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**Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"**

**7 Events have been carried out within this Project:**

**Event 1 “Debating the future of the European rural territories and the social value of the cultural heritage of the EU historic villages”**

**Participation:** The event involved **79 citizens**, including 62 participants from the town of Vimianzo and other Galician locations (**Spain**), 3 participants from Bolyarovo (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from Kumrovec and 1 participant from Pregrada (**Croatia**), 2 participants from Dagda (**Latvia**), 1 participants from Melpignano, 1 participant from Gallipoli, 1 participant from Cirò and 1 participant from Rome (**Italy**), and 2 participants from Marvão, 1 participant from Portalegre and 1 participant from Belmonte (**Portugal**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Vimianzo (Spain)**, from **03/04/2019** to **05/04/2019**.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was the official project launch and the Kickoff meeting organisation. Moreover, it aimed to inform citizens about the EU rural development policies, to discuss about the situation and challenges of the European rural areas (such as depopulation, population aging and lack of job opportunities), to debate on their future, but also to raise awareness about the cultural and historic heritage of the rural territories as strategic resource for a sustainable rural Europe. In order to achieve these objectives, different types of activities were organized during the three days of the event, such as: info day (conferences, panel of experiences and debates), transnational workshop (conferences, discussions and debates) and intercultural and networking activities. Directed mainly to the project target groups, the transnational workshop was focused on the current EU rural development strategies (what are the existing strategies, which participatory methodologies are used by local governments to design them, the cultural and historical heritage of rural territories as a strategic resource, etc.).

Further information regarding the Programme of the IE1 can be viewed in the following link:  
<https://www.vimianzo.gal/eusave/info.php?id=512&idioma=gl&sec=383>

**Event 2 “Social Innovation as a Reference Model for the Cultural Heritage”**

**Participation:** The event involved **88 citizens**, including 65 participants from the town of Melpignano and from other Municipalities located in the “Grecia Salentina” area (**Italy**), 1 participant from Vimianzo, 1 participant from Culleredo (**Spain**), 1 participant from Bruxelles (**Belgium**), 3 participants from Roma (**Italy**), 1 participant from Mazzarino (**Italy**), 1 participant from Pregrada, 2 participants from Tuhelj (**Croatia**), 3 participants from Dagda (**Latvia**), 2 participants from Strumica, 2 participants from Berovo (**Macedonia**), 3 participants from Bolyarovo (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from Marvão and 1 participant from Portalegre (**Portugal**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Melpignano (Italy)**, from **26/06/2019** to **28/06/2019**.

**Short description:** The aim of the event - in addition to the realization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Transnational Coordination Meeting during which the Review and approval of the Kick-off Meeting Minutes was carried out, the Follow up on Tasks identified during the Kick-off Meeting held in Vimianzo ( Spain), the Project Progress Review (in particular relating to WP1, WP2 and WP4) and to plan the next steps - was to inform citizens about the importance of social innovation for the purpose of enhancing Cultural Heritage and involve them in the discussion about the different approaches, experiences, models and good practices in this sector, thus stimulating and consolidating the

awareness of how social innovation is a strategic tool (at European level but also at local level) for the enhancement of existing cultural heritage in European historical and rural villages. In order to achieve these objectives, mainly aimed at the target groups of the project and with the involvement of the main stakeholders operating in the area, during the three days of the event different types of activities were organized and, specifically, they were held: 1) an International Conference; 2) a Panel of Experiences and Best Practices; 3) an International Workshop aimed at Stakeholders concerning a Thematic Panel on “Social Innovation as a Reference Model for the Cultural Heritage” and during which a discussion and a debate were held on the Current Situation and Challenges of Tourism in Europe in the Cultural Heritage Sector; 4) Study Visits and Intercultural and Networking Activities.

Further information regarding the Programme of the IE2 can be viewed in the following link:  
<https://www.vimianzo.gal/eusave/info.php?id=529&idioma=en&sec=383>

### **Event 3 “The new European ruralities: Innovative local development strategies and historic villages”**

**Participation:** The event involved **69** citizens, including 47 participants from the town of Kumrovec (**Croatia**) and surrounding towns and municipalities (Klanjec, Tuhelj, Hum na Sutli, Kraljevec na Sutli, Zabok, Zagorska Sela, Pregrada, Krapina, Marija Bistrica) as well from other parts of Croatia (Matulji, Karlovac) and international participants from the town/city: 1 participant from Vimianzo, 1 participant from Culleredo (**Spain**), 1 participant from Bruxelles (**Belgium**), 2 participants from Rome, 1 participant from Melpignano (**Italy**), 3 participants from Dagda (**Latvia**), 4 participants from Berovo (**Macedonia**), 4 participants from Bolyarovo (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from Marvao, 1 participant from Portalegre (**Portugal**), 1 participant from Belgrade (**Serbia**) and 1 participant from Bistrica ob Sotli (**Slovenia**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Kumrovec (**Croatia**), from **25/09/2019** to **27/09/2019**.

**Short description:** Through event implementation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Transnational Coordination Meeting, International Conference and International Workshop was carried out. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Coordination Meeting had three subjects - Progress Review, Presentation of good practices by all project partners and planning of development of the final outputs. The aim of the Conference and the Workshop was to inform citizens about the importance of local development strategies for the purpose of enhancing local development through Cultural Heritage and to involve them in the discussion about the different approaches, experiences, models and good practices in this sector. Special emphasis of the event was put on the citizens' participation including youth and children participation in decision making. Presentation of various examples of local and European good practices aimed to inspire and raise awareness of existing cultural heritage in European historical and rural villages that could be the drivers of local development. In order to achieve these objectives, mainly aimed at the target groups of the project and with the involvement of the main stakeholders operating in the area, during the three days of the event different types of activities were organized and, specifically, they were held: 1) an International Conference consisting of 2 panels followed with a debate 2) an International Workshop aimed at Stakeholders with 2 panels 3) Study Visits and Intercultural and Networking Activities.

Further information regarding the Programme of the IE3 can be viewed in the following link:  
<https://www.vimianzo.gal/eusave/info.php?id=651&idioma=en&sec=383>

<http://www.zagorje-sutla.eu/projekt/eusave-eu-citizens-action-for-smart-historic-villages>

### **Event 4 “The new European ruralities: Innovative local development and historic villages, Part 2”**

**Participation:** The event involved **69** citizens, including 3 participants from the town of Zannebeke, 6 participants from the town/city of Ypres, 14 participants from the town of Ieper, 2 participants from the town of Gits, 1 participant from the town of Brugge, 1 participant from the town of Diksmuide, 1 participant from the town of Kortrijk (**Belgium**), 3 participants from Dagda (**Latvia**), 3 participants from Bolyarovo (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from the city of Portoalegre, 2 participants from the town of Marvao (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the town of Wur (**Netherlands**), 1 participants from the town of Pregada, 1 participants from the town of Aquae, 1 participants from the town of Kumrovec (**Croatia**), 3 participants from the town of Berovo (**Macedonia**), 3 participants from the town of Vimiazio (**Spain**), 2 participants from Melpignano (**Italy**), 2 participants from (**Italy**) and 15 participants from the local host country, **Belgium**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Ypres, Belgium**, from **02/12/2019** to **03/12/2019**.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to bring together various local initiatives on the topics of inclusive and sustainable rural development (December 2<sup>nd</sup>), and cultural heritage as a driver of local development (December 3<sup>rd</sup>). The first day a conference on “European and regional measures for sustainable development” was held with the participation of the ERND, West Vlaanderen province, R.E.D and Wageningen University. In the afternoon, participants shared good practices on local development. The second day was introduced by the Names List by Pieter Trogh. Peter Slosse held a presentation on “Tourism as a level for the local economy: 100th anniversary of the Great War” and Dries Chaerle presented “Five Years Notices to the Public: Narrative Concerts based on WWI stories”. Participation projects were shared with the guidance of Wouter Sinaeve. During the afternoon participants visited the Flanders Fields Museum and took part in a Remembrances tradition by Gilbert Ossieur and in a city walk. The event was finalized with a remembrance for Maria Vanassche and her children.

Further information regarding the Programme of the IE4 can be viewed in the following link:

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<https://www.facebook.com/ALDA.Europe/posts/10157733620863582>,

<https://twitter.com/ALDAeurope/status/1176893968463859718>

### **Event 5 “Designing new and innovative joint development strategies for EU smart and sustainable historic villages”**

**Participation:** The event involved **52** citizens, including 3 participants from the town of Zagorje-Sutla (**Croatia**), 2 participants from the town of Berovo (**Macedonia**), 3 participants from the town of Dagda (**Latvia**), 3 participants from the city of Bolyarovo (**Bulgaria**), 5 participants from the town of Vimianzo (**Spain**) and 36 participants from different regions of the hosting country, **Portugal**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Marvão, Portugal**, from **06/04/2022** to **08/04/2022**.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to create the handbook for joint strategies for smart historic villages through the participation in roundtables, where the innovative strategies to carry out in historic villages were debated on. The activities performed in this three-day Event included the 5<sup>th</sup> Transnational Coordination Meeting, as well as a variety of activities dedicated to showcase the best practices and strategies regarding historic villages, such as a Music Festival centered in sustainable villages and castles, a Cinema Festival, a Megalithic script and a Rail Bike built over an antique railway line. Partners also engaged in the cultural heritage of the host community through these activities and other, like the “Feira da Castanha”. Moreover, during this Event, partners had the opportunity to present their organisations and projects achievements to the stakeholders of the region.

Further information regarding the Programme of the IE5 can be viewed in the following link:

<https://www.vimianzo.gal/eusave/info.php?id=713&idioma=en&sec=383>

### **Event 6 “Designing new and innovative joint development strategies for EU smart and sustainable historic villages”**

**Participation:** The event involved **104** citizens, including including 72 participants from the town of Vimianzo and other Galician locations (**Spain**), 3 participants from Bolyarovo (**Bulgaria**), 2 participants from Krapinske Toplice and 1 participant from Zagreb (**Croatia**), 4 participants from Dagda (**Latvia**), 3 participants from Berovo (**Macedonia**), 1 participant from Melpignano and 4 participants from Vicenza (**Italy**), and 14 participants from Marvão, Portalegre and other locations in Alto Alentejo (**Portugal**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Vimianzo, Spain**, from **28/06/2022** to **01/07/2022**.

**Short description:** The aim of this event was to debate and design innovative and sustainable joint development strategies for EU smart historic villages. The opening day of the encounter was dedicated to a Coordination Meeting between partners, with the objective to review the project process and the identified strategies so far for #EuSAVE. The activities taken place in the following day encompassed a Transnational Info Day, where the project and its results were displayed (all partners participated) and a roundtable to discuss about initiatives to

enhance the value of cultural heritage. Ending the day, partners attended to the inauguration of the exhibition about the Festival of the Assault on the Castle, in Vimianzo. The last day a transnational workshop was celebrated in order to identify the joint strategies and best sustainability practices for the #EuSAVE network and on-site activities pertaining the culture and heritage of the local host, such as visiting a medieval festival and a tasting of “Irmandiños” finger food.

Further information regarding the Programme of the IE6 can be viewed in the following link:

<https://www.vimianzo.gal/eusave/info.php?id=714&idioma=en&sec=383>

### **Event 7 “ International forum for the social sustainability and cultural heritage of the European rural areas”**

**Participation:** The event involved **142** citizens, including **121** participants from the Bolyarovo Municipality (**Bulgaria**) and surrounding towns, municipalities (**Yambol, Tundzha**) and international participants from the town/city: 1 participant from Vimianzo, 1 participant from Culleredo (**Spain**), 4 participants from **Italy**, 3 participants from Dagda (**Latvia**), 4 participants from Berovo (**Macedonia**), 1 participant from Kurovec, 1 participant from Klanjec, 1 participant from Pregrada, 1 participant from Tuhelj, 1 participant from Desinic (**Croatia**) and 3 participants from Portalegre (**Portugal**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Bolyarovo (Bulgaria) from 31/08/2022 to 02/09/2022**

**Short description:** The event was final for the project and its purpose was both to present the partners to the local community as well as the local community to present itself -cultural and historical heritage, culinary and folklore traditions. Workable solutions were also discussed, aiming at achieving social sustainability through the use of cultural and historical heritage.

The last coordination meeting of the project partners was also held, during which the Project Plan was discussed, the Sustainability and Transferability plan and the sustainability of the #EuSAVE network.

The partners agreed to submit the final report by 30 October, as well as for all necessary activities to be carried out in connection with the completion and reporting of the project.

Further information regarding the Programme of the IE7 can be viewed in the following link:

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