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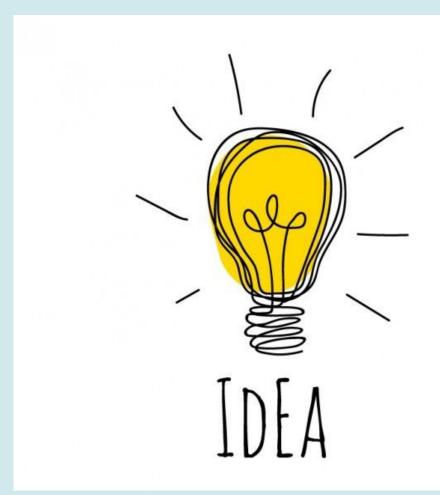
#### WE OF TODAY – EUROPE OF TOMORROW

- Strand: Democratic engagement and civic participation
  - Measure: Town Twinning

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# Refugees!?



#### Local partners

- Šilalė Culture Center;
- Šilalė Public Library;
- Šilalė Artschool;
- Šilalė Simonas Gaudėšius Gymnasium;
- Šilalė Non-Government Youth Organizations Union "Round Table";
- Youth European Team.

#### International partners



Stavenhagen (Germany)

since 1994



Krasnik (Poland)

since 2007

# YES from local and international partners!



#### The aim of the project

to raise the awareness of international youth community during Europe's migration crisis and to promote solidarity regarding emigrants and refugees throughout interactive activities:

round table discussion, walking event for tolerance, simulation game, workshop, Living Library, film watching, Escape Room.

#### Different experiences

Stavenhagen (Germany) – 1000 refugees

Šilalė (Lithuania) – 2 families

Krasnik (Poland) – **0 refugees** 

#### **Participants**

- Stavenhagen (Germany) 21
  - Krasnik (Paland) 21
- Šilalė (Lithuania) 300 (in total)



#### Duaration

17-20 October 2016



#### Funding

7500 Eur

42 international participants



41 – 55 international participants = 7500 Eur

#### **Costs**











# Activities

#### Round table discussion









#### Inconvenient film watching





### Simulation game





# Escape room





### **Living Library**





# Workshop Dove – Bird of Tolerance







#### Walking Event for Tolerance







### Cultural evening







#### Annual priorities

- Promotion of solidarity in time of crisis;
- Fight against stigmata attached to foreigners;
- Involvement of citizens in discussions related to the future of Europe.

#### **Impact**

#### The project let...

- to be more interested in important EU issues –international migration and refugee crisis;
- to be involved in the process of finding solutions regarding important EU problems;
- to change of stereotypes towards refugees and became more tolerance;
- to promote the friendship of long-term partners;
- to improve knowledge of foreign languages;
- to learn more about other cultures;
- to develop international connections.

- Facebook;
- Social networks;
- Massmedia;
- Anonymous survey;
- Informational stands;
- Virtual pictures exhibitions;
- Supporting meetings.



# Tips for filling in the application

- Think global;
- Activities must be interesting, interactive and attractive;
- If asked for 2000 character text, you shouldn't exceed;
- Plan the exact date and agenda and coordinate with partners;
- Follow your terms and deadlines.

#### Practical and technical tips

- It is cheaper to eat at school canteen;
- It is cheaper to travel by school transport;
- Think about accommodation;
- Ask your partner for a possibility reimbursement of transport costs;
- Don't forget to include a cultural evening;
- It is very important to involve local organizations.

#### Myths

- It is impossible to get funding on the first time applying;
- It is difficult to corporate with partners;
- We are small and it is hard to compete with big citys.

#### Wins (personal assessment)

- Opportunity to participate in an international project;
- Knowledge acquired;
- Making new friends;
- Participating in new projects;
- Feeling of being needed and sensible.

#### How could I be useful?

- Knowledge;
- Advice;
- Filling documentation (application and report);
- Tips on how to deal with different situations.

#### Thank you for your attention!



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