· THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER

09:30h Official reception at the Parliament of Galicia by the Vicepresident:

- Dialogue on the reality of the European Union
- Programs to get to know the democratic institutions

Topic: Active citenship

11:00h Cultural visits:

- Museum of Pilgrimage
- Mercado de Abastos: fish and seafood market

13:00h Transfer from the hotel to "Pazo Faramello (lordly house)"

13:15h Lunch at the palace

16:30 Meeting at the headquarters of the multinational CORTIZO

- What means to an enterprise the EU common market ?

18:00 Official ceremony of brotherhood including musical performances

- Signature of the friendship oath

19:30h Closing speech by a Galician authority from the Autonomous Government

19:45h Spanish wine & tapas

20:30h Dinner at restaurant Fogar do Selmo

· FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Departure of the participants

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

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CONCELLO DE ROIS

EUROPEAN VOICES CHALLENGING EUROSCEPTICISM

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS "PROGRAMME 2014-2020"

MEETING I

ROIS / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (GALICIA - SPAIN)

2-5 NOVEMBER 2021

EACEA Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency

Citizenship

STRAND 2: DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION
2.2 NETWORK OF TOWNS

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

· TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Arrival of the participants

20:30h. Welcome dinner Hotel Gelmirez

22:00h. Welcome speech and summary of the program of activities.

· WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

09:30h Presentation of the project "European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism", welcome speech by:

- Mr. Ramón Tojo - Mayor of Rois
- Mr. Jesús Gamallo - General Director of Foreign Affairs and EU relations

Topic: "Causes and consecuences of euroscepticism"

10:15h Challenges for the European Union, addressed by Ms. Pilar Freire Esparís, professor from the University of Santiago

10:45h Coffee Break

11:15h Panel of speakers

Topic Present & future of the EU

- EU benefits at local, regional and national level by Ms. Eva Lorenzo, vicedirector of EU relations
- Solidarity and cooperation in times of crisis by Ms. Rocío Ovalle, coordinator of Red Cross Galicia
- Which opportunities are given by the EU by Ms. Cristina Villadóniga, Technician on European Affairs
- Gender equality in Europe, the youth situation by Ms. Lucía Carballeira, expert on equality.

13:00h Lunch at San Martín Pinario Monastery

16:15h Optional - Guided visit to the Old Town of Santiago

- Saint James Way
- Cathedral
- Holy door
- Praza do Obradoiro
- Alameda

21:00h Dinner at Hotel Gelmirez

SUMMARY

European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism - EVCE is a project promoted by the Municipality of Rois (Galicia - Spain) and funded by the European Commission through Europe for Citizens Programme.

The project will be implemented from November 2021 until June 2022 aiming to promote the dialogue between citizens from 27 Member States of the European Union. The main topic addressed will be the Euroscepticism, its causes and its consequences. In order to have a deeper knowledge on the topic, the project includes

4 MEETINGS:

MEETING I
Spain: Kick off - Brotherhood signature

MEETING II
Malta: the unsolved reality of migrations

MEETING III
Hungary: a rising euroskeptical society

MEETING IV
Greece: the Foundations of the European Union

The programs of activities is designed to encourage citizens to debate actively about the proposed topics with local speakers and experts. Sessions will be based on non formal education: including round tables, workshops and cultural opportunities to discover what joins the European citizens. The partnership includes local bodies, NGO's, educational centres as well as Youth Centres, which creates a very transversal atmosphere to address and challenge the main topic: euroscepticism.

PARTNERSHIP

CONCELLO DE ROIS

Southern Regional Council (MALTA)

Municipality of Erdökürt (HUNGARY)

MUNICIPALITY OF PILEA-HORTIATIS (GREECE)

Municipality of Castelmola (ITALY)

Municipality of Wieliszew (POLAND)

Municipality of Nikopol (BULGARIA)

Municipality of Klanjec (CROATIA)

Municipality of Athienou (CYPRUS)

Municipality of Corbi (ROMANIA)

KURIKKA

Municipality of Kurikka (FINLAND)

Municipality of Laaneranna (ESTONIA)

Municipality of Haninge (SWEDEN)

Junta de Freguesia Alqueidao (PORTUGAL)

Municipality of Ukmerge (LITHUANIA)

Municipality of Rēzekne (LATVIA)

(AUSTRIA)

Municipality of Male Dvorniky (SLOVAKIA)

GEB Education and Mobility in Europe

(GERMANY)

ASOCIACIÓN XUVENIL Vrenza

(SPAIN)

Mouvement Européen Gironde

(FRANCE)

(DENMARK)

DIGG OUT

Digg' Out (THE NETHERLANS)

fael

(LUXEMBURG)

Asturia vzw

(BELGIUM)

Slow Food Prague

(CZECH REPUBLIC)

(SLOVENIA)

Finglas

(IRELAND)

Europe for Citizens

This measure funds municipalities and associations to work together to make their cooperation more sustainable and exchange of good practices. It is the next step up from town twinning projects that foster more short term cooperations.

NETWORKS OF TOWNS

Networks of Towns are expected to:

Integrate a range of activities around the subject(s) of common interest to be addressed in the context of the Programme's objectives or multi-annual priorities.

Have defined target groups for which the selected themes are particularly relevant and involve community members active in the subject area (i.e. experts, local associations, citizens and citizens' groups directly affected by the theme, etc.).

Serve as a basis for future initiatives and actions between the towns involved, on the issues addressed or possibly on further issues of common interest