

**REFERENCE PROGRAMME:**  
**EUROPE FOR CITIZENS' PROGRAM**  
 Strand2: Democratic engagement and civic participation  
 2.2: Network of Towns  
**Project: “Strengthening a Europe of  
 solidarity in times of crisis”**

<i>Partnership</i>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Role in the project</b>
Municipality of A Laracha	Spain	Applicant
Obshtina Mezdra	Bulgaria	Partner
Municipality of Qrendi	Malta	Partner
Tukuma Novada Izglitibas Parvalde	Latvia	Partner
Community Enterprise of Thessaloniki	Greece	Partner
Kaunas Ausros Upper Secondary School	Lithuania	Partner
Municipality of Gmina Andrychow	Poland	Partner
Municipality of Poienarii de Arges	Romania	Partner
Association Cultural, Recreativa, Deportiva, Xuvenil Muxema	Spain	Partner
Municipality of Ceska Trebova	Czech Republic	Partner
Municipality of Pinhel	Portugal	Partner
Association Innova Europe	Italy	Partner
Municipality of Opcina Gornja Rijeka	Croatia	Partner
Koge Business College	Denmark	Partner
Association Musa	Sweden	Partner
Municipality of Obecny Urad V Kalonde	Slovakia	Partner
Municipality of Hollókő	Hungary	Partner
Association Stichting Digg Out	The Netherlands	Partner
Organization Education Innovante	France	Partner
Il Polo Tecnico Professionale di Venezia I.I.S Vendramin Corner	Italy	Partner
Organization BetterMaking Austria Verein Fur Die Aufwetung der Kommunikativen und kommunalen regionalen und Europaischen Jugendarbeit	Austria	Partner
<i>TOTAL number</i>		20

## Short Program of the Meeting

### *Venues of the activities:*

**Event 1.** A Laracha (Spain) from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Event 2.** Kaunas (Lithuania) from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Event 3.** Qrendi (Malta) from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

**Event 4.** Gornja Rijeka (Croatia) from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

**Event 5.** Venice (Italy) from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### **Summary:**

"Strengthening a Europe of solidarity in times of migration" was a project promoted by the Municipality of A Laracha, Spain, whose main objective was the search for understanding, integration and the creation of new points of view through dialogue and reflection of European citizens, helping to improve understanding of the European Union, as well as its history and diversity of citizens, promoting European citizenship, increasing citizen and democratic participation, understanding the current situation of the EU in relation to migration policies and to search of alternatives and new challenges to overcome.

The project held the organization of 5 thematic meetings: A Laracha (Spain) from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Kaunas (Lithuania) from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Qrendi (Malta) from 30<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021, Gornja Rijeka (Croatia) from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 and in Venice (Italy) from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Participation levels were extremely high: 800 direct participants, more than 350 indirect participants and 20 countries involved (Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, France, Bulgaria, Denmark, Hungary, Bulgaria, Austria, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Croatia).

To achieve the objectives of the project, in line with the priorities of Europe for Citizens program, it was needed to create a strong and long-term network, proposing activities based on the reinforcement of active participation in European society such as round tables, interactive workshops, conferences, case studies, cultural visits... The project aimed to find an answer to the migratory crisis currently experienced in Europe, both internally, between their own countries, and externally; Citizens' understanding of the Union's policy process was strengthened by promoting opportunities for social and intercultural engagement, directly addressing concepts such as migration, Euroscepticism, solidarity that revolves around their environment or social and cultural integration policies. Therefore, participants were encouraged to exchange opinions and best practices with the aim to formulate new ideas and concrete proposals.