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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:
- 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 June 2019 (theme: "Lack of (public) places for inclusion activities")**
- **Summary of the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):**
 -
 - Gathered the panel group – which have reached 26 persons all in all
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 - · Prepared for the fourth local meeting
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 - · Sent invitation to the panel group including questions to reflect upon before the meeting
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 - · Held a 2 hours local meeting with the theme: "Lack of (public) places for inclusion activities"
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 - Public spaces are an important asset to our cities. They provide people many opportunities to come together and engage with the community. If public spaces are successful they are inclusive of the diversity of groups present in our cities and create a social space for everyone in the society to participate in. A public space help or gave the accessible to all peoples, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age or socio-economic level.
- **What are the 3 things you consider successful and 3-unsuccessful about the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):**
- Successful:
 1. Great public spaces are accessible to people
 2. Engage the public with activities are comfortable, project a good image and foster a sense of community.
 3. Promoting human contact and social activities.

Unsuccessful:

1. Our city does not have many public places
2. There are not many immigrants in our city
3. Low municipality budget for creation of public space for inclusion

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





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In the fourth local meeting we had a discussion with different actors on ideas how public spaces affect the life of the community by integrating cultures, hunting and reducing barriers between socializing with each other. It is the task of our community to give income opportunities to integrate and feel good in everyday life.

- 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: Palace of Culture “Laberia”, Vlore

Date: 19-01-18

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...):

Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (about 10 lines):

The meeting started with the presentation of the project and its goals. This was followed different activities:

Cultural and social barriers to social cohesion

- brainstorm from individuals: writing down the greatest barrier – seen from the individual or organizational level - to social cohesion.

- NGO present in the meeting sharing their experience based on previous projects and work.

- Sharing the experience of different people who work in the Municipality and had been emigrants for many year in Greece.

- Preparation of draft action plan

Sharing the project to a larger group by social media, facebook, municipality web page

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

In summary the thoughts from the three activities from the local meeting was:

Barriers to social cohesion:



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The overall barrier mentioned was the difference/division created between the returning emigrants and the residents. The returning emigrants mostly from Greece had lost their relationship with the residents in their old neighborhood. This emigrants returning after 10 or more years, sometimes had children not speaking Albanian or different schooling systems. For this people was difficult to reintegrate in the Albanian culture.

Factors involved in good practices:

The main factors for success regarding social cohesion are economic help with grants and funds and also special classes for the kids to learn the grammar of Albanian language and follow up of different school subjects.

Vision for social cohesion in Vlora:

Some of the elements in the visions for Vlora were:

To reconnect the returning emigrants with their country, land, neighbors.

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

The local meeting made us start our reflections on social cohesion. It made relevant partners meet

– and thereby already get the possibility to work together – equally. At the same time, the meeting gave relevant thoughts for the coming transnational meeting.

Other comments on the activity:

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
- 0 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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C.2. Activity 2

Name of the activity: CRISCO local panel meeting.

Venue: Hotel Palace Vlore

Date: 12.09.2018

Number of participants: 26

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:

1 NO:

1 YES:

Name(s) of the person(s):

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Type of activity:

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

1 Action (e.g. activity, course, social event...):

1 Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (max. 10 lines):

During the period we have:

- Gathered the panel group – which have reached 26 persons all in all
- Prepared for the second local meeting
- Sent invitation to the panel group including questions to reflect upon before the meeting
- Held a 2 hours local meeting with the theme: Prejudices and precarious individual situations

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

The participation in the second local meeting was quite good. More than 50% of the participants had participated in the previous meeting. There was interest from all the involved stakeholders. The topic discussed is a topic which is interesting for everybody. Participation in the group of different persons with different perspectives on the subject. Next meeting to be held only with the subject discussed in the CRISCO project, as this was a joint meeting with an other project.

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

In the second local meeting held in Palace Hotel we had a discussion with different actors on ideas how prejudice is created and how it can be unnoticed in the daily life . This ideas where to be brought in the transnational event, to be shared and discussed with the other partners





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Other comments on the activity:

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

0 Pictures (obligatory – at least 5 per activity)

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

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C.3. Activity 3

Name of the activity: CRISCO local panel meeting.

Venue: Palace of Culture “Laberia”, Vlore

Date: 21.11.2018

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:

2 NO:

2 YES:

Name(s) of the person(s):

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Type of activity:

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

2 Action (e.g. activity, course, social event...):

2 Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (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

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

Success

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

Unsuccessful:

Not many immigrants working in Vlora showed in the meeting

Relevance for and link to CRISCO (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





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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

Other comments on the activity:

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
- 0 Pictures (obligatory – at least 5 per activity)
- 0 Evidence documents for the activity: invitation, meeting report, local on-line and paper press, leaflet...

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