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Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

5 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 LET'S START

Participation: The event involved 124 citizens, including 23 participants from the municipality of Sopronkovesd (**Hungary**), 13 participants from the DRPDNM (**Slovenia**), 5 participants from the East-Harju Partnership (**Estonia**), 8 participants from the RDA Bačka (**Serbia**), 7 participants from the Danube 1245 (**Serbia**), 8 participants from the Mladi za Marof (**Croatia**), 6 participants from the municipality of Kruševo (**North Macedonia**), 4 participants from the municipality of Borgo Virgilio (**Italy**), 24 participants from Slow tourism Trentino Alto Adige (**Italy**), 26 participants from LAG Prigorje-Zagorje (**Croatia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place online - Zoom (host LAG PRIZAG, Novi Marof, Croatia), from 17/12/2020 to 19/12/2020.

Short description: The aim of the event was introductory presentation of the project and partners, familiarization with the topic of the project, introductory presentations by experts and representatives of the EU Parliament on the situation in the rural areas of the EU.

Event 2 LET'S KNOW RURAL AREA

Participation: The event involved 108 citizens, including 38 participants from the municipality of Sopronkovesd (**Hungary**), 11 participants from the DRPDNM (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the East-Harju Partnership (**Estonia**), 10 participants from the RDA Bačka (**Serbia**), 3 participants from the Danube 1245 (**Serbia**), 5 participants from the Mladi za Marof (**Croatia**), 4 participants from the municipality of Kruševo (**North Macedonia**), 2 participants from the municipality of Borgo Virgilio (**Italy**), 4 participants from Slow tourism Trentino Alto Adige (**Italy**), 28 participants from LAG Prigorje-Zagorje (**Croatia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place online – Zoom (host Municipality of Sopronkovesd, Hungary), from 18/03/2021 to 20/03/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to get to know rural areas. Through the topic participants gained an insight into life in a small Hungarian municipality as well as perspectives for the life of young people. Participants made a SWOT analysis on the topic of youth in rural areas – what can keep them and what causes young people to leave rural areas. Due to COVID measures, this event is organized online via the Zoom video conference platform.

Event 3 A VIEW FROM THE SIDE

Participation: The event involved 78 citizens, including 10 participants from the municipality of Sopronkovesd (**Hungary**), 12 participants from the DRPDNM (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the East-Harju Partnership (**Estonia**), 16 participants from the RDA Bačka (**Serbia**), 6 participants from the Danube 1245 (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the Mladi za Marof (**Croatia**), 8 participants from the municipality of Kruševo (**North Macedonia**), 2 participants from the municipality of Borgo Virgilio (**Italy**), 2 participants from Slow tourism Trentino Alto Adige (**Italy**), 16 participants from LAG Prigorje-Zagorje (**Croatia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Iriški Venac, Fruška gora (**Sremski Karlovci, Serbia**), from 30/09/2021 to 02/10/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was overview of the situation in rural areas of non-EU countries (Serbia and North Macedonia) - name of the event: 'View from the side'. Over 3 days, the situation in rural areas and the youth of non-EU countries was analysed. The bottom-up policy implemented by the EU with the aim of preserving the quality of life in rural areas (advantages and disadvantages) was also discussed. Due to the current pandemic, participating via the zoom platform was also enabled.

Event 4 LET US PROVE THAT WE CAN

Participation: The event involved 93 citizens, including 13 participants from the municipality of Sopronkovesd (**Hungary**), 12 participants from the DRPDNM (**Slovenia**), 1 participants from the East-Harju Partnership (**Estonia**), 19 participants from the RDA Bačka (**Serbia**), 6 participants from the Danube 1245 (**Serbia**), 3 participants from Parthership for Rural Development 'Sremski Karlovci – Kovilj' (Serbia), 2 participants from the Mladi za Marof (**Croatia**), 3 participants from the municipality of Kruševo (**North Macedonia**), 2 participants from the municipality of Borgo Virgilio (**Italy**), 8 participants from Slow tourism Trentino Alto Adige (**Italy**), 28 participants from LAG Prigorje-Zagorje (**Croatia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place online - Zoom (host Slow tourism Alto Adige, Bolzano, Italy), from 19/05/2022 to 20/05/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was to introduce concrete tools (smart village concept) and entrepreneurial projects from the rural areas of Italy as an instrument for improving the quality of life and stopping the emigration of young people from rural areas. A workshop on entrepreneurship and youth was also held.

Event 5 A VIEW TO THE FUTURE

Participation: The event involved more than 140 citizens, including 35 participants from the municipality of Sopronkovesd (**Hungary**), 30 participants from the DRPDNM (**Slovenia**), 4 participants from the East-Harju Partnership (**Estonia**), 19 participants from the RDA Bačka (**Serbia**), 8 participants from the Danube 1245 (**Serbia**), 3 participants from Parthership for Rural Development 'Sremski Karlovci – Kovilj' (Serbia), 1 participants from the Mladi za Marof (**Croatia**), 8 participants from the municipality of Kruševo (**North Macedonia**), 2 participants from Slow tourism Trentino Alto Adige (**Italy**), 31 participants from LAG Prigorje-Zagorje (**Croatia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in the area of LAG Prigorje-Zagorje (**Novi Marof, Croatia**), from 21/09/2022 do 24/09/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was draw project conclusions and answer the questions of what awaits rural areas, how and with what measures to prevent emigration. There was also a presentation of the EFYRA study by prof. dr. sc. Aleksandar Lukić. The EFYRA Study will try to make an impact on policy-making at EU level and it was sent to the national governments of the project partners, the Euro-parliamentarians and to the EU Commission.