







## The project « European Decades » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

### Applicable to the Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

Six events have been carried out within this project:

#### **Event 1 - European Decades: The 1917 social and political revolutions and the fall of empires - one century later**

**Participation:** The event involved 44 citizens, including:







-  28 participants from the city of Veliko Tarnovo (**Bulgaria**),
-  3 participants from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**),
-  4 participants from the city of Serres (**Greece**),
-  3 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**),
-  4 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**),
-  2 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Regional Government Building (**Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria**), from 15/11/2017 to 17/11/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to improve the knowledge of the project working groups' members and other participants in the seminar on the 1920-decade history, promoting non-discrimination principle and intercultural dialogue among the participants. The event consisted of two integral parts. The first one was dedicated to the social and political revolutions at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, their reasons and circumstances and their manifestations in real societal, political and public lives. The representatives of six countries and communities shared the impact of the WWI and the fall of the world empires in their countries. The second part of the international seminar was organized as a history hunt rally of pieces of art/painting, literature and monuments, influenced by the WWI and the October revolution in Veliko Tarnovo. As results were achieved better understanding of the realities, challenges and perceptions of the decade in different parts of Europe and was raised awareness on solidarity, European common values and history of the partner countries.

#### **Event 2 - European decades: Beginning of WWII 1938/1939 - 80 decades later**

**Participation:** The event involved 30 citizens, including:

-  4 participants from the city of Veliko Tarnovo (**Bulgaria**),
-  3 participants from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**),
-  2 participants from the city of Serres (**Greece**),
-  3 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**),
-  16 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**),
-  2 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**).







**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Human rights house (**Belgrade, Serbia**), from 26/02/2018 to 28/02/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to involve 30 national groups' members and citizens of different backgrounds in a Public Forum international debate and achieve a better understanding of the WWII beginning,

causes and course. The situations in the partner countries and societies during the Second World War were discussed and the participants delivered some testimonies, video and photo material. Topics as collaboration regimes, propaganda machinery, destruction of the countries and Holocaust were raised. The participants analyzed in detail the short and long-term effects of the war on the countries involved from different points of view. The main conclusion from the debate was that the fear, instability and misinformation were common characteristics lived in the EdUcade project partner countries during the decade of the WWII. This event raised awareness about the importance of the peace as a European value and the role of the European Union in keeping peace in Europe and the world.

### **Event 3 - European decades: 1968 Protest and civil rights movements - 50 decades later**

**Participation:** The event involved 146 citizens, including:

-  6 participants from the city of Veliko Tarnovo (**Bulgaria**),
-  4 participants from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**),
-  6 participants from the city of Serres (**Greece**),
-  118 participants from the cities of Warsaw & Radomsko (**Poland**),
-  6 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**),
-  6 participants from the cities of Madrid and Valladolid (**Spain**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Conference Centre “Zielna” and the city center (**Warsaw, Poland**), from 10/05/2018 to 13/05/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to enable young peoples' discussion about events of the recent history of Europe, to make them aware of the differences in perception of the historical movements and the possible analogies between the history and the present situations. The three intense days were full of various activities – from workshops, through interactive games in the urban space, analysis of museum and photographic exhibitions, to the celebration of the Day of Europe. The participants exchanged knowledge about the socio-political situation in their countries in 1968 and compared similarities and differences, with special attention to the circumstances in Poland and Czechoslovakia. For the international group was organized an educational tour in the footsteps of the events of March '68 through the streets of Warsaw. This colorful event raised citizens' awareness of the EU's positive influence on Poland, the importance and role of the European values in the practice, as well as increased the knowledge of the young people on the EU achievements.

### **Event 4 - European decades: 1957 The Treaty of Rome and the beginning of European Economic Community – 60 decades later**

**Participation:** The event involved 51 citizens, including:







-  4 participants from the city of Veliko Tarnovo (**Bulgaria**),
-  3 participants from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**),
-  35 participants from the city of Serres and 1 participant from Athens (**Greece**),
-  3 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**),
-  3 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**),
-  2 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Prefecture of Serres Building (**Serres, Greece**), from 10/09/2018 to 12/09/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to improve the knowledge of the six national groups' members and local citizens on the history of the European Community, to help them understand better the EU integration process and its values, and appreciate the cultural diversity in Europe. Presentations about the Treaty of Rome introduced the topic, followed by round-table discussions focusing on the atmosphere of the 50's decade in the partner countries. All participants had the opportunity to share their experience with this major historical occurrence and realize how the history reflects itself in the present and how history likes to repeat itself. During the event, the participants got acquainted with the Serres local traditions, history and culture by visiting emblematic places in the city and the surroundings. The international event provided ground for further cooperation among the participating organisations and stakeholders on issues related to the historical remembrance, the European integration process and the cultural diversity of the European regions.

### **Event 5 - European decades: 1989 Democratic revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe and the fall of the Berlin wall - the eve of the 30 decades**

**Participation:** The event involved 42 citizens, including:







-  4 participants from the city of Veliko Tarnovo (**Bulgaria**),
-  21 participants from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**),
-  4 participants from the city of Serres (**Greece**),
-  6 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**),
-  3 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**),
-  4 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the headquarters of BBAG e.V. (**Potsdam, Germany**), from 03/12/2018 to 05/12/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to familiarize the participants with the occurrences of major relevance in the 1990 decade and support the cases with real examples and analysis from each partner country's perspective, to show the importance of the Union and the common achievements of the European peoples. After an introductory film dealt concretely with the historical topic, the international teams were involved in a workshop to create wall charts for an exhibition with material they had prepared beforehand. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day the participants were split up in smaller, mixed international groups and with the help of an Action bound (application for interactive scavenger hunt), discovered places connected to the 1989 events in Potsdam. The impressions were shared and discussed with the rest of the groups. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day was organized a guided visit to the „Palace of tears” in Berlin, which was the border between East and West Germany from 1962 to 1989. The event helped the participants to perceive the common European values as a particularly connecting element of the integration.

### **Event 6 - European decades: 2004, 15 years of EU enlargement into Central and Eastern Europe**

**Participation:** The event involved 144 citizens, including:

-  4 participants from the city of Veliko Tarnovo (**Bulgaria**),
-  3 participants from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**),
-  3 participants from the city of Serres (**Greece**),
-  3 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**),
-  2 participants from the city of Belgrade (**Serbia**),
-  129 participants from the city of Madrid (**Spain**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Salesianos Estrecho School (**Madrid, Spain**), from 06/03/2019 to 08/03/2019

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to present and discuss specific aspects of the EU enlargement, its effects on the EU & non-EU citizens in their everyday life, the personal and community development. During a big International Conference, the participants assessed the EU integration process, the rights and responsibilities of the citizens, the free movement, the youth participation and active citizenship. The project partners and 16-18 years old students from the Salesianos Estrecho School shared their opinions and feelings on how the EU transformed their countries. The programme was complemented with artistic performances (folk dances and songs) by the international teams from the six partner countries. This event helped all assistants to understand that the process of building united Europe is an ongoing challenge, which is not only a question of enlarging the number of the Member States, but to continuously reaffirming the role of the citizens, opening spaces for democratic participation and active citizenship, looking for common solutions for a better future of all EU citizens.