



## **Celebrating solidarity – Progress Report**

### **February 10, 2017**

#### **About the Project**

Project Celebrating Solidarity aims to explore, stimulate debate and advance solidarity as a crucial topic within European societies. It gathers CSOs from 6 European countries: 3 EU member states (Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland) and 3 Balkans countries (Serbia, Macedonia and Albania), all with long and turbulent history of facing crisis, both man-made (political, social, armed conflicts, etc), as well as the natural disasters (such as earthquakes, floods, etc). Project will explore the variety of turbulent times those countries and their citizens were/are facing, while celebrating and understanding the importance of solidarity and love to other human being in a world of conflicts and disasters.

Project is implemented with the support of Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union. During 12 months (1<sup>st</sup> of October 2016 - 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2017), and across six countries, partners will directly involve over 9,000 individuals, both young and elderly, volunteers and professionals, in exploring the issue of solidarity, channels and mechanisms of European solidarity, as well as responsibility, and common solutions. In an innovative web-based approach, project will promote societal engagement and volunteering to a large number of citizens, reaching over 500,000 individuals across Europe.

Project partners are:

<b>Organization name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Web-site</b>
Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation	Serbia	<a href="http://www.divac.com">www.divac.com</a>
Input Output Foundation	Poland	<a href="http://www.inout.org.pl">www.inout.org.pl</a>
Demnet Hun	Hungary	<a href="http://www.demnet.hu">www.demnet.hu</a>
Multi Kulti Collective	Bulgaria	<a href="http://multikulti.bg/">http://multikulti.bg/</a>
Mladiinfo International	Macedonia	<a href="http://www.mladiinfo.eu">www.mladiinfo.eu</a>
Partners Albania	Albania	<a href="http://www.partnersalbania.org">www.partnersalbania.org</a>

#### **Main achievements**

##### **Event 1: Preparatory workshop**

First step of the project was organization of the Preparatory workshop, held for project partners in Belgrade, October 6-7, 2016, in order to gather all the participants to discuss project details and planning. During two days, 10 representatives of the project partners analyzed activities, details, timeline of the project and overall approach. In addition, Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation organized study visit for all participants to the migrant reception center in Belgrade, where Foundation is implementing one of projects.



## Event 2: Online quiz/focus group on solidarity

After the workshop, project partners have developed online quiz for the youth in order to explore young people perception on existing solidarity mechanisms within counties, volunteering and common values. Simple, online interactive quiz has been developed, available in 6 languages. Number of people reached by the quiz has been overachieved (target 6,000), reaching over 7,000 young people that partook in the quiz. Towards deeper understanding of youth perception of solidarity, focus groups in Serbia, Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, and Macedonia were held, gathering 60 young people aged 15-30. We were interested to see how young people see crisis, poverty, who are vulnerable groups they were interested to support, and which things they are associated with in terms of solidarity. Report on focus groups and comparative analyze will be soon available and promoted.



Focus group in Belgrade, Serbia,  
Novembar, 19, 2016



### Event 3: Web Content Development

Web site and Facebook page: Project web page and FB page has been launched and news on solidarity from project partners and counties are being published. Details are available at [www.museumofsolidarity.eu](http://www.museumofsolidarity.eu) Sound stories and videos on solidarty are documented and recorded in Serbia, Albania, Macedonia, and Bulgaria. Many elderly people, migrants, refugees and others participated sharing theri stories and oral history. This is ongoing activity and will be continued in all partner coutries and finally presented at the web page of the project. Details will be discussed at the Web Content Development Workshop to be held in Krakow, Poland on March 24, 2017.



Sound story recording,  
Obrenovac, Serbia, January 17,  
2017



Recording in Skopje, Macedonia,  
December 22, 2016