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CRISCO Local Process - Reporting

Local Process - General information for the reporting period n°3

- Name of the partner: **Rezekne Municipality**
- Reporting period:
- **From September 2018 to January 2019 (theme: "Language barriers to integration")**
- **Summary of the local process for the reporting period(max. 10 lines):**

During the third reporting period we continued working with the Local Panel of Stakeholders (LPS): cultural workers, librarians, educators, representatives of local authorities and NGOs. In this period we continued involvement of young people (~ 25-30 y.o.) who work with rural youngsters either at schools or after the lessons. Very many youngsters experience a high risk of poverty, social exclusion, discrimination and violence in comparison to the general population.

On December 20, 2018, we had the workshop about the social media tools that can help prevent language barriers in the society. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter do not divide the people according to the nationalities or languages.

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

Successful: there is interest in joining the LPS and the project mostly among the young people. We also had chosen an interesting theme (especially for young people) and lecturer for the workshop on December 20. As a result there were 35 people who attended the workshop.

Unsuccessful: in the EU funded projects, it is difficult to involve the middle aged people and seniors who have language barriers (limited knowledge of English) and lack of communication confidence. In the beginning of the project we worked with this age group who are so called "rural journalists" but it was difficult for them to go abroad and fruitfully participate in the discussions with CRISCO project participants.

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

The information about the project is published in municipality website which can reach about 30 000 people.

- 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



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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°3

ACTIVITY 1

Name of the activity: workshop “Social media tools preventing language barriers to integration”.

Venue: Rezekne Municipality, Atbrivosanasaleja 95A, Rezekne, Latvia

Date: **20.12.2018.**

Number of participants: 35

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 to the project activities of the third period. The participants had the possibility to listen and discuss with the lecturer about the social media tools (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc.) which very successfully prevent language barriers in the society and unite people. On the other hand, people represent different nationalities and cultures so it is necessary to be very attentive when communicating in Internet.

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

There were 35 participants in the workshop which means that the theme about language barriers is very interesting for the society.

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

Weak knowledge or lack of knowledge of the national language (Latvian) is one of the barriers to social cohesion in Latvia. The individuals who live in Latvia and do not know the Latvian language are exposed to the risk of isolation, unemployment and social apathy. However, usage of social media in an interesting



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way can help people prevent language barriers and be successfully involved in the life of the local community.

Other comments on the activity:

No

Annexes for the activity:

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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:

Rezekne municipality website:

<http://rezeknesnovads.lv/jegpilna-komunikacija-socialajos-tiklos-ka-to-panakt/>

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