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**Applicable to the Action 1, Measure 1.1  
*"Town Twinning Citizens' Meetings"***

**Participation:** The Town Twinning Project “**Active Citizens for a European Dialogue - ACED**”, promoted by the Municipality of Nizza di Sicilia, involved 60 citizens from all over Europe: 16 participants from Priekuli Municipality (Latvia), 18 participants from Concello de Curtis (Spain), 4 participants from Birgu Local Council (Malta), 8 participants from Elena/Lukovit Municipalities (Bulgaria) 14 participants from VĂlenii De Munte (Romania).

**Location/ Dates:** The event of Town Twinning took place in Nizza di Sicilia (Italy) from **04/06/2014** to **14/06/2014**

**Short description:**

**Event 1** have been carried out within this project:

**The day I - 04/06/2014** was dedicated to the **Arrival of foreign delegations in Catania Airport**, transfer to Nizza di Sicilia Municipality, **Accommodation in the Hotel**.

Welcome Ceremony: Welcoming and Greetings by the Mayor, Executive body and Local Council of Nizza di Sicilia Municipality at the presence of citizens.

Welcome Dinner in the Hotel.

**The day II - 05/06/2014** was dedicated to **official Presentation of the project and the Programme “Europe for Citizens” + Guided tour of Nizza di Sicilia**

H 10,00 Municipal Gallery: Official Presentation of the project and the Programme “Europe for Citizens”, as tool to improve the democratic and active participation in UE.

Presentation of Partnership and territories by the foreign delegations.

Press-Conference.

Lunch

H 16,00 Guided tour of Nizza di Sicilia.

Dinner and Sicilian folk music.

**The day III - 06/06/2014** was dedicated to **Visit of Tirreanean side of the province of Messina.**

H 9 00: Departure from Nizza to the City of Santa Lucia del Mela. Meeting with the Mayor and citizens.

H 13,00 Lunch in Spadafora

Transfer to Milazzo Municipality - Visit of the Castle, Cathedral of S.Stefano, beach walking and tour around Neoclassic Palace in the down town.

Visit of Monforte San Giorgio Municipality: Medieval Parade “Katabba”. Ceremony of conferment of Honorary Citizenship to the foreign delegations at the presence of the Mayors of Unione dei Comuni delle Valli del Tirreno. Testing of traditional Products.

H 20,00 Come back in Nizza and Dinner

**The day IV - 07/06/2014** was dedicated **Official Ceremony of Signature of Town Twinning Oath.**

H 10,00 Official Ceremony of Town Twinning Oath' Signature. Meeting on "Active Citizens for a European Dialogue" with Mayors of cities involved, General Director of Italian National Agency of Erasmus Plus Programme, schools, citizens. Debate and discussion on European policies and Future of UE. Musical Performance by the School Orchestra. European Anthem.

Signature of Town Twinning Oath by the Mayors of the cities involved. Execution of the National Anthems of the countries involved.

Official lunch.

Preparation of Intercultural Dinner - Multiethnic Dinner.

**The day V - 08/06/2014** was dedicated to **Visit of Natural Park “Buticari”.**

Visit around the beauties and the varieties of trees of Natural park with the President. Plant of the Friendship Trees by the Mayors.

Barbecue in the park – Skeet shooting.

Meeting with the Consorzium “Limone Interdonato” IGP

Dinner

**The day of VI - 09/06/2014** was dedicated to the **Visit of Agrò Valley + Meeting with Mayor.**

Tour around the towns of Agrò Valley:

1. Casalvecchio Siculo: The musuem, SS Peter and Paul Church.

2. Savoca: Tour of God father, catacombs

H 13: Lunch

3. Tour of Forza D'Agrò: Meeting with the Mayor, Presentation of Partnership by the foreign delegations and territories. Exchange of gifts, discussion on future cooperation.

H 20,00 Dinner.

**The day VII 10/06/2014** was dedicated to **Round Table + Interactive Workshop**

H 10,00 Round Table: “**20 years of European Citizenship - Maastricht Treat**” with experts of European Policy.

Lunch

Interactive Laboratory on : “General aspects of European Projects management”

Dinner

**The day VIII – 11/06/2014** was dedicated to **Free Morning + Workshop**

Free Morning

Lunch

Workshop on Learning about “the way to use actively European Programmes of Mobility in Support to youth Generation”

Dinner

**The day IX – 12/06/2014** was dedicated to the **Visit of Messina + exchange of best practices**

City tour of Messina

Lunch

Meeting with the University of Messina, experts and Mayors of the Province of Messina. Discussion and comparison on **Metropolitan City and Free Consortiums.**

Exchange of best Practices about National Experiences in administrative reforms around Europe.

Dinner

**The day X – 13/06/2014** was dedicated to Evaluation and **Planning for the Future networking + Participation in the City Council**

Individual self evaluation – Questionnaires

Discussion on cooperation and new project proposals in the field of “Europe for Citizens Programme” - Enlargement of partnership

Lunch

Participation in the City Council: the foreign delegations have taken part to the work of Local Council in Nizza di Sicilia in order to understand the functions of the Council. Comparison and exchange of experiences.

Dinner – Greetings and exchange of presents

**The day XI – 14/06/2014** was dedicated to **Departure**

Departure of Foreign delegations

