

The project «Local Actions to increase the Human Capital of Volunteers in Europe» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "*Town-Twinning*"

Participation: The Town Twinning Project “Local Actions to increase the Human Capital of Volunteers in Europe”, promoted by the COMITATO PER IL GEMELLAGGIO DEL COMUNE DI SANTA TERESA DI RIVA in partnership with the Municipality of Santa Teresa di Riva, involved a total number of 89 citizens from all delegations involved, coming from Amata Municipality (Latvia), Concello de Melide (Spain), and Comité de Jumelage de Fuveau (France).

Location/ Dates: The event of Town Twinning took place in Santa Teresa di Riva (Italy) from 30/09/2015 to 07/10/2015

Short description:

Event 1 has been carried out within this project:

The day I - 30/09/2015 it was dedicated to the Arrival of foreign delegations and Accommodation in B&B.

Morning: Arrival of foreign delegations and Accommodation in B&B structures.

Afternoon: Greetings and welcoming with a huge participation of the local community.

Evening: Welcome Dinner with the participation of the Committee of Town Twinning and of the representatives of the Municipality of Santa Teresa di Riva.

The day II - 01/10/2015 it was dedicated to the Presentation of the Project: the aims, the activities and the partnership. Press Conference + Visit of Cultural interest.

Morning: Public Meeting with the Committee and the Municipality of Santa Teresa di Riva. Introduction of Participants and organizations, video presentations of the territory and the countries of the partnership. Presentations of the project and the program of activities, with the involvement of local media in order to create high visibility on the project.

Lunch

Afternoon: Visit of the town of Forza d'Agro. Meeting with the Mayor and tour around the beauties of the city.

Dinner in Santa Teresa di Riva.

The day III - 02/10/2015 it was dedicated to Workshop on ERASMUS Plus and a Focus on EVS; Visit of the Local Voluntary association

Morning: Workshop on the opportunities for personal development and the skills in the field of ERASMUS Plus program and focus on EVS and youth mobility, with the participation of the board of the local Eurodesk, and the students of High Schools of Santa Teresa di Riva. It was an opportunity to involve young people in debates and discussions on topics related opportunities of mobility and Volunteering in EU.

Lunch

Afternoon: Visit to the local associations of Volunteering. Discussion and exchange of best practices.

Visit of the city of Taormina. Meeting with the Vice Mayor at Mazzullo Foundation and tour around the beauties of the city and Greek Theatre.

Dinner in Santa Teresa di Riva.

The day IV - 03/10/2015 it was dedicated to Visit of Cultural Interest: Marzamemi and Syracuse.

Morning: Visit of the City of Marzamemi the town of Fishermen: an example of artistic influences, social and cultural rights that have always distinguished the Multiculturalism of Sicily, an island in the middle of the Mediterranean crossroads of peoples and cultures.

Lunch

Afternoon: Visit of the city of Syracuse, since 2005 World Heritage Site of UNESCO. The visit in the port area of Syracuse, the island of Ortigia, the Cathedral and the Archaeological Site.

Dinner in Santa Teresa di Riva.

The day V - 04/10/2015 it was dedicated to an Interactive Workshop + Visit of Cultural Interest.
Morning: Interactive Workshop "The importance of twinning in the 21st Century: The Role of Citizens".
Debate and discussion on the key role played by twinning in the building from the bottom of the active European citizenship. The strategic importance of the Twinning Committees at the local level.

Lunch

Afternoon: Round Table on "Environmental Voluntary" Presentations of Cases Studies and comparison with the Group of Civil Protection. It has been analyzed the experiences in the voluntary environmental and ecosystem preservation.

Visit of SS. Peter and Paul Church in Casalvecchio. Visit of the city of Savoca and the Godfather Tour.
Intercultural Dinner with exposition and presentation of traditional food, drinks, and traditions of the Municipalities involved. Music and integration.

The day VI - 05/10/2015 it was dedicated to the Inauguration of a Square Fuveau and Ceremony of the Town-Twinning - Signature Brotherhood's Oath

Morning: Inauguration of a Square dedicated to the Municipality of "Fuveau" at the presence of elementary schools of Barracca, the representatives of the Municipality and Committee of Santa Teresa di Riva. Executions of France, Italian and European Anthems by the City Musical Orchestra "Vincenzo Bellini".

Lunch

Afternoon: Twinning Ceremony in the beautiful garden of "Villa Ragno" with the participation of the Deputies Mayor, President of the Council and Vice Mayor of Santa Teresa, with the Board and the members of the Committee of Town Twinning of Santa Teresa di Riva, the foreign delegations and Mayors, the main local stakeholders, a big participation of citizens and students, and the local media. There was a Signature of the Pact of Twinning, the reading of the Covenant in the languages of the Partnership, executions of the national and European anthems and exchange of gifts between the delegations.

Buffet Dinner.

The day VII 06/10/2015 it was dedicated to the Award Ceremony at the Middle School with pupils in order to choose the best creative idea of the Town Twinning Logo + Round Table on "Social Volunteering".

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Afternoon: Round Table on "Volunteering as a social resource" with AVIS section of Santa Teresa di Riva, FIDAPA, and AISM Organization. Discussion and Reflections on the key role of volunteers in cooperative activities and social inclusion issues. The actions of the organizations of Volunteering for the society.

Dinner in Santa Teresa di Riva.

The day VIII – 07/10/2015 it was dedicated to final Evaluation, Networking and Departure
Evaluation moment on the project activities by the participants, and discussion of the results achieved with the activities.

Networking and future project proposals.

Departure of Foreign delegations.