



Project CELEBRATING SOLIDARITY

PREPARATORY MEETING REPORT

Belgrade 6-7th of October 2016

Project Celebrating Solidarity aims to explore, stimulate debate and advance solidarity as a crucial topic within European societies. It will gather CSOs from 6 European countries. 3 EU member states (Hungary, Bulgaria and Poland) and 3 Balkans countries (Serbia, Macedonia and Albania) are 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). This 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.

During 12 months (1st of October 2016 - 30th 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 Celebrating Solidarity is gathering following organizations:

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

First step of the project was organization of **Preparatory workshop in Belgrade** on 6-7 of October in order to convene all the participants and to discuss project details and planning. During two days of meeting, 11 representatives of the Project partners have analyzed necessary activities, timeline of the project and approach to the cooperation and activities described in this Report.



In the next three months partners will share online quiz developed by DemNet among 1.000 young people per country in order to raise awareness on solidarity. Partners will also organize a debate/focus group with 12 young people and deeply explore their attitude towards solidarity. Involving young people and their perception in this socially and politically very fragile issue, will raise particular interest in all countries.

DemNet Hungary will develop first web page of the Project with basic Project information, Preparatory meeting report and link to the online quiz about solidarity. Project will use Internet and innovative web-based methodology as a research tool, and as an awareness rising and dissemination tool.

Parallel with this process, all partners will closely work with Input Output Foundation from Poland, prepare their visits and recording of examples of solidarity from the elderly people who will share their interesting stories on solidarity in times of crises. In each country at least 3 audio and 2 video recording will be created and uploaded on the project web site.

After all those steps, during 2017, Project will have many interesting events – web content development workshop in Krakow, promotion of online museum of solidarity in Budapest and Festivals of Solidarity in Belgrade, Sophia, Skopje and Tirana. In September 2017 final event will be held – international conference “Solidarity in times of crisis”.

As a part of the workshop, a site visit to one of Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation’s projects in migrant day-center [Miksaliste](#) in Belgrade was organized, as a great example of solidarity in times of crises. Divac Foundation is being one of the main partners in establishing and running of the day-center and witness of great solidarity that citizens of Belgrade demonstrated towards migrants. Over 300.000 migrants have used services of the Miksaliste since July 2015. All participating partners had the opportunity to meet and talk to migrants that are using services of the center, see facilities and hear details from volunteers. Over 500 people on a daily basis using services of the day center such as warm meals, clothes, different workshops and other type of assistance



List of participants on Preparatory workshop
October 6-7th 2016, Hotel Savoy, Belgrade

Nr.	Name ad Surname	Organization
1	Maris Selamaj	Partners Albania
2	Shemsedin Iljaz	Mladiinfo International - Macedonia
3	Antoaneta	Mladiinfo International - Macedonia
4	Hunor Király	Demnet Hungary
5	Eva Bordos	Demnet Hungary
6	Vladimir Radinovic	Input Output Foundation - Poland
7	Marcin Lewandowski	Input Output Foundation – Poland
8	Bistra Ivanova	Multi Kulti Collective - Bulgaria
9	Iliana Ilieva	Multi Kulti Collective - Bulgaria
10	Kaloyan Yordanov	Multi Kulti Collective - Bulgaria
11	Aleksandra Kecojević	Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation - Serbia
12	Maja Vranić	Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation - Serbia
13	Uroš Delić	Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation - Serbia
14	Jovana Tripunović	Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation - Serbia
15	Brankica Ristić	Research consultant - Serbia
16	Marina Tadić	Office for Cooperation with Civil Society, Government of the Republic of Serbia