

## The project « My Future is NOW» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

### Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

8 events have been carried out within this project. In My Future is NOW we implemented in 6 EU countries a series of events to encourage democratic and civic participation of youngsters. These were implemented through 3 streams: My voice matters (Engage); my and your voice matter (Connect); My, your voice and beyond (Empower). Through a bottom up approach the aim is to help them open up, understand the opportunities for societal and community work and meet their peers in other EU countries.

#### **Preparatory activities/Event 1**

**Participation:** The event kick off involved 15 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 5 participants from the city of Utrecht (**Netherlands**, ) including 2 participants from the city of Mostar (**Bosnia & Herzegovina**), including 1 participants from the city of Tirana (**Albania**), including 2 participants from the city of Ploesti (**Romania**), including 2 participants from the city of Frankfurt (**Germany**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, Serbia, from 03/05/2021 to 05/05/2021

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to discuss in detail and finalize all plans related to the implementation of the project on national and European level. Communication strategy, work plan and dissemination plan was developed along with a detailed timeline and definition of possible project stakeholders and other partners.

#### **Event 2**

**Participation:** The event training tools involved 13 citizens, including 1 participants from the city of Talinn (**Estonia**), 5 participants from the city of Utrecht and 3 participants of the city of Amsterdam, (**Netherlands**), including 1 participants from the city of Mostar (**Bosnia & Herzegovina**), including 1 participants from the city of Tirana (**Albania**), including 1 participants from the city of Ploesti (**Romania**), including 1 participants from the city of Frankfurt (**Germany**) .

**Location / Dates:** The event took place online on 14/09/2021.

**Short description:** Training session with the partner organizations for the use of the tools and toolkit; transfer knowledge; offer support for the use of the Toolkit by others, pitch the use of the Toolkit to schools and youth organization; and use the different elements of the Toolkit (facilitation methods, thematic input etc.) in other projects in the future.

#### **Event 3**

**Participation:** The series of events streams in the Netherlands involved 225 citizens, including participants from the city of Amsterdam, Nieuw-Vennep, Nijmegen, Rotterdam and Utrecht (**the Netherlands**).

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Amsterdam, Nieuw-Vennep, Nijmegen, Rotterdam and Utrecht (**the Netherlands**), from 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022

**Short description:** The events were offered as one integrated activity for the target group. 1 offline event (GMM) and 4 online events took place for stream 1 and 2, whereas stream 3 activities took place online as a collective activity with the whole partnership, making the step from ideas to action. Game, visualization and poll (stream 1) led to engagement. The Relay made them act on EU relevant topics; they became part of the solution. The debates with various stakeholders (eurosceptics, community workers, reps of the municipality and EU) empowered them to create ideas to their benefit and what the EU can offer to them and understand they and the EU matter. NOW!

#### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The series of events streams in Germany involved 217 citizens, including participants from the city of Berlin and Frankfurt (**Germany**).

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Berlin and Frankfurt (**Germany**), from 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022

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#### **Event 5**

**Participation:** The series of events streams in Romania involved 292 citizens, including participants from Ploiesti (**Romania**)

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Ploiesti (**Romania**), from 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022

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#### **Event 6**

**Participation:** The series of events streams in Albania involved 213 citizens, including participants from Tirana (**Albania**).

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Tirana (**Albania**), from 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022

**Short description:** The events were offered as one integrated activity for the target group. 1 offline event (GMM) and 4 online events took place for stream 1 and 2, whereas stream 3 activities took place online as a collective activity with the whole partnership, making the step from ideas to action. Game, visualization and poll (stream 1) led to engagement. The Relay made them act on EU relevant topics; they became part of the solution. The debates with various stakeholders (eurosceptics, community workers, reps of the municipality and EU) empowered them to create ideas to their benefit and what the EU can offer to them and understand they and the EU matter. NOW!

#### **Event 7**

**Participation:** The series of events streams in Bosnia & Herzegovina involved 204 citizens, including participants from Mostar (**Bosnia & Herzegovina**).

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Mostar (**Bosnia & Herzegovina**), from 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022

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#### **Event 8**

**Participation:** The series of events streams in Estonia involved 127 citizens, including participants from Tallinn (**Estonia**).

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Tallinn (**Estonia**), from 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022

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