



### The project «**SPUR**»

«Towards a New Spur for EU Democracy Building learn and engagement  
New forms of Societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering as a New  
Spur for civic and democratic participation at EU level»

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"Europe for Citizens"

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

**Four (4) multifaceted** events have been carried out within this project:

#### Event 1

**Participation:** The event involved **155** citizens, including **119** participants from the city of Nea Smyrni but also from various areas of the city of Athens, capital of Greece, and its suburbs and municipalities of Athens (**Greece**), **5** from the Greek entity-partner **IMEPO/Greece**, **4** participants from the city of Brossac but also from other cities of France (**France**), **3** participants from the city of Porto de Mós, (**Portugal**), **8** participants from the city of Mali Lošinj but also from other cities of Croatia, (**Croatia**), **2** participants from the city of Gdynia but also from other cities of Poland, (**Poland**), **2** participants from the city of Česká Třebová (**Czech Republic**), **2** participants from the city of Pazardzhik Region (**Bulgaria**), **1** participant from the city of Comune di Castel Goffredo (**Italy**), **5** participants from the city of Primaria Municipiului Bucuresti (**Romania**), **3** participants from the city of Strovolos but also from other cities of Nicosia region (**Cyprus**), as well as **1** participant from the city of Amsterdam (**Nederland**)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Nea Smyrni (**Greece**), from **21/04/2016** to **22/04/2016**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was “**Citizens on the Move**” for a New Europe with the following **Topics for development**

- Development of citizens' understanding of the EU policy making-process, EU history, values and diversity
- Deepening of the discussion on the future of Europe and on what kind of Europe citizens want

## Event 2

**Participation:** The event involved **151** citizens, including **117** participants from the city of Nea Smyrni but also from various areas of the city of Athens, capital of Greece, and its suburbs and municipalities of Athens (**Greece**), **5** from the Greek entity-partner **IMEPO/Greece**, **4** participants from the city of Brossac but also from other cities of France (**France**), **5** participants from the city of Porto de Mós, (**Portugal**), **2** participants from the city of Gdynia but also from other cities of Poland, (**Poland**), **1** participant from the city of Česká Třebová (**Czech Republic**), **3** participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), **5** participants from the city of Pazardzhik Region (**Bulgaria**), **2** participants from the city of Comune di Castel Goffredo (**Italy**), **3** participants from the city of Primaria Municipiului Bucuresti (**Romania**), **3** participants from the city of Strovolos but also from other cities of Nicosia region (**Cyprus**), **as well as 1** participant from the city of Amsterdam (**Nederland**)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Nea Smyrni (**Greece**), from **11/05/2016** to **13/05/2016**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was “**Defining the local good - Searching the European good**” with the following **Topics for development**

- Promoting innovative opportunities of democratic and civic participation
- Reinforcement of already existing instruments for participation in civic dialogue at local and EU level

## Event 3

**Participation:** The event involved **152** citizens, including **122** participants from the city of Nea Smyrni but also from various areas of the city of Athens, capital of Greece, and its suburbs and municipalities of Athens (**Greece**), **5** from the Greek entity-partner **IMEPO/Greece**, **2** participants from the city of Porto de Mós, (**Portugal**), **4** participants from the city of Gdynia but also from other cities of Poland, (**Poland**), **1** participant from the city of Česká Třebová (**Czech Republic**), **1** participant from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), **5** participants from the city of Pazardzhik Region (**Bulgaria**), **1** participant from the city of Comune di Castel Goffredo (**Italy**), **3** participants from the city of Primaria Municipiului Bucuresti (**Romania**), **3** participants from the city of Strovolos but also from other cities of Nicosia region (**Cyprus**), **4** participants from the city of London (**United Kingdom**) **as well as 1** participant from the city of Amsterdam (**Nederland**)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Nea Smyrni (**Greece**), from **14/06/2016** to **16/06/2016**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was “**Creating long immersion volunteering youth networks**” with the following **Topics for development**

- Local community-minded young citizens as educated and experienced in dealing of the European sides of social issues, empowered to make more informed decisions and take meaningful action as members of the European society who weigh in on issues that impact the democracy in EU

#### Event 4

**Participation:** The event involved **179** citizens, including **145** participants from the city of Nea Smyrni but also from various areas of the city of Athens, capital of Greece, and its suburbs and municipalities of Athens (**Greece**), **5** from the Greek entity-partner **IMEPO/Greece**, **2** participants from the city of Brossac but also from other cities of France (**France**), **5** participants from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), **5** participants from the city of Mali Lošinj but also from other cities of Croatia, (**Croatia**), **4** participants from the city of Gdynia but also from other cities of Poland, (**Poland**), **1** participant from the city of Česká Třebová (**Czech Republic**), **3** participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), **1** participant from the city of Comune di Castel Goffredo (**Italy**), **3** participants from the city of Strovolos but also from other cities of Nicosia region (**Cyprus**), **4** participants from the city of London (**United Kingdom**) as well as **1** participant from the city of Amsterdam (**Nederland**)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Nea Smyrni (**Greece**), from **11/07/2016** to **12/07/2016**

**Short description:** The aim of the event was “**Learning critical EU social and political issues**” - “**Particular Interests and Social Partnership**” with the following **Topics for development**

- The Disability, Ecology and Migration Strategies based on societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering as a new spur for EU Democracy
- How people with particular interests harmed by the EU could be equal active citizens in Union
- The accessible pathways for Eurosceptic individuals to ensure an inclusive and participative democratic life at EU level
- Innovative models of cooperation between state, governmental and national institutions, the economic sector and voluntary unions of citizens