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Objectives and activities: The main goals of this project are:

- 1) the establishment of a sustainable European network for exchanging experiences and good practices in the field of development policies and strategic management of cities;
- 2) the development of models for strategic management of cities applying to local governments;
- 3) the improvement of the awareness of citizens commitment regarding decision-making processes and fostering an active democracy;
- 4) the promotion of transferring and exchanging knowledge from research to initiate problem solving concerning the development of cities.

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Applicable to the Action 1 – Measure 1.2 "Networks of Twinned Towns"
Action 2 – Measure 2.3 "Support projects initiated by civil society organisations"
Action 4 – "Active European Remembrance"

3 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 223 citizens, including 200 participants from the city of Poznań, Poland and

- ..1.. participant from the city of Bologna (Italy),
- ..3.. participants from the city of Bucharest (Romania),
- ..3.. participants from the city of Daugavpils (Latvia),
- ..1.. participant from the city of Dublin (Ireland),
- ..2.. participants from the city of Florence (Italy),
- ..3.. participants from the city of The Hague (The Netherlands),
- ..2.. participants from the city of Hengelo (The Netherlands),
- ..3.. participants from the city of Klaipeda (Lithuania),
- ..2.. participants from the city of Murcia (Spain),
- ..3.. participants from the city of Wolverhampton (Great Britain),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Poznań, Poland, from 13/11/2013 to 14/11/2013

Short description:

The aim of the two-day event was to answer the question posed in the conference subject: "Data in a drawer or a barometer of change - the practical use of subjective and objective indicators in the strategic monitoring of the cities." The first day of the event consisted of a conference divided in 3 thematic parts on Strategic monitoring, Quality of life research and Social consultations. Each part was concluded with panel discussion involving representatives of project partner cities. On the second day 3 parallel workshops were held on the above mentioned thematic areas concerned by the project. Participants of workshops had the opportunity to exchange their experiences in the frame of interactive work. The event was accompanied with distribution of introductory publication presenting the project idea and its partnership.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 202 citizens, including 187 participants from the city of Poznań, Poland and 1 participant from the European Commission

- ..1.. participant from the city of Bologna (Italy),
- ..1.. participant from the city of Daugavpils (Latvia),
- ..1.. participant from the city of Dublin (Ireland),
- ..1.. participant from the city of Florence (Italy),
- ..1.. participant from the city of The Hague (The Netherlands),
- ..2.. participants from the city of Hengelo (The Netherlands),
- ..3.. participants from the city of Klaipeda (Lithuania),
- ..2.. participants from the city of Murcia (Spain),
- ..2.. participants from the city of Wolverhampton (Great Britain),

Location / Dates: The event took place in Poznań, Poland, from 22/10/2014 to 23/10/2014

Short description:

The aim of the two-day event was to analyse the problem depicted in its subject: “*A city dweller - who's that? - Modern methods for collecting data about city inhabitants.*” The first day of the event consisted of a conference during which the representatives of project partners and project scientific experts presented their experiences and good practices in the 2 project areas: Strategic monitoring, Quality of life research. The second day was mainly devoted to the topic of Social consultations. The lecturers, including representatives of partners, presented best practices linked with enhancing involvement of their cities' dwellers in local development. In the afternoon of the second day two parallel workshops were conducted by the local “*Miasta 2.0*” group. The first workshop focused on the implementation of participatory budgets (planning of city budget with involvement of citizens), which have been recently emerging in Polish cities. The second workshop focused on geo-questionnaires: an online participatory mapping tool that can be used in research on the quality of life and the quality of urban spaces. Participants were involved in hands-on exercises that helped them discover how to use these methods in a way that would best meet the needs of local communities.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 233 citizens, including 217 participants from the city of Poznań, Poland and ..1.. participant from the city of Bologna (Italy), ..2.. participants from the city of Daugavpils (Latvia), ..1.. participant from the city of Dublin (Ireland), ..1.. participant from the city of Florence (Italy), ..1.. participant from the city of Hengelo (The Netherlands), ..3.. participants from the city of Klaipeda (Lithuania), ..1.. participants from the city of Wolverhampton (Great Britain),

Additionally

2 participants from the city of Assen (The Netherlands),

2 participants from the city of Eindhoven (The Netherlands) as lecturers, 2 participants from Amsterdam (The Netherlands) as lecturers.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Poznań, Poland, from 22/04/2015 to 23/04/2015

Short description:

The aim of the two-day event was to conclude the project implementation and look into the future through presentation of “*Major development tendencies in European cities - Identification and efficient intervention methods.*” Different lecturers and guests invited to the conference presented innovative topics linked with cities development. The following lectures were held on the first day: “*Awareness of change: Future City 4.0 Version*”, “*THINK DIFFERENT - Culture as a binder connecting people to the city*”, “*The active city – from the perspective of inhabitant, educator, designer*”. In the afternoon participants took part in Oxford debate entitled: “*The city center revitalisation will stop population decline in the city of Poznan*”. On the second day a very interesting Dutch project „*Cities in transition*” was presented and followed by 3 lectures on: “*Power and citizen from the social interdependence psychology perspective*”, “*Stimulating the participation of responsibility - a lecture with practical social psychology*” and “*Civic budget in the city of Poznan*”. The day was concluded with moderated discussion with foreign visitors and advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland entitled “*25 years of self-government - already citizens or passive observers*”. The event was accompanied with distribution of project main publication presenting partners' experiences and best practices and project CD including both project publications.

Publications

Introduction to partner cities

<http://www.cnet.poznan.pl/mim/ccnet/en/publication,p,25641,25645,25820.html>

The good practices of the Cities

<http://www.cnet.poznan.pl/mim/ccnet/en/publication,p,25641,27266,30154.html>