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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°... (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:

- *Prepared for the second local meeting*
- *Involved more people in the panel group in order to reflect the diversity of the city even more*
- *Asked whom in the panel group would like to give a presentation about Prejudices and precarious individual situations at the local panel group meeting in May*
- *Sent invitation to the panel group including information about the presentations*
- *Held a 3 hours local meeting with the theme: Prejudices and precarious individual situations*
- *Sent a summary of the discussions and ideas from the local meeting*
- *Sent invitation to the transnational meeting in Strasbourg and recruited the participants with respect to diversity of the participants and their willingness to share best practices at the meeting.*
- *Participated in "Vejle Folkemøde" with a workshop (a public meeting for all citizens of Vejle, taking place in the public, so that everybody walking by on the day could join in) – 9th of June.*

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

Success:

The successes for the period are:

- *That we have widened the panel group and still get a lot of interest and active participants.*
- *That 3 persons from the group immediately agreed to do a speech at the local meeting – and that everybody got involved in the discussion afterwards. At the same time, it meant, that we had more concrete information about the topic and the best practices than at the first local meeting.*
- *That we got lot of people involved in our discussions at "Vejle Folkemøde" and even got more participant to the local panel group – this time people who really just are "citizens" not involved in an NGO, being a volunteer or the like.*



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Unsuccessful:

- We found the topic title 'precarious individual situations' very difficult to approach. We had to do a lot of explanatory interpreting to get everyone involved to understand the concept and how it is defined. Especially since we are working with everyday ordinary citizens and volunteers, and not professionals, it is important to keep it as simple as possible.
- Our facebook group of the network is not as active as we would wish. The plan was to have a forum where the panel participants could be in touch and share information and events, also in between meetings. We have found that this does not happen by it self – it would need a continuous effort from our side as facilitators, and with the limited resources of the project, this is just not feasible.

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

We think that the fact, that the members of the local panel both heard about the experiences from the last transnational meeting, and at the same time experienced members from the panel presenting best practices within the theme meant, that a lot wanted to take part in the international event. They – and we – got relevant information about the topic, which also will be part of the contribution to the transnational meeting – besides the information the participants will bring.

- 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: 16-05-18

Number of participants: 18

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 a "report" from the first transnational meeting. This was followed by three presentations from members of the local panel.

- *Peer Aarestrup, Volunteer at VorFrelserKirkesaktivitetsgruppe (A local Church activity group)*
- *Birgitte Rosager Møldrup, Parish- and Migrant priest at Jelling Kirke – Religionsmøde eller kulturmøde (A religious or a cultural meeting)*
- *Maria Holm Bækgaard, Development Consultant, Røde Kors (Danish Red Cross)*

Each presentation was followed by a common discussion.

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

The participants got information and reflections regarding prejudices and precarious situations from different perspectives and at different levels.

Peer told in a concrete way about how their group handled different kind of activities with diverse groups who can easily have different kind of prejudices about each other.

Birgitte gave some theoretical considerations about integration and hermeneutics, spiced with examples from, among others, work with asylum seekers.

Maria focused on prejudices and how they also exist among volunteers working with vulnerable groups.



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

The meeting brought about theories and experiences of relevance for the transnational meeting in Strasbourg in September and is expected to qualify the output from the transnational meeting for the Danish local participants who participates as well as the rest of the group, whom will get information from the meeting afterwards.

Other comments on the activity:

Nothing

Annexes for the activity:

1 Signed attendance list

0 Signature(s) of the representative(s) of other partner(s) who came on visit at the activity

1 Pictures (obligatory – at least 5 per activity)

4 Evidence documents for the activity: invitation, meeting report, local on-line and paper press, leaflet...

0 Other:

C.1. Activity 2

Name of the activity: *Vejle Folkemøde*

Venue: *Outside in the Center of Vejle*

Date: *9th June 2018*

Number of participants: *At least 44 (who responded to our quiz)*

Attendance list:

1 YES:

0 NO: reason: *People just popped by and we had an informal chat with them.*

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

1 NO:

2 YES:

Name(s) of the person(s):

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Type of activity:

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

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

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Description of the activity (about 10 lines):

Among others from the Municipality we had a workshop (2 hours) where we presented insights from the first transnational meeting (Dance for Health, Positive Tours and living library), had a quiz regarding prejudices and in general spoke with people about their experience regarding social cohesion.

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

We got the word about the project spread, we got new participants for our local panel and we got relevant information about social cohesion, which we will be able to use in coming local meetings and for the transnational meetings.

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

The activity created awareness about social cohesion in general and related to the themes in CRISCO.

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
- 1 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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