

Programme: Europe For Citizens

Strand: 2.2: Networks of Twns

Maximum Grant: 150.000 €

Project Title: 2WILL – 2Work In Integration of Local Life

### **Partnership:**



### **Provisional Dates:**

From: 01/01/2017 To: 31/12/2018



## Short description:

The Project, promoted by 26 Partners from 16 Countries, wants to focus on the potential of networks and encourage new forms of civic and democratic engagement by stimulating debate and reflection on EU related themes, fostering the active involvement of citizens in the policy-making process and avoiding passiveness and misunderstanding of EU actions.

The proposal wants to create a path of discussion on three themes: EU solidarity, risks of Euroscepticism and Future of Europe through the linking subject of volunteering.

In fact, volunteering is important, especially for young people, and is a vehicle for personal development, social cohesion and active citizenship, fostering the involvement at EU level avoiding oppositions. Youth volunteering is an excellent example of non-formal learning for young people and also strongly contributes to inter-generational solidarity.

The target group will be citizens from 18 till 40 years old.

### Aims:

- foster transnational volunteering and inter-generational solidarity in the Europe of the future;
- improve good working conditions for young volunteers, also through the exchange of best practices;
- achieve greater recognition of the value of voluntary activities and the skills it promotes;
- enhancement of the knowledge of volunteers on the EU policy-making process, through the knowledge of the Programme, Eu funds, the Europe 2020 strategy;
- recognising and promoting cross-border voluntary and solidarity activities in the EU, especially in this particular time of crisis, avoid border closure and stereotypes;
- foster a sense of European citizenship and societal and intercultural engagement.

### Features:

- Active involvement of citizens in the planning and implementation of the activities;
- Enhancement of a long-lasting cooperation network for a tighter-knit, democratic and world oriented Europe;
- Brainstorming sessions, workshops, seminars;
- Sharing of best practices and opinions on the themes selected, gathering of suggestion to improve policies and actions;
- Practical activities to avoid passive listening: team building activities, group work, open conferences, role playing, story-telling;
- Equal Access: attention is given to balanced integration and participation of citizens, without discrimination;
- Local dimension: reached bridging the gap between EU and citizens, planning actions reaching people in their daily lives;



- Transnational dimension: expressed by the Project theme, tackled from a EU and local perspective;
- Signature of a Cooperation Agreement and creation of a permanent committee for the planning of future actions;

# Actions:

- 1 Local Meeting in each partner country
- Project Launch in March 2017
- First International Workshop in June 2017
- Second International Workshop in September 2017
- Third International Workshop in April 2018
- Final Conference in September 2018