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Measure 2.3 "*Civil Society Projects*"
Strand 1 – "*European Rememberance*"

23 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1- Public Event and Press Conference

Participation: The event involved 150 citizens, including 150 participants from the city of Milan (Italy), And in streaming connection participants from the city of Preveza, Tirana, Scutari, Bihac Wien and Sisak (Greece, Albania, Bosnia, Austria and Croatia) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milan (Italy), the 28th September 2018 in the Sala Conciliare of the Town Hall of Milan

Short description: The aim of the event was to implement a high visibility conference on the issues of European Historic memory with particular reference to Italian deportation. During the event It has been commemorated the sad entry in force of the so called "Racial Laws" in September 1938 in Italy, which led to the further deportation trains of Italian Jewish and people towards KS camps from Italian cities. Music performance of Gazzic took place and the FREE project has been introduced to the press and European partners. The event has been organized in cooperation with Università degli Studi di Milano and involved actively Milano Jewish community

Event 2- Readings with Actors of the Piccolo Teatro di Milano at Memorial Binario 21

Participation: The event involved 1000 citizens, including 1000 participants from the city of Milano (Italy).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Memorial Binario 21 (Milano, Italy), the 30th September 2020

Short description: The aim of the event was inside the Memorial Binario 21 located inside the Milano Central Station, actors of the Piccolo Teatro performed readings to witness voices of deportees leaving from that place with destination Concentration Camps in the Nazi regime.

Event 3- Training workshop in the Youth Centres in Milan

Participation: The event involved 300 citizens, including 300 participants from the city of Milano (Italy),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milano (Italy), from 15/09/2018 to 27/02/2019- high visibility event 13th november 2018 in Casa della Memoria, Milano.

Short description: The aim of the event was to implement 5 workshop pack in different youth centers in the city of Milan. Each pack consisted of 8 meetings each lasting 3 hours where participants and local institutions (representatives of the so called Municipi, (different neighborhood of Milan) were trained to the historic knowledge of their local dimension, meeting and confronting each others with Holocaust witnesses and survivors as well as Resistance active members. Historical testimonies were provided together with personal experiences which allowed participants to elaborate personal experience, common perspective and networks of participation and solidarity. Participants are now able to identify discrimination and exclusion element and mechanism in their local context.

During the high visibility event, an exhibition has been organized at Casa della Memoria in order to make known the transformation of Italian State in the 20s from democracy to Fascist and dictatorial regime through a precise and conscious discriminatory policy towards Jewish population in the country and the racial laws adoption.

In that occasion operational kick-off meeting has taken place together with all European Partners which previously joined the event.

Event 4.- Municipi della Memoria.

Participation: The event involved 500 citizens, including 500 participants from the city of Milano (Italy),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milano Italy on the 25th January 2019 as ending date of a training path addressed to young people performed by ANED and took place in Sala Alessi at Comune di Milano building.

Short description: The aim of the event was the final visibility event after a raising awareness activity involving young people in the city of Milano in the educational travels to be implemented in 2019. After training activity implemented in previous years, this final event foresaw the public feedback of previous participants through reflections, cultural performances and artistic products made by 76 young people who joined the previous Treno della Memoria 2018 to Mathausen. The aim of the event was to stimulate active involvement of new youngsters to participate and be aware of the value of memory. For this reason, all high schools of Milan city were present with a delegation. Public reading were performed and witnesses of Nazi –fascist tragedy were present. The event was filmed and made available for other teachers interested.

Event 5.- Readings commemorating “Albergo Regina at Palazzo Reale.

Participation: The event involved 200 citizens, including 200 participants from the city of Milano (Italy),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Palazzo Reale (Milan, Italy), on the 27th of January 2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to remember being present two witnesses, the Albergo Regina, seat during the WWII and the Nazi occupation of Italy, of the Nazi Commando. For this reason, some commemoration readings took place in Palazzo Reale

Event 6.- Meetings with schools with ANED and ANPI

Participation: The event involved 30.000 citizens, including 30000 participants from the city of Milan (Italy), From secondary and primary school and their teachers.

Location / Dates: The event took place in primary and secondary schools in Milan (Italy), from 10/01/2019 to 10/02/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to spread WWII Resistance testimonies and solidarity networks to increase knowledge of the history to young generation in order to help pupils to raise their awareness on the importance of historical memory to hinder racism, discrimination in favour of a participative attitude and active involvement in the society as citizens.

Event 7.- Public Events-

Participation: The event involved 400 citizens, including 396 participants from the city of Milano. (Italy), 10 participants from the city of Wien (Austria), Tirana (Albania), Scutari, Sisak (Croatia) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in different places of Milan City (Italy, from 25/01/2019 to 27/01/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was dedicated to the implementation of a theatrical performance in form of Flash mob which was continuously repeated inside a Bowl as installation in one of the most important places in Milan city centre, the Darsena square. The performance, implemented by an actress inside a bowl, had as a content the issue of the Memory of deportation, the travel, recalling the public to be active in the European Day of the Holocaust Memory, on the 27th of January. The performance was prepared with the Austrian partners who provided the bowl able to catch the attention of the people in the square. Young people of the Youth center in Milan have been active in the logistical organization of the event.

In the same days kick off meeting took place together with European Partners involved.

The 27th of January in the Cooperative Theatre in Niguarda neighbourhood a theatre performance took place on the issue of historical memory with Creta with testimonies and reading from second World War.

Event 8.- Conferences and Meetings – Municipi della Memoria.

Participation: The event involved 500 citizens, including 500 participants from the city of Milano (Italy),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milan, Sala Alessi, as final event of a training path addressed to young people in Milan, high visibility event 25/01/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to close the raising awareness activity linked with the involvement of young people in the educational travels to Mathausen to take place in 2019. During the event there was the possibility for 76 former participants, to present their artistic products, reflection, thoughts, as result of their experience in past travel in 2018 to Mathausen. A delegation of students from all the high schools of Milan took part and a video recording was done in order to make it available for interested teachers.

Event 9.- Educational trip to Auschwitz –

Participation: The event involved 150 citizens, including 140 participants from the city of Milan (Italy), 10 participants from the city of Sisak, Croatia, Wien, Austria and Tirana, Scutari, Albania.

Location / Dates: The event took place between Milan, (Italy, and Auschwitz and other cities during the travel from 10/02/2019 to 23/02/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to travel to Auschwitz KZ. 140 participants left from Binario 21 memorial in the Central Milano Station building (Deportation memorial In Milan) through Trieste, where met with Austrian, Croatian and Albanian Participants to continue their travel to Krakow. The train stopped in Krakow to visit the Jewish Ghetto the Kazimierz , Schindler's Museum with a stop in Berlin and in the end the train arrived to Auschwitz Birkenau. Participants had the possibility to visit the memorial, deeping their knowledge on the Porrajmos rom extermination helped by trainers to rielaborate and reflecting on how, even today discrimination towards rom and sinti is still ongoing. During the travel back took place the following event nr 11 in Wien. During the travel training session took place, as well as interviews, focus group in order to facilitate personal elaboration through photo, video and music production as dissemination and follow up tools.

Event 10,- Flash Mob -

Participation: The event involved 1000 citizens, including 45 participants from the city of Milano (Italy), 7 participants from the city of Tirana, Scutari from Albania and Sisak Croatia, 950 from Wien, Austria.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Dom Platz (Wien Austria) on the 23/02/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to implement a flashmob in both cities made by young people involved in the educational travel to Auschwitz . It was used a teatrical tecnique guided by wireless headphones, in the squares of both citise in order to raise the awareness of passers –by on the importance of an European Active Memory, the importance of respectig Human Rights , as well as active citizens participation in the preservation of Human Rights.

Event 11- Visit to Memory places in Tirana and Bunkart exhibition-

Participation: The event involved 200 citizens, including 200 participants from the city of Tirana and its surroundings (Albania), a delegation of 4 participant from Croatia from Sisak, Milano and Wien, Austria, participated.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Mother Teresa Square in Tirana (Albania), from 29/04/2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to visit places of historic memory in Albania, such as Presidential palace and the memorial, the national museum and the Bunkart exhibition inside a second world war bunker recovered as place of history and memory. FREE project was presented at general public

Event 12- High visibility conference -

Participation: The event involved 200 citizens, including 200 participants from the city of Tirana and its surroundings (Albania) a delegation of 4 participant from Croatia from Sisak, Milano and Wien, Austria, participated.

Location / Dates: The event took place in International Hotel in Tirana (Albania), the 30th April 2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to implement a high visibility conference organized in Tirana involving students of high schools of Tirana. The conference focused on historical heritage of Albanian fight to save Jewish population and the importancre of retrospective thinking.

During the conference the speakers exposed about nonviolent resistance actions and victims protection. Guests and speakers were the Mayor of Tirana City and the Israeli Professor Asher Salah and Professor Petrit Zorba, president of NGO "Israeli Albanian Friendship". There was also the possibility to visit the exhibition made by Dora and Patjimit which took place in the same dates. A publication was made with conference material which was udesd for project dissemination. FREE project was presented at general public

Event 13- Social Theatre workshop-

Participation: The event involved 30 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Scutari (Albania),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Scutari in the youth Centre (Albania), from 01/03/2019 to 30/04/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to implement a social teatre workshop with high school students on order to raise their awareness on migration, discrimination issue as well as the importance of conserving and

transmitting active memory. A performance was then prepared to be realized in the public Square in Scutari after its end.

Event 14- Social teatre performance-

Participation: The event involved 150 citizens, including 30 participants in the workshop and public from the city of Tirana (Albania), 4 participant from Croatia from Sisak, Milano and Wien, Austria, participated.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Scandenberg Square (Tirana , Albania), on the 30/042019

Short description: The aim of the event was to represent the final performance of the social theatre workshop reviously implemented. FREE project was presented at general public.

Event 15- RIN NGO Fair -

Participation: The event involved 300 citizens, including 300 participants from the city of Tirana (Albania), 4 participant from Croatia from Sisak, Milano and Wien, Austria, participated.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Scandenberg Square (Tirana , Albania) on the 30/042019

Short description: The aim of the event was to organize a Fair of local NGOS to stimulate active participation of Tirana citizens on the issue of remembrance and active participation. FREE project was presented at general public.

Event 16- Educational travel – Treno della Memoria through Mathausen .

Participation: The event involved 300 citizens, including 299 participants from the city of Milano (Italy), 1 participants from the city of Preveza, Greece

Location / Dates: The event took place between Milan and Mathausen from 03/05/2019 to 06/05/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to participate for those who attended Milan youth Centres to the educational travel “Treno della Memoria” from Milano to Mathausen passing through Gusen and Harthaim with ANED and ANPI to visit the place and participate to the international commemoration ceremony of the liberation of the Camp. Participants had the possibility to join focus group aimed reflect on marginalization and xenofobia which led to deportation and extermination with an international focus.

Event 17- Residential volunteering activity and detailed study in/about Balcans.

Participation: The event involved 500 citizens, including 20 participants from the city of Milano, Italy ,15 from Sisak, Croatia,465 young people have been involved in the cities where the activities took place.

Location / Dates: The event took place in from Milano, Omarska, Bihac (Bosnia Herzegovina), Kozarac, (Serbia), from 17/07/2019 to 30/07/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to travel across the historical places of the Bosnia War (Omarska and Kozarac) meeting with local NGO, historical places as reference for the Yugoslavian war events as well as survivors and witnesses. Participants visited and made volunteering activities in the Bihac temporary camp in Bosnia attending also a study part made by Ipsia. They deepened their knowledge on displaced peoples comparing the situation during actual times and WWII. Participants then went together to Sisak to join and organize an awareness raising workshop regarding the travel made during a local Youth Festival.

Event 18 International voluntary activity .

Participation: The event involved 300 citizens, including 270 participants from the city of Kommeno.. (Greece), 30 participants from the city of Milano, Italy, Tirana and Scutari (Albania)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Kommeno (Greece), from 12/08/2019 to 17/08/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to organize knowledge activities with regards to Kommeno massacre during WWII, as German military made a killing of local population with no reason in August 1943. Participants could meet survivors and witness of the killing, joined workshop and study part with support of local people and from this experience they did an artistic elaboration with them which was transposed into a performance represented in the day of the commemoration, so painful event where nowadays the whole town is involved in preserving its memory.

Event 19 University Students Workshop.

Participation: The event involved 1000 citizens, including 10000 participants from the city of Milano (Italy),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Università degli Studi di Milano (Milano Italy), January 2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to increase didactic and scientific preparation for students attending the University who further joined the memory travel to the places of memory in Europe: extermination and concentration camps in Europe.

Event 20 - Showcase Cantiere della Memoria .

Participation: The event involved 200 citizens, including 200 participants from the city of Milan (Italy),

Location / Dates: Events took place in Casa della Memoria and other location in the City of Milan (Milano, Italy), from October 2018 to January 2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to implement different cultural, training, research, debate activities with a precise thematic focus on the historical events marking Italian Resistance, Italian Republic Funding Values and Freedom and Democracy Values which inspired Italian Constitution. Programme foresaw 5 main themes: visual art with an artistic exhibition in Casa Memoria in Milan, Theatre with 3 performances and 2 meetings with high personalities and educational workshop with children, families and adults in general.

Event 21 Academic workshop and lectures.

Participation: The event involved 250 citizens, including 250 participants from the city of Milan Italy

Location / Dates: The event took place in the Università degli Studi di Milano (Milan, Italy), with a final event on the 24/01/2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to make visible and disseminate the training path previously made on the tools for history didactic targeted to teachers and educators to deepen their knowledge and develop didactic tools to transmit effectively themes like racial discrimination and persecution, Holocaust, discrimination mechanism among young generation. Main objective was to confront denial campaign of Holocaust and its effect on the social media and web which could represent a threat for our common European memory. Contemporary History department of UNIMI was responsible of this event and training cycle.

Event 22- Memories festival. Final event.

Participation: The event involved 500 citizens, including 490 participants from the city of Milan, Italy

10 participants from the city of Preveza (Greece) Wien (Austria) Tirana, Albania, Scutari (Albania) Sisak (Croatia).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milano, Sala Alessi, then the Historical Centre of Milan and Santeria Bar (Milano, Italy), from 23/01/2020 to 24/01/2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to provide visibility of the activities implemented throughout all FREE project:

- a. A Flash mob took place in the city with the cooperation of the Austrian Partner in the same way as it was done in Wien and Bolzano through the use of wireless headphones catching the attention of passing by people raising the awareness on the importance of remembrance and memory of our past.
- b. High visibility event in Sala Alessi in order to disseminate and spread result of all the events and activities implemented in countries involved. This event was prepared by young people who participated in the project with video, speeches, and translation available for foreigners.

- c. Musical performance with the cooperation of local rapper and musician who spoke and raise awareness on the importance of respecting diversity, be active as citizens, as storytellers of local historical events.

Event 23- Follow up from the project and educational travel.

Participation: The event involved 30 citizens, including 30 participants from the city of Milan (Italy),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Milano (Italy), from 13/11/2019 to 31/01/2020

Short description: The aim of the event was to facilitate meeting between local decision makers, institution representatives municipal Counsellors and young participants in the FREE activities with particular reference to the educational trips "Treno della Memoria". They had the possibility to confront each others on how to activate participated and active citizenship path with the aim to help local community to understand reasons and consequences, often tragic, caused by indifference, cultural deprivation, xenophobia, populism and nationalism. Suggestions and proposal have been included further in the municipal guidelines which Milan City Hall intends to implement in the following months through Milano Memoria NGO remembrance platform.

Final Note: at every event the project was presented, providing clear reference to europe for citizens programme, the support received by EC and the possiiblity for citizens to participate to upcoming events.