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"Town Twinning Citizens' Meetings"

Participation: The project involved 315 citizens, notably 1 participant from the city of Grenoble (**France**), 3 participants from the city of Brno (Czech Republic), 5 participants from the city of Cava de 'Tireni (Italy), 2 participants from the city of Ferrara (Italy), 5 participants from the city of Hasselt (Belgium), 6 participants from the county of Hordaland (Norway), 5 participants from the county of Lippe (Germany), 9 participants from the city of Tartu (Estonia) and 279 participants from the city of Kaunas (Lithuania) etc.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Kaunas City (Lithuania), from 6/11/2013 to 8/11/2013

Short description:

The day of 06/11/2013 was dedicated to arrivals and Get-together evening.

The day of 07/11/2013 was dedicated to the conference event.

The programme of the conference

09:00 – 09:30 Registration.

Moderator of the Conference: Prof. PhD Vaiva Zuzevičiūtė, Faculty of Public Security of Mykolas Romeris University.

09:30 Opening of the Conference and welcome speech by Kaunas City Mayor Mr. Andrius Kupčinskas

09:35 Welcome by the Head of Kaunas County Police Headquarters Mr. Algirdas Kaminskas

09:40 Award by the European Council to Kaunas City. Granting of the award by Lithuanian Parliament member, Head of the Lithuanian Delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Mrs. Orinta Leiputė.

09:50 Introduction by cities-partners (*Representatives of each city during a short introduction of appr. 3 minutes, introduce the delegates of the city, provide a short overview of the city, stating the main problems regarding the conference topic.*)

11:00 Kaunas City: "Cooperation of Local Authorities, the Police, NGOs and Citizens in Fostering of Safe Environment in Kaunas City".

11:45 – 12:00 Press Conference

13:00 – 17:00 Presentations given by the cities-project partners:

13.00–13.15 Brno (Czech Republic): "Safe Location, Safe Housing"

13.15–13.45 Tartu (Estonia):

1. "Good Practices in Work with Youth at Risk in Tartu"
2. "Police Offence Prevention Programmes for Youth at Risk"

13.45-14.15 Ferrara (Italy):

1. "Environmental Safety: the Risks and Actions of a City"
2. "Ferrara City: Solidarity and Secure"

14.15 – 14.30 Grenoble (France): "How People Can Be Agents of Their Own Security"

14.30 – 14.45 Cava de 'Tirreni (Italy): "Cava de 'Tirreni County Police: Past, Present and Future Close to the Citizens"

14.45 – 15.00 Hassel (Belgium): “Across Borders: Working Integrally Within Projects with Different Partners”

15.00-15.15 Presentation of Kaunas Žaliakalnis primary schoolchildren project “I’m not Afraid of that Bugaboo”

15.15-16.15 Kreis Lippe (Germany):

- 1.“The Burglars Put a Stop – the Network “Safe Home” in the District of Lippe”
- 2.“Working with People at Risk and Social Risk Groups – Problems and Possible Creative Ways to Solve Them”
- 3.“Prevention in Open Working with Children and Young People – Create Encounters – Enable Experiences – Transfer Responsibility”
- 4.“Do It Right – from the Colouring Book to Film”

16.15–16.45 Hordaland County (Norway):

- 1.“Night Ravens in Bergen – Preventive actions in local neighbourhoods in Bergen”
- 2.“New Possibilities (Ny Giv) – Sustainable Multilevel Cooperation for Reducing Number of NEET’s (neither in Education, Employment or Training)”

17.00 End of the Conference

Evening programme 18.00 – 20.00 Presentation of non-formal folklore activity centre for youth at the Museum of Lithuanian Folk Music Instruments in Kaunas.

The day of 08/11/2013 was dedicated to the site visits and round table discussions in 3 groups as well as summarising and reflecting discussion of the impressions of the day and the whole event.

Group 1: Visit to Kaunas County Police Headquarters

Presentation of the new custody of Kaunas County Police Headquarters, the Police Day Centre for Youth and the Police Museum and the work with children, youth and citizens.

Group 2: Visit to Lampėdžiai and Palemonas District Community Centres

LAMPĖDŽIAI COMMUNITY CENTRE (NGO)

Address: Vytauto g. 10, Kaunas. Chairman: Mrs. Edita Gudišauskienė, deputy chairman Liucija Šurnienė. The first community centre in Kaunas, established in 2001, official number of members – 113. The centre was among the initiators of NGO support fund of Kaunas City Municipality. The centre carries out projects financed by Kaunas City Municipality and organizes festivals and events for community: Shrovetide Tuesday Carnival (Pancake Day), sports competitions, Neighbours Day, children festivals, charity events in support socially vulnerable families and senior citizens. There is a folklore ensemble, youth activities in the community. Members of the community took part in police initiative “Let’s mark our things”.

PALEMONAS COMMUNITY CENTRE (NGO)

Address: Marių g. 20, Kaunas. Chairman: Mrs. Jūratė Kulevienė. The Centre was established in 2004 and has 64 official members. The premises were offered by the factory “Palemono keramika”. The district is famous for industrial enterprises and big network of Lithuanian Railway with an intermodal freight terminal being built. Due to the traffic, industry and car sellers from Middle Asian countries the dwelling situation of local citizens is not easy. The Community Centre organizes a great variety of traditional events and festivals, takes part at police initiatives, cooperates with the Children Day Centre established by Salesian Brothers, activities for senior citizens, carries out projects and initiatives in various fields including safe neighbourhood.

Group 3: Visit to Youth Centre

NGO „Actio Catholica Patria“ Address: Daukšos g. 26-1, LT-44282 Kaunas info@patria.lt, <http://www.patria.lt>. Mr. Andrius Katarskis, „Vartai“: Rotušės a. 23/Jakšto g. 2, Kaunas. It is one of the first youth organizations in Lithuania established in 1991 providing social and cultural services to young people. Actio Catholica Patria will present their activities at the Volunteer Centre, Development of Self-Support Centre „Differently“, Open Youth Centre „Gate“ (Vartai) and Patria Methodical Centre.

Discussion of the results of the conference/site visits. **Signing the Resolution of the conference: *What’s Next?***