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***"Town Twinning Citizens' Meetings"***

**Participation:** The project involved **41 citizens**, notably 17 participants from the city of **Kaysersberg** (France), 24 participants from the city of **Zelów** (Poland).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Valašské Klobouky** (Czech republic), from **25/06/2014 to 29/06/2014**.

**Short description:**

**The day of 25/06/2014** was dedicated to arrival and familiarization with foreign guests from Polish Zelów and French Kaysersberg. The host town Valašské Klobouky was introduced to participants and European strategies used in local community. We acquainted the participants with our attitude to EU and the way we are implementing its policies. Next on the program of the day was prepared the international evening. In this evening was invited the general public. It was the official welcome. In this evening were invited the representatives of local community, directors of town company, entrepreneurs, representatives of non-profit associations and journalists. In this evening were presented the participating towns, town twinning and the program the Europe for Citizens also.

**The day of 26/06/2014** was dedicated to excursions of projects which were implemented or are planned and co-financed by the European Union. The participants were divided into three working groups, which had different program during the day and in the evening they present received information to other groups. The projects were from different themes (social, environment, urbanism, energy). The purpose was understood of possibilities and advantages which EU gives to local community in cohesion policy.

**The day of 27/06/2014** was dedicated to lecture. The purpose of lecture was to learn the participants about their rights and possibilities, such as right to travel, live and work in the member state of EU, which allows the citizenship of EU. In the afternoon was discussion on the theme: "How EU influences our life, it is always positive?" The working groups discussed about how EU influences their neighborhood.

**The day of 28/06/2014** was dedicated to workshop. The workshop was divided into two parts. The first time of workshop the working groups presented its views on completed projects, which they had seen. They presented opinions on individual projects or where they see potential of our region or recommending what we should develop for further. The groups prepared material for brochure. The second time of the workshop was dedicated for the discussion: "How we are currently participating in EU issues and policies?" They presented their opinions about the EU opportunities and rights used in their towns.

**The day of 29/06/2014** was a day of parting with our foreign participants from Polish Zelów and French Kaysersberg. In the morning program it was introduced the instrument the European Citizen's Initiative. They had opportunity to learn how to participate directly in the development of EU policies. They tried used this instrument in practise. In the afternoon was farewell.