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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 192 citizens, notably 42 participants from the city of Pompadour (**France**), 30 participants from the city of Oberelsbach (**Germany**) and 120 participants from the city of Villorba (**Italy**)

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Villorba (**Italy**), from 31/08/2022 to 03/09/2022.

Short description:

The day of **31/08/2022** was dedicated to welcome ceremony. The delegations arrived in Villorba between 14.30 and 16.00. After settling in the accommodation facilities and/or with the families, the participants gathered in the square of the "Santi Fabiano e Sebastiano Martiri" parish for the welcome ceremony. Here, the contact person of the Town Twinning Committee of the Municipality of Villorba recalled the activities that have involved the Partners in recent years. The A. Gagno municipal band of Villorba performed playing the hymn to joy and the national anthems of the countries present at the ceremony. The Mayor of Villorba summarized the theme of the Project in: equality in diversity. Today's challenge is precisely this, he said. At the end, the Trevigiano Folk Group, present in Villorba since 1968, enlivened the evening with a performance of popular music and dance. The Parish of Villorba and the Alpini Villorba Group prepared and served a tasting of traditional dishes

The day of **01/09/2022** was dedicated to the Workshop "Disability and inclusion: meeting testimonials and learning about examples of integration" and to visiting the Nonno Andrea farm and Fabrica Company. The activities started at 9:00 with the Workshop "Disability and inclusion: meeting testimonials and learning about examples of integration". The event was managed by Comunica Coop. ONLUS and was held in the conference room of the Barchessa di Villa Giovannina, in collaboration with AREP ONLUS and schools. The testimonials under the chosen European theme "Overcoming our diversity" addressed various aspects of integration and inclusion. At the end of the workshop, the participants visited the Nonno Andrea farm which gives work to children with Down syndrome and autistics thanks to the collaboration with the local social associations. In the afternoon, the participants visited Fabrica, the communication research center of the Benetton group, the Benetton Archive and the Studios, excellences of the territory in the entrepreneurial and cultural fields. At 20:00, at the sports facilities in Via Marconi, the official dinner of the meeting was organized by the Rugby Villorba club with musical interventions by the Amici della Musica Association.

The day of **02/09/2022** was dedicated to the Official Meeting about the history and evolution of the concept and role of the EU and of migrations and to visiting the city of Treviso. In the afternoon the participants gathered for a brief meeting entitled "In front of a basket we are all the same" on the theme of sport and integration. The day opened with the official meeting of the international executive committee in the conference room of the Barchessa di Villa Giovannina. Here the participants exchanged important reflections on the history and evolution of the concept and role of the EU and of migrations. A group of guests took part in a guided tour of the city of Treviso accompanied by professional tourist guides. At around 13:00, a picnic was organized at the Conti Perocco winery in collaboration with AVIS Villorba. In the afternoon the participants gathered for a brief meeting entitled "In front of a basket we are all the same" on the theme of sport and integration, in collaboration with ASD Pallacanestro Carità and ASD DiverSport and participated in the sports exhibition of the Baskettosì. At 20:30 Rugby Villorba organized dinner at the sports facilities of Villorba.

The day of **03/09/2022** was dedicated to the Workshop Testimonies of integration and departure. Workshop Testimonies of integration in the conference room of the Barchessa di Villa Giovannina, event managed by Comunica Coop. ONLUS. The participants witnessed the testimonies of immigrants and people with integration difficulties. Schools intervened with projects on the theme of inclusion. At the conclusion of the workshop, the official delegations of the twinned municipalities summarized their experiences and outlined the guidelines to give continuity to the partnership by expanding Overcome our diversity with new ideas to put into practice at next year's meeting in Oberelsbach. At 12:00, before departure, all the participants had lunch together, making an appointment for next year.