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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: ALBANIA – City of Vlora

- 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):
 1. *Gathered the panel group—which have reached 22 persons all in all*
 2. *Prepared for the third local meeting*
 3. *Sent invitation to the panel group including questions to reflect upon before the meeting*
 4. *Held a 3 hours local meeting with the theme: Language barriers to social cohesion*

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

Success

The participation in the second local meeting was quite good. There was interest from all the involved stakeholders. Language barriers are a wide topic and somehow everyone is affected.

Unsuccessful:

Not many immigrants working in Vlora showed in the meeting.

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

In the third local meeting we had a discussion with different actors on ideas how the language barriers affect the everyday life, and how languages sometime is a bridge to integration and sometime a barrier which leads to discrimination . This ideas where to be brought in the transnational event, to be shared and discussed with the other partners





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- 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 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:

0 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)

0 Pictures (obligatory)

0 Evidence documents for the local process: invitations, meeting reports, local on-line and paper press, leaflets... (obligatory)

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Other.....

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C. Local Process – Activities during the reporting period n° 3

C.1. Activity 1

Name of the activity: CRISCO local panel meeting.....

Venue: Palace of Culture “Laberia”, Vlore.....

Date: 21 November 2018.....

Number of participants: 22.....

Attendance list:

0 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 short presentation of the project and its goals most of the participants had participated in the previous meeting. This was followed by different activities: 4 participants from the Second Transnational Event in Strasbourg (Jeton Puka, Iliana Papparizo, Fatjon Devolli and Arjona Bojaxhiu) shared their experience, and lessons learned during this event.

Language barriers to social cohesion

Brainstorm from individuals:

- Language barriers to social cohesion. What are the factors and action to take to lower this barrier?
- Sharing personal experience from emigrants who have returned to to Albania, and employers with the issues encountered.

Sharing a larger group by social media, facebook, municipality *web page*



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

In summary the thoughts from the third local meeting were:

The language barrier is a very important factor to social cohesion. It affects in social and economic. The language barriers should be treated as soon as possible in manner not to create bigger barriers to integration. The language barrier can lead to self-exclusion or creation of closed groups. Dialects are a major concern to integration. Same times dialects prevent groups to fully integrate, and same time they are seen as a way to express the strong culture of a region.

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

Demolition of the language barriers is a very important step toward social cohesion and integration. The understanding and measures taken toward the language barriers can connect socio-demographic groups.

Other comments on the activity:

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

5 Pictures (obligatory – at least 5 per activity)

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

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Other:

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Please submit ([at crisco@etterbeek.irisnet.be](mailto: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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