

The project « ACTIVEU. Let's get active! Incentives for citizens active participation in the democratic life of the European Union » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

### Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

7 events have been carried out within this project:

#### **Event 1. The preparatory activities – preparatory meeting of all the Partners**

**Participation:** The event involved 9 citizens, including 2 participants from the province/area of Ancona (Italy), 2 participants from the city of Nicosia (Cyprus), 1 participant from the city of Iasi (Romania) and 4 participants from the city of Bielsko-Biala (Poland).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Bielsko-Biala, Poland, from 14/01/2015 to 16/01/2015

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to meet the partners face to face and to introduce the key persons involved; to agree on tools of communication and information exchange; to detail the activities planned; to exchange information on state of the art of research on active democratic participation on the EU level in the respective countries and to set the ground for research process and its promotion.

#### **Event 2. Open on-line research designing, conducting and summing-up**

**Participation:** The event involved 701 citizens, including 175 participants from Poland, 224 participants from Romania, 169 participants from Italy, 26 participants from Cyprus as well as 107 participants from other countries.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Poland, Romania, Italy and Cyprus from 01/02/2015 to 11/07/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to create a space where EU citizens could share their opinions, needs, expectations and ideas concerning active participation in the democratic life of EU; to learn the reasons and root causes of not participating in the democratic life of the EU; to learn what the possible incentives, that could increase the citizens to participation in the EUs' policies shaping, could be; to exchange results of the on-line research through digital workspace.

#### **Event 3. The 4 National Citizens' Forums designing, conducting and summing-up**

**Participation:** The event involved 130 citizens, including 30 participants from 16 cities from Italy, 38 participants from 14 cities from Poland, 37 participants from 16 cities from Romania and 25 participants from 2 cities from Cyprus.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in: Jesi, Italy, on the 20/06/2015; Bielsko-Biala, Poland, on the 9/06/2015; Iasi, Romania, from 10/06/2015 to 12/06/2015 and Nicosia, Cyprus, on the 7/09/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to sum-up and discuss the results of the open on-line research; to group these results into the main thematic areas; to develop national recommendations for diminishing the obstacles for active participation/ introducing incentives for becoming an active citizen.

#### **Event 4. Developing and conducting information campaign encouraging to take part in the open on-line research and the National Citizens Forums.**

**Participation:** The events reached directly 199 citizens in Italy, 243 citizens in Poland, 1300 citizens in Romania and 51 citizens on Cyprus.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Poland, Italy, Romania and on Cyprus from 03/01/2015 to 31/12/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to inform about the on-line research the widest possible networks of the Partners; engaging as many citizens from various social groups as possible to take part in the research; underlining benefits/ rising awareness of importance of participation and involvement in community life.

#### **Event 5. The International Citizens Forum designing, conducting and summing-up.**

**Participation:** The event involved 25 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Ancona (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Iasi (Romania), 3 participants from the city of Bielsko-Biala (Poland), 15 participants from the city of Nicosia (Cyprus) and 1 participant from the city of Nicosia (Turkey) and 1 participant from the city of Ljubljana (Slovenia).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Nicosia, Cyprus, from 15/10/2015 to 17/10/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was developing possible solutions for increasing the citizens' participation in the democratic life of EU; developing recommendations for relevant EU/ national institutions and organisations/ European and national authorities in the defined thematic areas.

#### **Event 6. Summing up the recommendations in a final document to be presented to the relevant EU/ national institutions and organisations and to a wide public.**

**Participation:** The event reached directly 50 citizens in Italy, 64 citizens in Poland, 50 citizens in Romania and 50 citizens from Cyprus.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Poland, Romania, Italy and on Cyprus from 01/08/2015 to 31/12/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was formulating feedback & recommendations for more active democratic participation of the EU citizens in a final document and to disseminate those solutions to the relevant EU/ national institutions and organisations in the defined thematic areas, as well as to present the recommendations to a wide public.

**Event 7. Developing the exit strategy for the Partnership**

**Participation:** The event involved reached directly 10 citizens in Italy, 10 citizens in Poland, 15 citizens in Romania and 10 citizens of Cyprus.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Poland, Romania, Italy and on Cyprus from 01/11/2015 to 31/12/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to use the results of the current project as an input to the next one aiming at implementing the ideas for increasing democratic participation of the EU citizens in the EUs policies and EUs' future shaping.