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**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"**

**Participation:** The project involved ... citizens, notably ... participants from the city of ... (**country**), ... participants from the city of ... (**country**) etc.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in ... (**city, country**), from dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy

**Short description:**

The day of dd/mm/yyyy was dedicated to ...

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**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 *"Networks of Towns"***

**Measure 2.3 *"Civil Society Projects"***

**Strand 1 – *"European Remembrance"***

## **12 events have been carried out within this project:**

### **Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved 27 citizens, including  
2 participants from the city of Florence (**Italy**),  
19 participants from the city of Graz (**Austria**),  
2 participants from the city of Jaroslaw (**Poland**)  
2 participants from the city of Luton (**UK**)  
2 participants from the city of Odder (**Denmark**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Graz, Austria, from 05/03/2015 to 06/03/2015.

**Short description:** The first day of the kickoff meeting provided a possibility for the partners to get to know each other and discuss the common methodology to be used during their respective local events in great detail. The guiding questions for the events were discussed. The partners also discussed and agreed on communication forms (AAC methods) to be used, on the documentation of the results and on organisational issues. It was important to reach a common perspective towards the intended results, to give space for discussion and to clarify open questions.

The second day of the kickoff meeting, again, focused on the organisation of the local events in the partner countries. The most part of the day, however, was dedicated to administrative and financial issues, and the partners agreed on reporting and documentation procedures, on finances and administration and on their local and international dissemination strategies (incl. project website and project logo). Finally, all agreements and findings were summarised in an action plan.

### **Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved 84 citizens, including  
3 participants from the city of Eggersdorf (**Austria**),  
2 participants from the city of Eisenerz (**Austria**),  
49 participants from the city of Graz (**Austria**),  
6 participants from the city of Kapfenberg (**Austria**),  
7 participants from the city of Knittelfeld (**Austria**),  
7 participants from the city of Leoben (**Austria**),  
2 participants from the city of Lieboch (**Austria**),  
3 participants from the city of Liezen (**Austria**),  
5 participants from the city of Voitsberg (**Austria**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Graz, Austria, on 13/05/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to encourage people with intellectual and complex disabilities to actively participate in the life of the European Union along three guiding questions: (1) Which forms of communication should Europe use to reach better people with intellectual and complex disabilities? (2) What are the greatest European challenges from the perspective of people with intellectual disabilities? (3) How is participation for people with intellectual and complex disabilities possible in the democratic Europe? What are the needs and concerns?

### **Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved 32 citizens, including  
32 participants from the city of Odder (**Denmark**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Odder, Denmark, on 03/10/2015.

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### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The event involved 116 citizens, including  
89 participants from the city of Florence (**Italy**),  
9 participants from the city of Scandicci (**Italy**),  
1 participants from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**),  
1 participants from the city of Valencia (**Spain**),  
1 participants from the city of Montevarchi (**Italy**)  
6 participants from the city of Borgo San Lorenzo (**Italy**),

2 participants from the city of Fiesole (**Italy**),  
7 participants from the city of Bagno a Ripoli (**Italy**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Florence, Italy, on 20/10/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to encourage people with intellectual and complex disabilities to actively participate in the life of the European Union along three guiding questions: (1) Which forms of communication should Europe use to reach better people with intellectual and complex disabilities? (2) What are the greatest European challenges from the perspective of people with intellectual disabilities? (3) How is participation for people with intellectual and complex disabilities possible in the democratic Europe? What are the needs and concerns?

### **Event 5**

**Participation:** The event involved 158 citizens, including

7 participants from the city of Oleszyce (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Rudółowice (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Wólka Pełkińska (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Chłopice (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Wólka Zapałowska (**Poland**)  
1 participants from the city of Przemyśl (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Kidałowice (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Jodłówka (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Szówsko (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Sośnica Jarosławska (**Poland**)  
1 participants from the city of Kramarzówka (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Łańcut (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Lubaczów (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Mołodycz (**Poland**),  
5 participants from the city of Zarzecze (**Poland**)  
1 participants from the city of Laszki (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Dachnów (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Młyny (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Pantalowice (**Poland**),  
79 participants from the city of Jarosław (**Poland**)  
2 participants from the city of Korczowa (**Poland**),  
3 participants from the city of Pełkinie (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Wierzbna (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Żurawica (**Poland**)  
3 participants from the city of Roźwienica (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Sieniawa (**Poland**),  
6 participants from the city of Kańczuga (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Radymno (**Poland**).  
3 participants from the city of Pruchnik (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Nienowice (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Leżajsk (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Radawa (**Poland**)  
5 participants from the city of Sieniawa (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Pawłosiów (**Poland**),  
6 participants from the city of Przeworsk (**Poland**),  
3 participants from the city of Munina (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Wietlin (**Poland**),  
1 participants from the city of Jagiełła (**Poland**),  
2 participants from the city of Radymno (**Poland**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Jaroslaw, Poland, on 28/10/2015.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to encourage people with intellectual and complex disabilities to actively participate in the life of the European Union along three guiding questions: (1) Which forms of communication should Europe use to reach better people with intellectual and complex disabilities? (2) What are the greatest European challenges from the perspective of people with intellectual disabilities? (3) How is participation for people with intellectual and complex disabilities possible in the democratic Europe? What are the needs and concerns?

### **Event 6**

**Participation:** The event involved 102 citizens, including

92 participants from the city of Luton (**UK**),  
3 participants from the city of Leicester (**UK**),  
3 participants from the city of Hitchin (**UK**),  
2 participants from the city of Dunstable (**UK**),  
1 participant from the city of Hemel Hempsted (**UK**),  
1 participant from the city of London (**UK**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Luton, UK, on 21/01/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to encourage people with intellectual and complex disabilities to actively participate in the life of the European Union along three guiding questions: (1) Which forms of communication should Europe use to reach better people with intellectual and complex disabilities? (2) What are the greatest European challenges from the perspective of people with intellectual disabilities? (3) How is participation for people with intellectual and complex disabilities possible in the democratic Europe? What are the needs and concerns?

#### **Event 7**

**Participation:** The event involved est. 80 citizens via Facebook.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place on Facebook (Austrian profile) from 01/06/2015 to 01/05/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was, throughout the main project period and based on the local events, to provide a discussion group on Facebook between members of the target group and all concerned people about participation of people with intellectual and complex disabilities in the democratic life of Europe.

#### **Event 8**

**Participation:** The event involved est. 39 citizens via Facebook.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place on Facebook (Danish profile) from 01/06/2015 to 01/05/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was, throughout the main project period and based on the local events, to provide a discussion group on Facebook between members of the target group and all concerned people about participation of people with intellectual and complex disabilities in the democratic life of Europe.

#### **Event 9**

**Participation:** The event involved est. 49 citizens via Facebook.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place on Facebook (Italian profile) from 01/06/2015 to 01/05/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was, throughout the main project period and based on the local events, to provide a discussion group on Facebook between members of the target group and all concerned people about participation of people with intellectual and complex disabilities in the democratic life of Europe.

#### **Event 10**

**Participation:** The event involved est. 62 citizens via Facebook.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place on Facebook (Polish profile) from 01/06/2015 to 01/05/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was, throughout the main project period and based on the local events, to provide a discussion group on Facebook between members of the target group and all concerned people about participation of people with intellectual and complex disabilities in the democratic life of Europe.

#### **Event 11**

**Participation:** The event involved est. 116 citizens via Facebook.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place on Facebook (UK profile) from 01/06/2015 to 01/05/2016.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was, throughout the main project period and based on the local events, to provide a discussion group on Facebook between members of the target group and all concerned people about participation of people with intellectual and complex disabilities in the democratic life of Europe.

#### **Event 12**

**Participation:** The event involved 182 citizens, including

3 participants from the city of Bruck/Mur (**Austria**),

5 participants from the city of Florence (**Italy**),

75 participants from the city of Graz (**Austria**),

5 participants from the city of Jaroslaw (**Poland**),

2 participants from the city of Knittelfeld (**Austria**),

5 participants from the city of Lannach (**Austria**),

3 participants from the city of Leoben (**Austria**),

3 participants from the city of Liezen (**Austria**),

5 participants from the city of Luton (**UK**),

5 participants from the city of Mureck (**Austria**),

5 participants from the city of Odder (**Denmark**),

66 participants actively via social media.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Graz, Austria, from 18/05/2016 to 19/05/2016.

**Short description:**

In the morning session of the first conference day, the project coordinator provided a general overview of the PINE-D project in general: What is PINE-D? Why do we have PINE-D? What do the PINE-D partners want to achieve? What have the PINE-D partners done in the project? What was important for the PINE-D partners in their countries? What questions did the PINE-D partners have? What will be done with the answers?

This part was followed by round table and panel discussion.

That way, the participants received an overview of the topic. Special focus was put on the use of supporting communication methods. Easy language was used throughout the conference - also by the English-German interpreters. The moderators (experts in the field of working with people with intellectual and complex disabilities) used a "traffic-light-system" with green, yellow and red cards to actively invite participants' feedback on what had been said by the speakers or, even, to give them a possibility to interrupt the speakers. There was extensive use of images, symbols and body-language.

The combination of round table and panel discussions proved to be very successful since it gave the participants the opportunity to discuss with other participants at the tables and to ask questions to the panel. For many people with intellectual and complex disabilities this is a good way because they find it difficult to speak in public.

The participants were actively taking part in conversations and discussions. Many questions were asked and answered, views and opinions were exchanged.

In the afternoon of the first conference day, the results and experiences from each partner country were presented and discussed. That way, the participants got an idea of what Europe means in practical terms. They had the possibility to learn from national and/or regional approaches, to find out about differences in the needs of the target group and to speak to people from other countries.

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The second conference day started with a press conference in cooperation with the Municipality of Graz.

Questions were answered by the Deputy-Mayor of Graz, a representative of the Social Welfare Office of Graz, a representative of Jugend am Werk Steiermark and representatives from the project partners. The media was informed on the project and its aims and implications on society on the whole.

Two representatives of the target group from Graz gave a key note on the topic from the point of view of the target group. The key-note was very well received and a good basis for the following workshops.

Three parallel workshops were organised to give the possibility to the target group to actively discuss the three guiding project questions and to come up with more ideas for the PINE-D Petition. The workshops were led by representatives from the partner countries. Language barriers (foreign languages and easy language + supported communication) proved to be a challenge but was very well managed by all three workshop groups.

The afternoon session started off with an explanation of what a petition is.

This general explanation was followed by an overview of suggestions the partner countries had come up with for the petition.

Finally, the workshop groups from the morning session presented their results and, thus, completed the petition to the European Parliament with regard to the three guiding questions of the PINE-D project. Finally, the participants had the possibility to sign the petition.

The conference concluded with a final discussion/answering open questions from the audience.