

## Local Seminar Report

Partner Organization: Kulturno izobraževalno društvo PiNA

Date and Time: 21.10. 2015 , 09.00 – 16.00

Duration (days/hours): 1 day, 7hours

Venue (Municipality and place): Pretorska Palača, Titov trg 3, Koper

## Participants

Participants by Target Group (Number)						Total number of participants
Distribution by age group			Disadvantaged participants	Women	Men	
< 30	30 - 65	> 65				
4	54	3	0	40	20	55+ 6(PiNA staff )

### Key participants

Invited

Attending

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Member of the European Parliament     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Local Municipality Representative     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Media                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other public and private institutions |

Member of the European Parliament (name): The Italian Europarlamentarian ISABELLA DE MONTE was invited, but she couldnt attend the event due to her institutional agenda. However, she sent a personal message to PiNA Association, that we red during the opening moment. Please find it enclosed with the report documents.

Local Municipality Representatives (name and position):

Vasja Valenčič – Advisor on social activities (culture, sports , social, youth)- Municipality of Hrpelje Kozina, Slovenia

Zdenka Hreščak – Senior Advisor for Development – Municipality of Divača, Slovenia

Tatjana Hvala, Head of BOREO- NGOs network for Slovenia and representative of Slovenian Government

Laura Comelli – Head office of Cooperation Programme Slovenia – Italy, Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

Claudia Ferluga, Mitja Lovriha – Council members on Environment and Culture, Municipality of San Dorligo della Valle (TS), Italy

Elisabetta Pian – Mayor, Franca Zotti, Council member - Municipality of Sagrado (GO) , Italy

Susan Petri, Carmelita Ceruzzi – Youth division office – Municipality of Trieste, Italy

Media (type and name): TV Capodistria, TV station- Journalist Loris Braico

Other public and private institutions (name, description):

Iztok Škerlič, Head Office of Joint Technical Secretariat Slovenia- Italy

Saverio D'Eredità , INFORMEST Agency for Development and Economical Cooperation, Gorizia, Italy

## Description of Activities

Please check all the core activities that apply to your Local Seminar:

- Brief presentation of the project
- Deliver info to participants about mechanisms of participation
- To collect views and suggestions for improvement about the mechanisms and participatory democracy in general
- To use experiential learning to make participants experiment participation
- Present the beta version of the Action Kit, explore it with participants and collect feedback for improvement
  - Invite public authorities to participate in the Seminar
  - Invite local organisations to participate in the Seminar

Other. Please specify :

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Describe the program, activities and the methods used (be concise and clear and take into consideration the project general concept and objectives):

The first session of the seminar was a roundtable which has seen the participation of representatives of Italian local authorities, Slovenian NGOs network and Slovenian government, Agency for development, PiNA Association.

In this part it was debated how to enhance citizens, CSOs and NGOs engagement in cooperation programme and projects, particularly referring to the cross border area of Italy and Slovenia. It has been clearly asserted that it is fundamental that associations, NGOs and the whole third sector take part to these activities, as these often become concrete tools to analyze and tackle social matters, to involve young citizens to be active at different level, to raise awareness on European policies and opportunities. Also, tools as public consultation and online participation format were presented and taught.

METHODS: individual presentation by sector expert, open debates, Q&A sessions.

The second part has seen the presentation of the new Interreg V- A programme 2014-20; the lecture was held by Iztok Škerlič, Head Office of the Joint Technical Secretariat Slovenia – Italy. He has shown the limits and opportunities of this programme for the participation of the interested sector; in the previous Interreg programme 2007-13, only the 3% of NGOs and associations was involved in cooperation projects, while for the new framework programme there is a broader choice of topics and intervention areas for which the participation of the third sector will be fundamental. Moreover, it was revealed that this must be a complementary relation, in the sense that associations must be more active, careful and professionally prepared, while National Authorities, sector experts and Municipalities must open and increase collaboration with this emerging and active category.

METHODS: Power point presentation, Q&A sessions.

The third session has seen the presentation of three best practices, that is three different projects realized in the previous years, foreseeing the collaboration of public and private institutions, associations and free citizens organizations all together. These presentations have really put the attention on the importance of involving partners of different nature, in order to achieve higher goals and to have a greater participation of citizens, both youth and elderly, and to get them closer to local authorities, and from that on, to national and European ones too.

METHODS: Power point presentation, pictures, Q&A sessions.

According to the comments and evaluation questionnaires we collected after the event, the seminar has been a great occasion for the participants to create network, to establish new connections and increase knowledge on different topics.

Official planned follow up activities were not established, however, different representatives of public and private institutions showed great interest for the Roundtrip project and the general topics of the seminar. We are in contact with them and we expect to involve them into other activities and events.

In the settings of Pretorska Palace, where we held the seminar, we set up a sort of exhibition that participants had the chance to observe during the welcoming buffet and coffee breaks: it was a selection of videos of different artists who participated to the international project called ARTEFATTO, of which PiNA is partner. Moreover, we offer free promotional materials for and by visitors.

## Local Seminar results

Of the expected results below, check those that apply to your event. The extra box can be filled with other non expected results.

✓	Information, knowledge, opinions and levels of use of existing mechanisms for citizens' participation are shared, debated and collected
✓	Participants are informed about the existing mechanisms for participation at local, national and EU level
✓	Participants share their perspectives on how they would like to participate in local, national and EU level
	Participants give feedback on the information they consider necessary to have to participate and how to make it accessible to different groups of citizens who make up our societies
✓	Participants are encouraged to participate in local, national and EU level
✓	The proximity between citizens and their representatives is increased
	The Action Kit to Participation with information on existing mechanisms for citizens' participation is distributed by the participants during the seminar; Participants are involved in the construction of the Action Kit to Participation, being given the opportunity to give feedback to the tool and to be engaged as multipliers; Participants were provided with a moment of experiential learning, promoting reflection on mechanisms, forms, opportunities, limitations and conditions for participation
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✓	The motivations of citizens to participate, the benefits, impact, and personal and social value of participation are explored and understood

Provide detailed information about how you reached each result achieved.

The first results listed, have been achieved thanks to the great participation of the speakers and their ability in involving and letting arise questions from the audience. The project Roundtrip has been presented together with its aims and general meaning; we didnt get much in details about the action kit, as it was slightly different from the core of the seminar.

Thanks to the roles of the guests, there's been a deepening of the importance of crossborder cooperation, and particularly of the involvement of citizens into projects which could have a great social impact and strenghten the collaboration between bodies of different nature. Moreover, the realization of new projects could empower youth with new opportunities and could reduce the gap between institutions, politicians and collectivity, as also many representatives of local municipality asserted. Overall, collectivity and the whole audience showed a great motivation, and they perceived the EU tools as something more concrete and useful to make them active citizens and to be effectively involved at every level: however, it has also been proven that there is also a general lack of information for them to be informed about the opportunities available, and often, there is a skepticism from the side of authorities, to consider the third sector as a reliable and efficient category.

## Visibility

Describe the diferent media used to promote or that covered the Local Seminar:

Media / TV / Newspapers / Radio / Websites	Content	Format	Website Address	Date of the publication and name of the media organization	Other details
Stičišče Rotunda webpage	Presentation of the event		<a href="http://www.sticisce.si/?subpageid=22&amp;id=1437">http://www.sticisce.si/?subpageid=22&amp;id=1437</a>	14.10.2015 Web	
Paese Italia Press, Italian on line periodical on EU info	Presentation of the event/invitation	Article	<a href="http://www.paeseitaliapress.it/news_1729_SEMINARIO-INFOFORMATIVO-e-di-NETWORKING-TRA-SLOVENIA-ed-ITALIA-mercoledi-21-ottobre-2015-">http://www.paeseitaliapress.it/news_1729_SEMINARIO-INFOFORMATIVO-e-di-NETWORKING-TRA-SLOVENIA-ed-ITALIA-mercoledi-21-ottobre-2015-</a>	15.10.2015 Web	

			ore-93016.html		
Radio Koper, Radio blabla	Presentation of the event	Interview	<a href="http://4d.rtvsllo.si/arhiv/radio-bla-bla/174367689">http://4d.rtvsllo.si/arhiv/radio-bla-bla/174367689</a>	16.10.2015 Broadcast	Interview to PiNA communication officer presenting the seminar, its aims and guests. Minutes 47:27 – 49:11
TV Capodistria	Report on the event, with interviews and comments	TV service	<a href="http://4d.rtvsllo.si/arhiv/tuttoggi-i-edizione/174366582">http://4d.rtvsllo.si/arhiv/tuttoggi-i-edizione/174366582</a>	21.10.2015 TV	
Radio Capris	Short presentation of the event		<a href="http://www.radiocapris.si/novice/n/v-kopru-seminar-ocmeznejnem-spodbujanju-aktivnega-drzavljanstva">http://www.radiocapris.si/novice/n/v-kopru-seminar-ocmeznejnem-spodbujanju-aktivnega-drzavljanstva</a>	21.10.2015	
Paese Italia Press, Italian on line periodical on EU info	Service on the development of the seminar, conclusions and contents.		<a href="http://www.paeseitaliapress.it/news_1805_Slovenia-e-Italia-svolto-l-incontro-a-Capodistria-sulla-Cooperazione-transfrontaliera.html">http://www.paeseitaliapress.it/news_1805_Slovenia-e-Italia-svolto-l-incontro-a-Capodistria-sulla-Cooperazione-transfrontaliera.html</a>	27.10.2015	

## Follow up

Please describe which follow up steps were agreed after the Local Seminar event:

- To further analyze the themes of the seminar, to establish a stronger and more effective connection between local authorities and third sector.
- To support groups of citizens, CSOs and NGOs who wish to participate into new projects and to sensitize them on the strategic value of these projects

## Coordination and cooperation feedback

Provide your constructive feedback about the project coordination support as well as partners cooperation in this second step of the project as well as recommendations about aspects all of us need to improve in order to successfully implement the next project phases.

Overall, the coordination of the work by leading partner was well planned and supportive. The details about the realization of the local event were clear and useful.

## Other relevant info

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Provide any relevant info, such as key lessons learned

We think the topics and guests chosen for the event were appropriate and interesting for the audience. Considering the special position of Slovenia country, we thought it was important to offer a closer observation of the EU tools, with particular attention to the cross border cooperation programme Italy-Slovenia. At first sight, it might seem the topics were not so connected to the core of Roundtrip, while going deeper into those, it is evident that being proactive, developing ideas, taking actions to projects and related activities, represent the first important step for citizens and for the whole third sector to stand for social matters and to let grow their level of engagement from small to larger scale.

## Documents provided

Please provide the list of the materials that you have produced to the event (matching your events dropdown folder)

1. Programme of the seminar
2. Greeting message of the Italian Europarliamentarian Isabella De Monte
3. List of participants
4. Press release
5. Pictures (to be completed)

We really appreciate your detailed fulfilment of this report and further consolidation of our collective project.

**Obrigada, Dziękuję, Ačiū, Hvala, Danke!!!**