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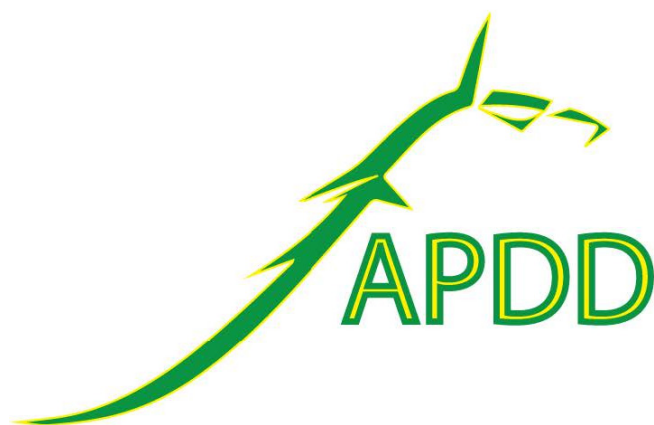
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Democracy and Society (DEMOS)



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PART I OVERVIEW

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2018 is the year of new beginnings. After a tumultuous period that revealed major gaps in the European body: the crisis of refugees, the increase in insecurity caused by extremist and radical movements, secessionist actions, new challenges are on the horizon. The invocation of Article 50 of the EU Treaty on March 29, 2017 by Great Britain represents a major failure of European prosperity policy through unity in diversity. Thus, what was inconceivable became reality: European elections in 2019 will take place without the participation of Great Britain, a state which through its citizens voted for the abandonment of the European family.

The young people play a leading role in the evolution of European society. The indifferent attitude towards participation in democratic and civic life in Europe, failure to





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adopt critical, objective thinking in decision-making at Community level are major obstacles to democratic development on a balanced basis, brakes on development and prosperity.

The European 2019 Elections perspective represents an opportunity to strengthen and confirm the European principles of development. The attitudes of indifference to social progress must be combated to ensure a sustainable development.

In this context, "Democracy and Society" (DEMOS) proposes the following general objectives:

1. Information and knowledge for enhancing / developing civic, democratic, social and intercultural competences of 50 young people from 5 European countries, of which min 25 have limited opportunities (economic, geographic, cultural, ethnic);
2. Developing specific skills to improve the active participation of 50 young people from 5 European countries in democratic, civic, social and intercultural life in Europe;
3. Social inclusion by supporting the participation of marginalized young people in all project activities;
4. Promoting critical thinking and active participation in the community by organizing and conducting at least 5 interactive workshops.



Democracy and Society project (DEMOS) will be implemented during 6 months (15.06.2018- 15.12.2018), the mobility will take place in Horezu Resort, for a period of 10



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days. In the project will participate 50 young people (min 25 with limited opportunities) + 10 group leaders from 5 European countries (Romania, Cyprus, Latvia, Spain, Italy), the 5 partner organizations (Pro Dezvoltare DACIA Association (APDD) – Romania, Social Policy And Action Organization” - Cyprus; Biedrība “ALIVE” - Latvia; „all2help” – Spain; „ ICSE & Co” - Italy) demonstrating a homogeneity over the purpose, objectives, experience and operational capability.

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The aim of the project is to stimulate young people's involvement in democratic, civic, social and cultural life in Europe.

Project results: 1 DEMOS brochure; min 5 interactive workshops / partner organization - for the active participation of 50 young people from 5 European countries on democratic, civic, social and cultural life in the community; partnership follow-up by submitting a new 2019 project.





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PRESENTATION OF THE INVOLVED ORGANIZATIONS:

The "Multicultural Europe" partnership brought together 5 organizations from 5 countries (Romania, France, Italy, Poland and Spain):

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PRO DEZVOLATARE DACIA Association (APDD) Romania:

Since its beginnings, the organization has set itself the task of participating in the development of the community in all its aspects by bringing to its service the vast experience of the staff involved. Thus it has developed various projects and partnerships with other organizations, with public institutions, with schools, in support of the community especially in support of vulnerable people at risk of marginalization and social exclusion.

APDD principles: initiative, involvement and cooperation, volunteering, mutual respect and support, transparency, equity, competition, responsibility, principledness, equality and legality.



Social Policy And Action Organization - Cyprus, is an organization set up to improve the quality of citizens' lives. It addresses vulnerable groups with an emphasis on young people in the social, civic and political fields. It designs and implements actions that address social and civic issues.

The organization develops and promotes social policy recommendations. It monitors laws and directives adopted for social policy, cartographies practices and actions in other countries of effective social policies, Carries out civic and democratic education activities among young people. Has experience in EU projects implementation: 2 Erasmus+ projects as coordinator and 3 as partner.



Biedriba "ALIVE"- Latvia – it's a non-governmental organization based in Riga. The organization has created a non-formal "CORE" non-formal education program based on human science and the interaction of the human's internal and external environment. He conducted the National Campaign "Youth Vote" - The campaign helped to increase the participation of young people in the elections for

the Latvian Parliament and for the European Parliament. It has experience in implementing EU funded projects: 2 Erasmus+ projects, and in working with young people.



All2help – Spain - is created with the intent to involve, inform, educate and motivate the young Spanish to actively participate in a civic society. Promotes active involvement of young people in the local and European decision area. It supports young people to become active European citizens, social, civic and involvement as decision-makers, the first steps being the exercise of the right to vote and to volunteer. It helps young people to actively contribute to social development





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P4 ICSE & Co. – Italy - is a non-profit organization linked to the Department of Political Science of the University of Florence. Since 2010, it has worked in three main sectors to provide young people with opportunities for professional and personal development, to support gaining civic and democratic skills in a multicultural and international environment. Experience: 8 Erasmus + projects.

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PART II

NON-FORMAL METHODS USED

The mobility activities were conducted using non-formal methods that favored communication, interaction, intuition, critical thinking, creativity, participation, etc. These were chosen according to the project's objectives, the profile and the needs of the participants, the theme, duration and number of participants..

An important role in DEMOS activities were played by: the thematic workshops (Talk and Remember Method, Open Space Method, Living Library Method, Starbusting Method, Brainstormingul), Role play: Game of Democracy; Role play: Be active voting; List of Values and Principles; Mime Game: What we do?; simulations, analyzes, debates (the round table) at the beginnnin various games of ice breaking and energizing and during activities games of cooperation and communication or group sharing (All shake hands; Lottery of punctuality and active participation; Three truths and a lie; Count; letters; Remove the ball; Transmits energy; Portrait of a European citizen; The image in my mind; Stop the music! The identical geometric shape; Forward the action; Recognize the leader; The charmed microphone; Juggling the ball; The computer; What has changed ?; Representation of objects), Miniexposition: My people's values; outdoor activities, "For a cleaner environment", study visits and at the end of each day a reflection session (Question Me).

The participants made a practical implementation of democracy through role play, depending on the day's theme. Intercultural evenings included artistic and gastronomic activities.

But let's let the pictures speak:





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PARTICIPANTS' IMPRESSIONS:

„ For the young participants from Romania, Democracy and Society was an very attractive project. Their participation in the exchange responded to their needs to be informed, to know, and to develop democratic, civic, social competences in order of becoming more actively involved in society. They learned new things in this respect, they met young people from other cultures and other nationalities and together they have discovered the answer to many questions.

For some participants it was the first time they had direct contact with young people from other European countries. They were very involved in the activities and were willing to highlight great works about their people. They had the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to speak in a foreign language, to evaluate their learning process and to validate their acquired skills.

From the logistically point of view: Double, inviting and clean rooms, separate beds and en-suite bathrooms equipped with everything you need. Meals in the hotel restaurant (3 meals/day plus snacks and coffee between meals).

Successful activities with the total involvement of the young people. No cases of non-participation/isolation from social group were recorded, all participants were encouraged and actively participated in all activities. Representatives from the project team were 24 of 24 hours at their disposal for support of any kind.

Promoting young people's stronger participation in democratic and civic life in Europe has been a specific priority for Romania and needs to be continued.”¹

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