesnovads.lv/eiropa-un-rezeknes-novads-regionu-krustceles/>

ACTIVITY 3

Name of the activity: **workshop No.3 “Reflecting integration issues in the newspapers and leaflets”**

Venue: Rezekne Municipality, Atbrivosanas aleja 95A, Rezekne, Latvia

Date: **22.01.2018.**

Number of participants: 21

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...):
- Action (e.g. activity, course, social event...): **Workshop**
.....
- Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (max. 10 lines): **The participants learnt how to write the press releases and interviews. There was also organized the competition for the best article on integration issues. The winning articles: One of the articles was about the man from Pakistan living in Rezekne district. The second article was about the person with HIV disease but the author refused to publish it in the municipality website because of the possible follow up activities. The third article was about the teachers who is from Siberia.**

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

Relevance for and link to CRISCO (max. 5 lines): **“the journalists” tried to write the articles about the integration issues first in their life. Some of them had never even imagined how the people who are not Latvians feel in our country.**



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Other comments on the activity:

Annexes for the activity:

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

Published winning articles:

<http://rezeknesnovads.lv/tur-ir-mana-dzimtene-te-majas/>

<http://rezeknesnovads.lv/latvija-anglis-anglija-latvietis/>

<http://rezeknesnovads.lv/latvija-no-pakistanas-loti-atskiras/>

Article about the competition of the project coordinator:

<http://rezeknesnovads.lv/eiropa-un-rezeknes-novads-regionu-krustceles-2/>



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