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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°3 (4 in total)

- Name of the partner: *Municipality of Delft, the Netherlands*
- Reporting period:
 1. *From September 2018 to January 2019 (theme: "Language barriers to integration")*
- Summary of the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):
 1. *In Delft we have a large network of formal and informal partners focussed on the issue of language. For this theme we therefore decided to link up with this network, rather than organizing a separate panel or event.*
 2. *A large meeting was planned in November 2018, to address not only the needs of people for whom Dutch is a second language, but also those Dutch speaking person who have low-language competence (reading and writing p.e.)*
 3. *This meeting had to be cancelled because of low attendance/ interest*
 4. *In February 2019 a meeting of the local network on Language was held, addressing (a.o.) how to approach the Dutch-as-a-first language issue*
- What are the 3 things you consider successful and 3-unsuccessfull about the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):
- Successful:
 1. *The existence of a network with both formal and informal partners is very important!*
 2. *Through this network, informal partners can make use of the capacities of formal partners, for example in applying for funding*
 3. *The coordination of this network via Delft Taalhuis project (municipality and library) allows for a good overview of everything offered in Delft concerning learning Dutch, both formally (official courses, financing etc) and informally (p.e. with help of a volunteer)*
- Unsuccessful:
 1. *Although the urgency of tackling the 'other' language issue (low literacy among people speaking Dutch as their first language) is recognized, we have not yet found a solution for how to tackle this subject*
 2. *We are still discussing (within and outside of het language network) how to best address this issue*
 3. *A major factor is that it is more difficult to recognize low-literacy among the Dutch speaking population*
- How did the local process support the preparation and contribution to the forthcoming transnational thematic event (max. 5 lines):

Through the local language network it was easy to find a great number of good practices of learning Dutch as a second language. In the process we had to decide which we would present as a best practice, which proved quit difficult.
- 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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- 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:

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°...

C.1. Activity 1

Name of the activity: *meeting Delft Language Partners*

Venue: *.De Vleugel, Aart van der Leeuwlaan 4.*

Date: *9 april 2019.*

Number of participants: *.15..*

Attendance list:

X YES: see annex

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

X NO:

Type of activity:

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

Description of the activity (about 10 lines):

An important development in the Netherlands is that the present law on 'Inburgering en taal' for newcomers is to change, the responsibility for implementing this will come to the municipalities, where it now resides with the national government (from 2022). An update on developments in this area and a discussion on the risks and opportunities for Delft and the different partners was a major part of the meeting.

Furthermore the meeting is aimed the improvement of the existing possibilities to learn Dutch in Delft. It appeared most partners have enough volunteers to implement their work, however one informal partner has problems in this area. One of the partners offered to help this partner. The possibility to apply for extra funding was discussed and decided upon.

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

During the meeting several issues were addressed, the differences between formal organizations (such as Mondriaan, an advanced learning institute, and the Public Library) and informal organizations became apparent in a number of themes. Agreement was reached on several topics about who would do what to improve the combined effort of each.

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

The importance of supporting and facilitating local networks was stressed again, this is one of the most important findings in Delft throughout the CRISCO project: the effort of all partners, formal and informal, is necessary to improve social cohesion and the integration of migrant citizens in local life.

Other comments on the activity:

Annexes for the activity:

x 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...
- 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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