

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	[1] – [Municipality of Angri] ()
PIC number:	[889894006]
Project name and acronym:	[Solidarity for integration in covid times] — [S.I.C.]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[1]
Event name:	[S.I.C. "Solidarietà per l'integrazione in tempi di Covid]
Type:	[Conference]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Italy], [Angri]
Date(s):	[20.21.22.23/04/2023]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.comune.angri.sa.it/it
Participants	
Female:	49
Male:	12
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Italy]:	15
From country 2 [Poland]:	15
From country 3 [Portugal]:	15
From country 4 [Spain]:	15
From country 5 [Albania]:	1
Total number of participants:	61
From total number of countries:	5
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The event "S.I.C. – Solidarity for Integration in COVID Times" took place in Angri, a small municipality close to Salerno and Naples, from April 20 to 23, 2023. The event brought together 63 participants from Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Albania and focused on fostering solidarity and cooperation. The project comprised three main stages: preparation, implementation, and dissemination. During the preparation phase, effective communication through email and online meetings facilitated a collaborative and friendly atmosphere among the partners. The team worked harmoniously, ensuring that all towns' preferences and schedules were considered when determining the twinning event's dates, promoting inclusivity and strengthening community bonds.</p>	

The partners crafted a diverse agenda for the event, incorporating cultural exchanges, workshops, presentations, and social gatherings. The open and friendly communication established during preparation facilitated problem-solving and decision-making, contributing to a successful and harmonious twinning event.

One challenge faced during the preparation was adapting the event's focus due to changing circumstances. Originally centered around solidarity during the pandemic, the theme was adjusted to encompass solidarity during crises, including the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine. The partners recognized the significance of collective support in addressing various challenges, inspiring unity among communities.

By embracing flexibility and incorporating this broader theme, the program reflected the dynamic nature of our interconnected world. The adjustment allowed for timely and meaningful experiences, showcasing the remarkable resilience and collective response of towns during crises, while still upholding the principle of solidarity as the driving force behind the twinning initiative.

The main event was also preceded by coordinated efforts for its dissemination of social media, with a distributed press release and a number of banners and other dissemination material.

The event comprised a diverse range of activities, such as informal meetings, press conference and round table.

- **20 April 2023 7 pm (Doria Castle, Angri):** a welcoming ceremony was held in Castello Doria, the location chose by the Municipality of Angri to host the whole of the event. During the welcoming ceremony, the agenda was presented along with the participating delegations from Poland (15 people), Portugal (15 people) and Spain (15 people). Albania's representative arrived on the second day.

- **21 April 2023, 12 pm (Doria Castle, Angri): Meeting with young people from high schools: "Solidarity, European citizenship and cultural exchange" at Castello Doria, Piazza Doria - Angri.**

The meeting involved the young people from the Angri area, with a specific focus on solidarity and European values, with each partner country providing insights from their unique perspective within the EU framework. The discussions centered around the role of solidarity in times of crises and how it is manifested in different cultural contexts. This exchange of ideas enriched the understanding of solidarity and its importance across diverse communities. About 15 students participated in the meeting.

18 pm (Doria Castle, Angri): Press conference "S.I.C. - Solidarity for Integration in Covid time" at Castello Doria, Piazza Doria -Angri.

A press conference took place to share the objectives of the project and highlight the good practices that had been developed during various crises, particularly the COVID-19 pandemic. The partners from LUPT-UNINA, Lomza, Setubal and Montserrat municipalities had the opportunity to present their best practices, showcasing the remarkable similarities in the countermeasures adopted. They presented several projects implemented during the Covid pandemic, as well as the plans put in place for Ukrainian refugees, in particular for the case of Lomza. The press conference emphasized the value of shared experiences and the importance of collaboration in addressing crises effectively. In many activities, indeed, the involved municipalities envisaged common solutions even though at distance and with no contact yet. Some of them showed particular skills and creativity for different initiatives that, with the proper adaptation, could be a possible base not only for countering but also for preventing crisis, through social, cultural and economic aid to the citizens.

A significant outcome of this session was the commitment made by the participating cities to sign a memorandum of understanding. This pact aimed to strengthen the existing relationships and synergies developed during the project, while also creating new avenues for economic and administrative exchanges. The cities recognized the immense value of solidarity during times of crises and emphasized the need for enhanced cooperation to establish common platforms for sharing best practices and strategies. This twinning pact served as a concrete manifestation of their shared commitment to fostering solidarity and collaboration in the framework of the European values and principles.

More than 60 people participated in the Conference (45 foreign participants, 15 people from Angri, LUPT-UNINA and Terre Calde Onlus). The Conference was cover by the local press TV and also Pompeii's representatives were taking part in the event as auditors, as well as industry's owners interested in sponsoring their brands and products. Common citizens also took part in the event.

At the end of the conference, representatives exchanged their gifts and there was an Historical Palio re-enactment of the company of the knights of San Giuda Taddeo Ordo Equitum San Jude.

- **22 April 2023, 9 am (Pompeii's ruins):** exploration of the near Pompeii's ruins, guided through the exploration of one of the most emblematic archeological sites of Italy, as a way to cement our common historical past.

5 pm (Doria Castle, Angri): Round-table "Solidarity – European value for the future" at Castello Doria, Piazza Doria – Angri

Round table discussion was held, focusing on the presentation of their Municipalities, citizens and projects, in order to strengthen solidarity and mutual understanding among the participants. This interactive session provided a platform for in-depth conversations, enabling the towns to share their experiences, challenges, and success stories in cultivating solidarity. Albania's representative was also present at the session.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, promoting solidarity and fostering a deeper understanding of European values. Through engaging activities, discussions, and the signing of the

MoU, the event generated a sense of unity among the participating towns. It demonstrated the power of collaboration and the significance of mutual support in overcoming challenges and building stronger communities. The event left a lasting impact, inspiring continued cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and experiences among the towns involved.

MEASURES SHARED BY THE DELEGATIONS DURING THE EVENT:

Lomza: Among the different measures we adopted, we bought 43 distributors for disinfectant liquid, which are still installed near entrances to schools, universities, city hall's buildings. We also helped in organizing the production of face masks. Then we delivered them to our oldest citizens' homes. We distributed our city bulletins, in which we contained information, advice on how to take care of our health, our family's health during COVID-19 pandemic. Our Municipal Police also helped by transporting food, medicines to people in need, who were forced to stay at home. As local government we also helped with organization of places of vaccinations. Not only the pandemic: the Russian aggression against Ukraine was and still is a challenge, especially for local governments from countries bordering with Ukraine. In Lomza a Humanitarian Aid Point was launched, to which our residents brought various types of help for Ukrainians (clothing, footwear, medicines, long-term food, water, sleeping bags, flashlights, batteries, candles, power generators and more), which then went directly to Ukraine, specially to our partner cities. We also organized help for Ukrainians who settled in Lomza. Assistance tasks were also carried out by the Municipal Social Welfare Center in Lomza. They consisted, among others, of on: granting people a one-off benefit, providing accommodation and meals, covering children with a free meal at school and kindergarten.

Montserrat: Here are some of the solidarity actions we adopted during the pandemic:

- o Donate to charities: many charities have seen the need for help increase at this time, such as food banks for those who lost their job.
- o Shop local: shopping local has been an important way to support the local economy. Social media groups were set up to shop online.
- o Helping the elderly and vulnerable: support was offered to older neighbours or vulnerable people in the community, helping them with shopping or any other tasks they needed.
- o Blood drives: Blood banks have seen a decrease in blood donations due to the pandemic.
- o Time and skills were volunteered: Citizens sewed masks and equipment in the first moments of the health crisis.

Setubal: We young people started thinking "what can we do? People are at home, isolated and worried... how can we help them or at least make this critical period a bit lighter?" And that's when the ideas started to flow! We created weekly online quizzes about sports, movies, culture, you name it. We had live interviews with young people from the city, we talked with Historians, Journalists, Athletes, Psychologists, Musicians, Influencers, and it was all a way to bring people closer to each other. In the beginning of 2020, we were preparing a project which consisted of debating Mental Health with special guests (psychologists, people with anxiety, artists) and bring them to schools. During the whole month we took Mental Health to a lot of schools, we talked, we cried, we laughed, it was a journey. A very special one and we thought "we can't stop this" and that's when Bicho de 7 Cabeças was born. The project, Bicho de 7 Cabeças, started online with a psychologist and we're very happy to be able to tell you that nowadays it's still ongoing!

Fast forward to 2021... and first of all we already had the idea of creating a program that could provide some free school support to young people from the 7th to the 12th grade. We managed to provide support for 50 students and had the help of around 27 volunteers throughout 2021 and 2022. Fortunately, this program still remains active and with around 30 students and 10 volunteers. Finally, in 2022, we received a call for help from a school regarding young refugees and immigrants who were having a lot of difficulties communicating, later in the year the war between Russia and Ukraine started and that's when we created the support sessions of Portuguese Language for Non-Native Speakers, which currently has around ten students.

Vlore: Municipality of Vlore is fully committed towards transmitted the European values with the focus on solidarity. The Municipality of Vlore has been regularly engaged in activities promoted especially by young people. The Municipality has as part of its Strategy social inclusion strategy and promotion of arts, culture, sport through engagement of vulnerable or marginalized groups with a special focus in young people promoting our cultural heritage and also to support the idea of youth. Young people are the most vital part of our municipality, and this project would help in engaging young people and employing opportunities for the future. The Municipality of Vlore has implemented many important projects funded by the European Union. These efforts have improved infrastructure and social services. The European Union has supported Albania in many important reforms. The main pillars of the EU such as democracy and human rights, the judicial system and the market economy have been supported to improve in our country through concrete projects. Throughout the pandemic period, the EU has helped our country. The solidarity shown speaks volumes about the values that the EU represents. Vlore is a good example of this solidarity.

LUPT-UNINA: During the pandemic, we witnessed how university are places in which it's possible and due to foster responsible and solidarity-based analysis and education. We supported tirelessly the S.I.C. project as we strongly believe in its main objectives: to promote and raise citizens' awareness of European solidarity and integration, to develop useful reflections on the impacts of crises on local communities and to share good practices and forms of civic participation. Both the pandemic and the Russian aggression against Ukraine have made us experience how concrete solidarity and citizenship are, and we will also understand this by listening to the many best practices put in place by our friends and partners. Each of our city partners has re-invented itself and placed itself creatively before the crises that have overwhelmed us. We believe that these kinds of opportunities should be nurtured and

supported: European dialogue and interchange between administrations, third sector entities, research centres and civil society can become a source of political growth and good governance; spaces in which to enhance the cultural richness and distinctiveness of our places; forums for the creation of new policies, according to a bottom-up approach; times of inter-generational participatory democracy through which to regenerate and revitalise our societies; catalysts for friendship between the peoples of Europe.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DISSEMINATION:

The main event was diffused through PR and other promotional materials (ban and poster) diffused to the press, associated partners and social media, as well as neighbouring municipalities.

The PR was published on the LUPT-UNINA's website and social networks, as well as the Mayor's social media, reaching a total pick of 500 views in two months (from April to June).

About 61 active participants took part in the main event of the project, 15 people per each EU country involved in it, plus Italian participants and one representative from the Municipality of Vlora (Albania).

As the main location of the event was the Doria Castle, situated in the main centre of the city, the citizens showed interest in knowing more about the project, and participated in mass at the main conference, along with the local press.

After the event, the Municipality of Setubal released a wonderful video on YouTube, reaching more than 150 people. At the same time, around 90 people were reached through final PR and press articles, as well as video interviews at the local level.

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Overall, the town twinning event was a resounding success, promoting solidarity and fostering a deeper understanding of European values. Through engaging activities, discussions, and the signing of the twinning pact, the event generated a sense of unity among the participating towns. It demonstrated the power of collaboration and the significance of mutual support in overcoming challenges and building stronger communities.

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LINKS:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v7470v0Swn7OhE_n6Hwzhu7O9yhlor_E/view?usp=drive_link

PRESS RELEASE AND BANNER:

<https://www.lupt.unina.it/wp-https://www.lupt.unina.it/sic-solidarieta-per-lintegrazione-in-tempi-di-covid/>

https://www.lupt.unina.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023_04_21-LocandinaA4.pdf

<https://www.agro24.it/2023/04/22/angri-palazzo-doria-come-centro-culturale-della-citta-video/>

PICTURES:

<https://www.lupt.unina.it/sic-le-immagini-dellevento-di-angri/>

<https://www.facebook.com/terrecalde/>

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M-hL-VMZN1ai9-VYj5PrYeK3WJxISl1q?usp=drive_link

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16gok8e0mtMK1JJ_QL1xvwBNibYw0Twwd?usp=drive_link

VIDEOS:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-THKU6f08E>

<https://youtu.be/PC9qYWhUZbQ>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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