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Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

4 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 - Dresden, Germany

Participation:

The event involved **140** citizens altogether, including **8** participants from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**), **4** participants from the cities of Athens and Larissa (**Greece**), **4** participants from the cities of Stropkov and Bratislava (**Slovakia**), **4** participants from the city of Czestochowa (**Poland**) and **120** participants from the city of Dresden (**Germany**) (10 participants out of them from Jugend- & Kulturprojekt e.V.).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Dresden, Germany** from **10/02/2017** to **14/02/2017**.

Short description:

The aim of the event was to present the "Peaceful Revolution" and the movements helped by the Lutheran Church during the GDR times in the 1970s and 1980s.

During the event, former activists, victims of the GDR, former Mayors and Zwangsarbeiter shared their experiences with young people who do not have any memories of that time. Interactive workshops by Adrian Matus and Matthias Neutzner about the historical background were also facilitated so that Dresden's citizens and international participants are actively involved and share their opinions and knowledge. Furthermore, study-visits to Münchner Platz and Gedenkstätte Bautzner Straße Dresden were held. The public event included presentations by locals about forbidden music during the GDR times, the memories and experiences of Rene Münch, the documentary film "Oktoberfilm", an exhibition „Die Wende begann vor der Haustür“ - The change began on the doorstep" and reciting poetry "Messages".

The event raised awareness about the totalitarian regime in East Germany in 1970s and 1980s based on narratives, study-visits, documentary films, interactive workshops and discussions.

Event 2 - Czestochowa, Poland

Participation:

The event involved **118** citizens altogether, including **4** participants from the cities of Stropkov and Bratislava (**Slovakia**), **7** participants from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**), **4** participants from the cities of Athens and Larissa (**Greece**), **4** participants from the city of Dresden (**Germany**) and **99** participants from the city of Czestochowa (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Czestochowa, Poland** from **5/06/2017** to **8/06/2017**

Short description:

The aim of the event was to present Solidarity Trade Union in Poland in the 1980s contributing to democratic transition.

During the public event, lecturers and former Solidarity activists presented the historical background, their roles in the movement and the repression suffered (imprisonment, loss of job). Furthermore, documentary films were screened and a performance was presented by local youth. Study visits to Solidarity Muzeum and Muzeum Ratus were also included in the programme. Finally, there was an exhibition and contest from the posters made by young participants about the topics of the project.

Event 3 - Athens, Greece

Participation:

The event involved **61** citizens altogether, including, **4** participants from the city of Czestochowa (**Poland**), **7** participants from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**), **1** participant from the **Hungarian Embassy in Athens**, **4** participants from the city of Dresden (**Germany**), **4** participants from the cities of Stropkov and Bratislava (**Slovakia**) and **41** participants from the cities of Athens, Thessaloniki, Heraklion and Larissa (**Greece**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Athens, Greece** from **14/11/2017** to **17/11/2017**

Short description:

The aim of the event was to present the strikes and mass demonstrations at universities against the Military Junta in Greece in 1967-1974, focusing on the anniversary of the uprising at "Polytechnio" and make people aware of the era and the repression civilians faced.

At the public event, participants were introduced to the historical background, forbidden music and literature of the given era. Study visits were also included to Polytechnio University of Athens and to the Museum of Democratic Resistance against Dictatorship. Interactive workshops were held for young participants, facilitated by Anastasia Oikonomoula.

Event 4 - Budapest, Hungary

Participation:

The event involved **128** citizens, including **4** participants from the city of Dresden (**Germany**), **4** participants from the cities of Athens, Heraklion and Larissa (**Greece**), **4** participants from the city of Czestochowa (**Poland**), **8** participants from the cities of Stropkov and Bratislava (**Slovakia**) and **108** participants from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Budapest, Hungary** from **11/03/2018** to **15/03/2018**.

Short description:

The aim of the event was to present the fight for free speech and samizdat in Hungary in the 1970s and 1980s and the social movements helped by the Church in Czechoslovakia in the 1980s. The event was co-organized by the Hungarian and Slovak partners.

Study visits were included to learn about dictatorship in Hungary (Memento Park) and about samizdat (city tour). There was a presentation at the Slovak Cultural Institute about the Candle Manifestation in Bratislava. The public event, held at the Vera & Donald Blinken Open Society Archives, first introduced samizdat; then an exhibition was opened about samizdat; video interviews, made in the project, were screened and it was followed by a round table discussion with former and present day Hungarian and Slovak civil activists. There were public creative workshops (arts and crafts) held for youth - international participants and local students - about samizdat and freedom. The event was closed by a photo exhibition, presenting the topic of each partner.