· WEDNESDAY 25TH OF MAY

LOCATION: PANORAMA HIGH SCHOOL

09:30h Departure from the hotel

10:00h Presentation of the project to the audience at the Panorama High School in Pilea Hortiati

10:10h "Euroescepticism: is it a challenge or a real problem?" by **Venice Kapachtsi**, Principal of the School

10:30h Words of gratitude by the participating mayors

-David Michael Schembri – Mayor of Qrendi (Malta)
-Mario Calleja – Mayor of Marsaskala (Malta)
-Anna Kaisa Pusa – Mayor of Kurikka (Finland)
-Clarise Oliveira – Mayor of Alqueidao (Portugal)
-Victoria Quiroga – Deputy Mayor of Rois (Spain)

11.15h Solidarity and cooperation in times of crisis by:

Voula Patoulidou, Head of the Hellenic Red Cross, Deputy Regional Head of the Metropolitan Unit of Thessaloniki, President of the Tourism Organization and Gold Olympic Winner in Barcelona 92.

Konstantina Adamou, Deputy of the National Hellenic Parliament

Debate around interculturality and multiculturality with the guests

11.45h Coffe Break

12.15h Closing Ceremony

-Delivery of certificates
-Delivery of town twinning oaths

13:30h Lunch at Villa Luna Restaurant
15:00h Drop off at the city centre or hotel & free time in Thessaloniki
20:30h Dinner

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

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EUROPE FOR CITIZENS "PROGRAMME 2014-2020"

MEETING IV

PILEA-HORTIATIS (GREECE) | 23-26 MAY 2022

HOST:
MUNICIPALITY OF PILEA-HORTIATIS
(GREECE)

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

· MONDAY 23RD OF MAY

Arrival of the participants

20:30 Dinner at the Restaurant of the Hotel

· TUESDAY 24TH OF MAY

09:00h Departure from the hotel
09:30h Group picture in front of the City Council
09:35h Meeting at te Local Council of Pilea – Hortiatis

Niki Zotou, Deputy Mayor of Administrative and Financial Services of the Municipality of Pylaia-Chortiatis.
"Euroscepticism in Greece, a country that suffered a deep crisis and questioned the European instrument of Troika"

Victoria Quiroga, Deputy Mayor of Rois
"Post-Covid economy, inflation and opportunities through Next Generation Funds at rural level"

10:10h Videopresentation of Pilea Hortiatis
10:15h Economical situation and euroscepticism from a political perspective by **Sophocles Kaltsios**, Deputy Mayor of Culture and Tourism.
11:00h Videoforum on European problems and European responses
11:15h Coffee Break
11:35h "Reality and problems of the immigration crisis in Greece" by **Dr. Vicky Kanellou**, Municipal Counsillor.
12:00h Debate - Good and bad practices on social and cultural integration in Europe.
12:15h Tour around Pilea – Hortiatis and its beauties
13:30h Lunch at Villa Luna Restaurant
15:00h Drop off at the city centre or hotel & free time in Thessaloniki
20:30h Dinner at Marathos Restaurant

GREETINGS

Dear Guests

On behalf of the 38 municipalities of the region of Central Macedonia and all its inhabitants, I welcome you to our city with great joy, respect and commitment to the values of democracy and European integration that we all serve.

In the framework of the Europe For Citizens "Program 2014-2020" during the fourth meeting of the European Voices Challen ging Euroskepticism that started in our city, the representatives of the 28 EU countries will discuss a number of critical issues included in the European political agenda.

They will thus have the opportunity and possibility to share ideas, exchange views and interact at European level through presentations and discussions.

The dominant issue will certainly be the refugee issue as the war between Ukraine and Russia has created new waves of refugees. However, for Greece, for our country, the situation is not unprecedented as in all previous years the local authorities were forced to face continuous flows of refugees due to the war in Syria, but also the economic migration of the population.

This is an important problem whose dimensions we hope will be understood by all our partners now that its direct consequences affect a large number of European countries.

The important role of volunteers, of civil society, of organizations involved in the great effort to tackle the crisis, allows European citizens to work together, and we must not forget that the relief and temporary reception of refugees is a shared social responsibility at European level.

Allow me to wish you good luck in the work of this important meeting and to encourage you through discussions, presentations and activities to participate creatively with your ideas for the good of democracy, mutual understanding and solidarity.

Ignatios Kaitezidis
Mayor of Pilea - Hortiatis & President of the Regional Union of Municipalities of Central Macedonia

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MUNICIPALITY OF PILEA-HORTIATIS (GREECE)

Municipality of Erdökürt (HUNGARY)

Southern Regional Council (MALTA)

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 Rèzekne (LATVIA)

(AUSTRIA)

Municipality of Male Dvorniky (SLOVAKIA)

GEB Education and Mobility in Europe

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(SPAIN)

Mouvement Européen Girande

(FRANCE)

(DENMARK)

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(BELGIUM)

Slow Food Prague

(CZECH REPUBLIC)

Dugs (SLOVENIA)

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(IRELAND)

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.