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

**Participation:** The project involved 265 citizens, notably 100 participants from the Municipality Čapljina (**Bosnia and Herzegovina**), 100 participants from the city of Velika Gorica (**Croatia**) and 65 participants from the city of Požega (**Croatia**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Čapljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, from 17/8/2018. to 19.8.2018.

**Short description:**

This project established cooperation with the cities in the Republic of Croatia - Velika Gorica and Požega. By the signing of the agreement the existence of a common interest for cooperation in the programs of the European Union was established and enabled participants from all cities to exchange best practice examples. The project increased awareness of citizens on the possibilities offered by the democratic and personal involvement on an EU level. The participants, local and international, were involved in the project through presentations, workshop and round table and these events served as a platform for participants to evaluate quality of life in their communities, their future needs and their knowledge about European Union.

Local stakeholders became aware of the benefits of civil engagement for European Union members and have made a joint decision to make greater efforts for a better European future.

The day of 17/8/2018. was dedicated to arrival of participants from Velika Gorica and Požega.

Welcome dinner for international and local participants

- Welcome speech of Mayor Mr. Smiljan Vidić
- Presentation of the cities- current state
- Presentation of local traditional music, dance and costumes
- Workshop- Where are we in relations to European Union-questionnaire and debate..

The day of 18/8/2018. was dedicated to Touristic sightseeing of Čapljina and surroundings for all international participants organized by Tourist organisation "Čapljinka"- old medieval town Počitelj, waterfalls Kravice, ancient Roman Villa Rustica, nature park Hutovo blato. At the same time workshop for local and international representatives (15) was held. The topic was the future of Europe. Local representatives got an opportunity to get answers to their questions and possible doubts regarding the possible accession to the EU. EU funds- an accent to possible cooperation on different EU projects was made.

- Reception for the project participants/stakeholders and carnival groups from Slovenia, Italy, Croatia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina in an ancient Roman Villa Rustica.
- Joint lunch for all participants
- Signing of agreements between three cities
- Concert for the local and international participants and other guests organized as a part of the 20th International summer carnival.

The day of 19/8/2018. was dedicated to joint breakfast for local and international participants. The conclusions from the workshop and round table were presented. Free time for international participants to exchange impressions about their first visit to Herzegovina. Local groups were invited to visit Velika Gorica and Požega and they agreed about future cooperation. The participants will take on a more active, initiating a change and take action for better, European future.