



“THE LONG WAY TO EUROPE”

“Europe for Citizens 2014-2020” – Strand 2 – “European Remembrance”

RATIONALE

With reference to the primary purpose of the **strand European Remembrance**, that is the reflection on European cultural diversity and on the causes of totalitarian regimes in Europe’s modern history, the present Proposal aims to encourage reflection on what happened in the years of the Second World War by **commemorating the Zivi Miller’s trip** and promote action in favor of tolerance, mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue and reconciliation.

Zivi Miller was a Jewish street painter born in Bucharest, who was deported with his family to Auschwitz, from which he escaped, with the help of the Soviet Army, and went to Santa Maria al Bagno (Italy). Here, he and his friends and familiars spent few years and painted some graffiti and murals, now collected in a National Museum in the town of Nardò. When they left Italy, directed to Palestine (today State of Israel), were intercepted from an English military boat and they had to spend 6 months in Nicosia (Cyprus) as prisoners, before to arrive in their Promised Land.

The main stages of his trip towards the so called Promised Land were Bucharest (Romania), his hometown, Auschwitz (Poland), the Displaced Camp n° 34 in Santa Maria al Bagno (Italy), Nicosia (Cyprus), and finally Haifa (today State of Israel). This trip will be the red line of the project.

ABSTRACT

The project “The Long Way to Europe” intends to give the opportunity to **more than 300 young participants** to reflect, with the use of formal and non-formal methods, on the fundamental principles of freedom, democracy and human rights. Through the four main stages of the trip of Zivi Miller, the youth, during 18 months, will **take part to four meetings in different EU Countries: Romania, Poland, Italy, Cyprus**. From these stages, **young participants will use the past to reflect on the future of Europe and become in the present some active citizens**. Each stages will be focus on issues such as the **discrimination and racism in Romania, the crime against humanity and human rights in Poland, the inclusion of migrants and minorities in Italy and the freedom of movement and the peace building in Cyprus**.

During the international events, young participants **will learn, see, reflect and act about the lesson of our history, thanks to the example of the Zivi’s trip**. Through the visit of museums and historical sites, the testimonies of witness and experts, the discussion and debate within the group and others non-formal educational methods, **the participants will be able to tackle these issues and to focus about today situation in Europe**.

These reflections will be translated into artistic expression: the young participants will create draws, murals or graffiti. They will also be trained to share their visions and expectations about the future of Europe, as European citizens and to share it in the street with the tool called ‘Porteurs de paroles’. **Some**

innovative and participative practices of public place interaction will be developed in order to promote directly in the street the debate and the participation of the European citizens. These street methods to raise awareness will be experimented during the International Events and organized by young people in the local context of each national group.

There will be also produced 4 communication tools: DVDs, a project website, postcards and brochures.

PROJECT'S PURPOSE: Commemorating the past in order to build a better future of Europe, thanks to the active participation of youth.

PRIORITIES: European citizenship, active democratic participation of youth; and promotion of European values: Non-discrimination, Human Rights, Inclusion and Freedom of movement.

SPECIFIC PRIORITY FOR EUROPEAN REMEMBRANCE: Ostracism and loss of citizenship under totalitarian regimes: drawing the lessons for today.

ANNUAL PRIORITY OF THE PROGRAM: 1938/1939 Beginning of WWII. (Raise of Anti-Semitism and Racism in Europe, Racial Laws in Italy and Carlist Dictatorship in Romania).

GENERAL AIMS OF THE PROJECT: **To contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history and diversity and to raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the aim of the EU.**

SPECIFIC AIMS OF THE PROJECT:

- Fostering respect of such fundamental principles as **freedom, democracy and human rights, tolerance, inclusion, equality, diversity and intercultural dialogue.**
- Bringing together youth (18-30 y.o.) from 10 different European countries and different social and cultural background in order **to share experiences, opinions and values, to learn from history and to build our future by acting in the present;**
- **Fostering actions, debate and reflection** related to European citizenship and democracy, shared values, common history and culture through cooperation within civil society organizations at European level;
- **Bringing Europe closer to its citizens** by promoting European values and achievements, while preserving the memory of its past;
- **Encouraging interaction between citizens and civil organizations** from all participating countries, contributing to intercultural dialogue and emphasizing the Europe's diversity and unity.

TARGET GROUP

The participants of the project will be youth from 18 to 30 years old. To ensure the diversity of the participants we will promote a gender balance and diversify their social and cultural background. Youth from minority groups and refugees will also be a priority target group.

Each partner will take part to the project with 8-12 young people (18-30 y.o.)

METHODOLOGY

We propose to plan a project that keeps alive memory of the Holocaust through collection of testimonies and knowledge of historical sites. The involvement of young people from 10 partner countries will be facilitated **through games, debates, round tables, seminars, public space interaction, artistic expression, creativity and street exhibitions of murals.** The methodology will be the non-formal education and some methods of social interaction in the streets. The project follow **an educational logic:**

The preparation meeting will permit to raise the competences of the partner's coordinators especially about history education (complexity, multiperspectivity and critical thinking), the life and the trip of Zivi Miller, public space interaction (how to animate a debate, a participative and artistic workshop in the street).

The coordinators will then stimulate and accompany the youngsters in their group dynamic:

- Before the International meeting: **preparation of the group about the specific issues and the local situation.**
- During the International meeting; **active participation and self-appropriation of the issues.**
- After the International meeting: **valorization and dissemination of the learning results through the organization of the local event.**
- Preparation of the next issues and identification of the next two participants.

ACTIVITIES

International Event 0: Preparation meeting in Lecce (IT): October 2017, 11 participants (1 per partner) that will be the national coordinators of the project, collective work about history education, public space interaction and group dynamic.

International Event 1: Meeting in Bucharest (RO), “The origins of Nazism: discrimination and racism”, January 2018, where Zivi was born; 22 international young participants (2 per partner) + 3 trainers/coordinators.

Local Event 1: artistic exhibition and participative workshop in the streets: “The future of Europe, discrimination and racism”

International Event 2: Meeting in Auschwitz (PL), “The Holocaust: crimes against Humanity and human rights:”, May 2018, where Zivi was deported; 22 international young participants (2 per partner) + 3 trainers/coordinators.

Local Event 2: artistic exhibition and participative workshop in the streets: “The future of Europe and the Human Rights”.

International Event 3: Meeting in Santa Maria al Bagno (IT), “The refugees life: Integration and inclusion”, September 2018, where Zivi and his friends were hosted by friendly local families; 22 international young participants (2 per partner) + 3 trainers/coordinators.

Local Event 3: artistic exhibition and participative workshop in the streets: “The future of Europe and the Integration”.

International Event 4: Meeting in Cyprus (CY): “The exodus: freedom of movement and peace building”, January 2019, where Zivi was prisoner, with the final evaluation and the final exhibition of the murals painted by the young participants; 22 international young participants (2 per partner) + 3 trainers/coordinators.

OUTPUTS

- Website;
- DVDs (with a movie of the project events)
- Postcard (of some selected murals)
- brochure

BUDGET There will be 4 International meetings (3 days each) with 22 international young participants (2/3 young people for each partner) + a preparation meeting (with a specific budget). For travel costs, we will be able to reimburse up to 250 euros per participant. The host organizations will be funded with about 7.500 euros for hosting expenses (accommodation, food, local transports, etc...) for 25 International participants for 3 days.

Deadline for application: 1st of March 2017

DEADLINE FOR PARTNERSHIP: 31th of January 2017

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