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**Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"**

**Preparatory activities:** the activities involved 9 participants.

**Location / Dates:** Kielce and Starachowice, Poland, 16-18<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

**Short description:**

Preparatory meeting was very important part of the project after long time of online meeting and postponing activities caused by pandemic Covid-19 and after started a war in Ukraine. We met with partners from North Macedonia and Italy in Kielce and Starachowice to discuss future timetable, agenda of EU Events in each country, contest for youth, final conference, technical and financial arrangements and what was crucial – risk analysis and what to do to avoid and solve potential problems and challenges. Link to the report: [https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/EDO\\_preparatory\\_meeting\\_report.pdf](https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/EDO_preparatory_meeting_report.pdf)

**Events:**

4 events have been carried out within this project:

**Event 1 – EU event in Poland**

**Participation:** The event involved 74 citizens, including 66 participants from the city of Starachowice (Poland), 4 participants from the city of Shtip (North Macedonia), 4 participants from the city of Treviso (Italy).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Starachowice (Poland), from 07/06/2022 to 10/06/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the European Union's history and show the benefits of EU membership, especially for young people from Starachowice with the international cooperation with partners from Italy and North Macedonia showing our participants different EU perceptions. We discussed the future of the EU in the context of youth, future threats and challenges facing the EU. The entire event was conducted in English. The event was attended by experts who supported young people throughout the event and took part in the debate on the future of Europe: Schuman Foundation, Jan Kochanowski University, Representative of the European Commission in Poland, Geremek Foundation and Europe Direct Kielce. Moreover, we concluded our contest "Me, European" for the best poster/photo about the EU. At the very end, we conducted a contest of knowledge about the European Union on Kahoot. We had also training for young people in English conducted by Piotr Kaczyński about European values.

Link to the report: [https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/EDO\\_report\\_from\\_poland.pdf](https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/EDO_report_from_poland.pdf)

**Event 2 – the EU event in Italy**

**Participation:** The event involved 40 citizens, including 32 participants from the city of Treviso (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Starachowice (Poland) and 4 participants from Shtip (North Macedonia).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Treviso and Silea (Italy), from 7/07/2022 to 10/07/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the European Union's history and show the benefits of EU membership, especially for young people from Treviso with the international cooperation with partners from Poland and North Macedonia showing our participants different EU perceptions.

During the meeting, the subject of European values, youth policy and activity as well as challenges facing the EU were discussed. The subject of youth was particularly often present during a conversation with a former member of the local youth council.

The next day, project participants had a chance to hear about the history, functioning and institutions of the EU. Brainstorming discussion, World Cafe "One EU", meeting with Head of Office at European Parliament Liaison Office in Milan, City Council of the city of Silea, presentations of the I European contest by young people, study visit in Silea and Treviso, debate and workshops about future of Europe.

In addition, a simulation of the European Parliament session was carried out – each participant assumed the role of representative of a specific EU country and then had to speak and vote on a given issue on its behalf.

Link to the report: <https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/EU-EVENT-IN-ITALY-2.pdf>

### **Event 3 – the EU event in North Macedonia**

**Participation:** The event involved 45 citizens, including 37 participants from the city of Shtip (North Macedonia), 4 participants from the city of Starachowice (Poland), and 4 participants from the City of Treviso (Italy).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Shtip (North Macedonia), from 19/09/2022 to 22/09/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the European Union's history and show the benefits of EU membership, especially for young people from Shtip with the international cooperation with partners from Italy and Poland showing our participants different EU perceptions.

Together with Stefan Andonovski, we discussed international relations, the future of the European Union and the chance of North Macedonia joining it. We also developed a vision of Europe in 15 years and shared our thoughts about our future.

We spent the second day of the workshop creating a referendum simulation. Four groups – political parties – had the task of convincing citizens on the issue of lowering or increasing the voting age, respectively. After the presentation of the political campaigns, real elections took place which revealed the winning side.

In the end, a competition entitled: "I European" was held. The visit also had its cultural side, we visited the House of the first president of North Macedonia located in the town of Štip, and we managed to visit the beautiful capital – Skopje.

Link to the report: [https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/EDO\\_report\\_from\\_north\\_macedonia-2.pdf](https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/EDO_report_from_north_macedonia-2.pdf)

### **Event 4 – Final conference in Poland**

**Participation:** The event involved 85 citizens, including 79 participants from the city of Starachowice (Poland), 3 participants from the city of Treviso (Italy), and 3 participants from the City of Shtip (North Macedonia).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Starachowice (Poland), from 23/03/2023 to 25/03/2023

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to summarize the project and all the EU events and I European Contest.

In March 2023, we met to summarize everything that has happened over the last two years. We invited young people from schools in Starachowice to this event. We met on 24th of March at the Senator Hotel, where we held workshops, debates and competitions. The whole event was held in English and was attended by representatives of partner organizations: 3 people each from Italy and North Macedonia.

Young people had the opportunity to take part in a discussion panel in which experts answered their burning questions. Then they tested their knowledge about the European Union by taking part in a competition on the Kahoot platform. Immediately after that, the young people were divided into groups of about 20 and took part in workshops on Past, present and future of the European Union.

The workshops were conducted by our experts: Joanna Jendrońska from the Schuman Foundation, Michał Sęk from the Geremek Foundation and experts from our NGO. Each workshop was different and moved a different time of EU integration.

At the end, we met again and summarized all the workshops and the entire project. We familiarized the youth participating in the meeting with everything that has happened so far.

On 25th of March we met with seniors from University of Third Age from Starachowice to discuss their experiences with The European Union.