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Programme: Europe for Citizens

Identifier: 606614-CITIZ-1-2018-2-ES-CITIZ-NT

Title: EU Citizens' Action for Smart Historic Villages

Start Date: 01-01-2019

End Date: 31-12-2021

Duration in months: 36

Total Budget: 146160

Year (Call): 2018

Country: Spain Latvia Portugal Croatia Bulgaria Italy France North Macedonia

Activity: Strand2: Democratic engagement and civic participation

Sub-Activity: Networks of towns

- Legal Issues

- Project Details
 - Coordinating Organisation

- Partner Organisation(s)

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Summary

The project objective is to create a network of European smart historic villages that enhances the citizens' involvement and participation in the socio- economic life of their villages, promoting social commitment actions and defining local development strategies based on the opportunities offered by the material and immaterial cultural heritage of those historic territories, as assets for the EU smart, sustainable and inclusive rural growth. In the #EuSAVE project will participate 40 small rural municipalities with less than 10,000 inhabitants, from 8 different countries (Spain, Italy, Croatia, Belgium, Portugal, Bulgaria, Republic of Macedonia and Latvia), belonging to the four areas of Europe (East, West, North and South). During a period of 2 years (project start date: 1st of January, 2019 and project end date: 31st of December, 2020), a wide range of activities of citizen participation will be carried out by the transnational thematic working groups in the framework of the European smart historic villages network set by #EuSAVE project. Through those actions, a Best practices mapping of successful initiatives aroused from the synergies between social innovation and cultural heritage, will be developed. Moreover, local development strategies based on the cultural, heritage and historical values and assets of rural areas, will be tracked. After being analyzed, the identified best practices will be transferred to the network, which will define Joint development strategies and action lines for smart historic villages. Finally, in order to ensure the continuity of the network beyond the project lifetime, a Transferability and sustainability plan will be elaborated. This plan will include guidelines on how to identify, transfer and formalize new collaboration agreements with other European rural municipalities, and will articulate a common framework of collaboration among the project partner entities (network members) in the future.

The project

The project #EuSAVE will involve 40 small rural municipalities of less than 10,000 inhabitants, from 8 different countries (Spain, Italy, Croatia, Belgium, Portugal, Bulgaria Latvia and the Republic of Macedonia), belonging to the four areas of Europe (East, West, North and South).

The aim of the project is to create a network of smart European historic villages that increase citizen involvement and participation in the socio-economic life of their villages, promoting social engagement actions and defining local development strategies based on the opportunities offered by tangible and intangible cultural heritage. of those historical territories, as assets for the EU's smart, sustainable and inclusive rural growth.

Over a 2-year period, transnational thematic working groups will carry out a wide range of citizen participation activities within the framework of the European network of smart historic villages created by the #EuSAVE project. Through these actions, a mapping of good practices of successful initiatives that arise from the synergies between social innovation and cultural heritage will be developed. In addition, local development strategies based on the cultural, heritage and historical values and assets of rural areas will be monitored. After being analyzed, the identified good practices will be transferred to the network, which will define joint development strategies and lines of action for smart historic villages.

Finally, to ensure the continuity of the network beyond the useful life of the project, a transferability and sustainability plan will be developed. This plan will include guidelines on how to identify, transfer and formalize new collaboration agreements with other European rural municipalities, and will articulate a common framework for collaboration between project partner entities (network members) in the future.

Specific objectives

- Establish, develop and improve functional and sustainable cooperation between the different European local rural communities, to achieve better collaboration, participation and interaction focused on new rural areas of the EU, in which cultural heritage interacts with social innovation.
- Exchange good practices, experiences and knowledge and create joint synergies leading to smart, sustainable and inclusive growth of European local communities, as sustainable and smart historic villages in which citizen participation in defining local development strategies plays a crucial role.
- Fostering EU citizenship and participation in European democratic life and in valuing the cultural and historical life of its local communities and their common Europe.
- To promote the knowledge, awareness and identification of European rural communities with their history and culture, increasing and consolidating the social value of the shared cultural heritage and involving as many citizens as possible in the revitalization projects of historic villages.
- Promoting European citizenship and improving the conditions for the participation of the EU's rural population, encouraging citizen debate on the future of European rural territories and active participation in the search for solutions that ensure the sustainability of rural development.
- Improve mutual understanding and learning about the EU's multicultural diversity and promote opportunities for social and cultural engagement.

Partners

- P1. City Council of Vimianzo (Project Leader) - SPAIN
 P2. Unione dei Comuni della Grecia Salentina– ITALIA
 P3. Local share group Zagorje - Sutla - CROATIA
 P4. Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA) - BELGIUM
 P5. Alto Alentejo Intermunicipal Community - PORTUGAL
 P6. Bolyarovo Municipality - BULGARIA
 P7. Municipality Berovo - REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
 P8. Dagda Local Municipality - LATVIA

International events



1º International Meeting: "The future of European rural territories and the social value of the cultural heritage of the historic villages of the EU, the debate"

Days: April 4 and 5, 2019
 Place: Vimianzo House of Culture
[more information](#)



2nd International Event: "Social Innovation as a Reference Model for the Cultural Heritage"

PLACE: Melpignano, Apulia (Italy)
DATE: 26 - 28 June 2019

