

REFERENCE PROGRAMME: **EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME**

Strand2: Democratic engagement and civic participation

2.2: Network of Towns

Project: “Cultural Heritage—A Foundation for Building Europe`s Future”

PARTNERSHIP	COUNTRY	Role in the project
JUNTA DE FREGUESIA DO ALQUEIDÃO	Portugal	Promoter
ACTIVE CITIZENS OF MEDITERRANEAN	Greece	Partner
REZEKNE MUNICIPALITY	Latvia	Partner
CULTURAL ASSOCIATION ANTARES ONLUS	Italy	Partner
MÁTRAMINDSZENT KOZSÉG ONKORMÁNYZATA	Hungary	Partner
INSTITUCIA REGIONÁLNYCH AKTIVIT NOVOHRADU	Slovakia	Partner
KAUNAS AUSROS UPPER – SECONDARY SCHOOL	Lithuania	Partner
GENISTA RESEARCH FOUNDATION KIRKOP LOCAL COUNCIL	Malta	Partner
ASOCIACIÓN XUVENIL VRENZA	Spain	Partner
EDUCATION INNOVANTE MOUVEMENT EUROPÉEN FRANCE - GIRONDE	France	Partner
VALGA MUNICIPALITY GOVERNMENT	Estonia	Partner
GRUPO INSTRUÇÃO E SPORT	Portugal	Partner
Total Number: 12		

SHORT PROGRAM OF THE MEETING

EVENT	PLACE OF PERFORMANCE	DATES
1	Figueira da Foz - Portugal	9th to 12th of September 2021
2	Kirkop - Malta	17th to 20th of February 2022
3	Budapest – Mátramindszent - Hungary	8th to 11th of September 2022
4	Bordeaux– France	13th to 16th of October 2022
5	Santiago de Compostela- Spain	3rd to 6th of November 2022

SUMMARY:

“Cultural Heritage – A Foundation in the Construction of Europe's Future” was a Cities Network project promoted by the Alqueidão Parish Council.

It aimed at the participation and approximation of different European partners such as Portugal, Spain, Malta, Lithuania, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia, Greece, Latvia, France and Estonia; providing the opportunity to participate in common activities, promoting understanding and tolerance, contributing to the development of a respectful, dynamic and multifaceted European identity.

The project objectives, in line with the priorities of the Europe for Citizens programme, aimed to create a cohesive transnational network open to the values of friendship, solidarity, intercultural dialogue and interaction between citizens and to encourage the largest number of participants, especially young people, to discover and explore Europe's cultural heritage, strengthening the sense of belonging to a common space, through an innovative approach to the use and knowledge of heritage through the massive use of ICT.

Citizens were led and encouraged to discover their cultural roots and made them aware of the vital need to preserve European cultural-historical identities, in a proactive way of building and elaborating political and social measures that promote their preservation and accessibility.

Based on the understanding and strengthening of EU citizens' awareness of its history, the promotion of peace and the well-being of its peoples, stimulating debate, reflection and the development of networks, the project began on March 1, 2021 and ending on November 30, 2022, with the organization and holding of 5 thematic meetings, with the average participation of about 125 individuals: in Portugal, Malta, Hungary, France and Spain.

Each activity, using digital tools, took on the character of conferences, round tables, presentation of good practices, debate sessions, workshops, workshops and cultural visits, implying the active participation of participants and citizens.