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### **Preparatory Activity (A1)**

**Participation:** The activities involved 21 participants, including 4 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 4 participants from the city of Caserta (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Rome (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Paris (**France**), 2 participants from the city of Patras (**Greece**), 2 participants from the city of Stockholm (**Sweden**), 1 participant from the city of Barcelona (**Spain**), 1 participant from the city of Rucar (**Romania**), 2 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 1 participant from the city of Tartu (**Estonia**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place online due to the sanitary measures in place at the time of the event, on 15/04/2021.

**Short description:** These activities consisted of the following. aim of the event (Preparatory Training) was to enable each project partner to implement the Action Training (gaming activity called *Solidarity Lab*) over the course of the project, and to provide them the tools and knowledge for the Action Trainings to result in a web-documentary (output of the project). The training was organized and delivered by the project partner Patatrac, that is assisting all partners in the implementation phase. The training provided partners with 1) the reference framework, then customised by each partner along with their communities' experience, but framed consistently by all partners to ensure methodological consistency 2) the methodology used to run the activities 3) the basic structure of the Web-documentary.

## Events:

9 events have been carried out within this project:

### **Event 1: Solidarity Lab/Life Skills for Europe (A2)**

**Participation:** The event involved 102 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Larnaca (Cyprus), 7 participants from the city of Bucharest (Romania), 8 participants from the city of Utrecht (The Netherlands), 9 participants from the city of Lodz (Poland), 75 participants from the city of Patras (Greece).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in multiple sessions in order to comply with the sanitary measures in place at the time and place of the event. The Solidarity Lab was organised by DAFNI KEK, with the support of SOLIDAR Foundation and Patatrak. [Social media posting at this link](#) and [website dissemination at this link](#).

**The first session of the Solidarity Lab** took place Patras, Greece on the 12th of June 2021.

**Short description:** This first session involved 25 citizens including 25 participants from the city of Patras (Greece). It was organised for young people from the local community and aimed to question social roles, class systems and biases and the effect of them on solidarity. The definition for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) that was created during this Solidarity Lab was for the concept of *Civic Engagement*;

**The second session of the Solidarity Lab** involved 25 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Patras, Greece. The event took place in Patras, Greece on the 14th of June 2021

**Short description:** The aim of the second session of the Solidarity Lab was to gather people from the local community, carrying a mixed background, and for them to create their own stories based on photographs. The photos were distributed to them along with themes related to communication and interpersonal competences, in the concept of a world that is moving towards solidarity but is not there yet. The key definitions for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) that was created during this Solidarity Lab was for the concept of *Interpersonal Capabilities*;

**The third session of the Solidarity Lab** involved 25 citizens, including 25 participants from the city of Patras, Greece. The event took place in Patras, Greece on the 22nd of June 2021

**Short description:** The aim of this session of the Solidarity Lab/event was to gather older people from the local community and in majority coming from the educational sector. The aims were for them to question their biases when it comes to solidarity, what it means for a society to be sustainable and to imagine to create a transit from a society that is not solidaristic to a society that is. The definition identified by the group for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) was for the concept of *Sustainability Competences*;

**The fourth and last session of the Solidarity Lab** organised by DAFNI KEK involved 27 citizens, including 9 participants from the city of Lodz (Poland), 8 participants from the city of Utrecht (The Netherlands), 3 participants from the city of Larnaca (Cyprus), 7 participants from the city of Bucharest (Romania) and 7 participants from the city of Patras (Greece). The event took place in Larnaca, Cyprus, on the 27th of August 2021.

**Short description:** The aim of the fourth session of the Solidarity Lab/event dedicated to Life Skills for Europe was to highlight through short expressive theatrical games what social dynamics and solidarity emerged during the lockdown. The Lab aimed to showcase the extent of Intercultural Communication Capabilities in an era where solidarity is reviewed through the global lens of remote communication. The key definition for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) that was created during this Solidarity Lab was for the concept of *Intercultural Communication Capabilities*

## **Event 2: Solidarity Lab/Community Building (A3)**

**Participation:** The event involved 142 citizens, including 141 participants from the Arges county, (Romania) and 1 participant from Lebanon. [Dissemination of the activities at this link.](#)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in multiple sessions in order to comply with the sanitary measures in place at the time and place of the event. All sessions took place in Rucar, Romania. The Solidarity Lab was organised by ANMFR, with the support of SOLIDAR Foundation and Patatrac.

**The first session of the Solidarity Lab** took place in Rucar, Romania on the on the 12th of October 2021. It involved 39 citizens, including 39 participants from the village of Rucar, Arges county, (Romania).

**Short description:** The aim of the first session of the Solidarity Lab was to encourage teenagers to take an active role in their community and offer a space enabling them to share their opinions on solidarity from two perspectives: the one of village inhabitants and the one of EU citizens. Participants were invited to reflect on the (paraphrased) saying "A friend in need, a Romanian, indeed". Participants were young people attending the courses of the Technological High School of Rucar. The key definition for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) that was created during this Solidarity Lab stemmed from reflections over the phrase *A Romanian, indeed!* ;

**The second session of the Solidarity Lab** took place in Rucal (Romania) on 12th of October 2021 and involved 9 citizens, including 9 participants, from the village of Rucar, Arges county, Romania.

**Short description:** The aim of the Training was to debate on COVID-19 vaccination as a way of expressing responsibility and solidarity for a safe life in local community. Participants were teachers at the High School of Rucar - deeply involved in the community. The key definition for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) that was created during this Solidarity Lab stemmed from reflections over the theme *Vaccination - Do We Need It?*

**The third session of the Solidarity Lab** took place in Rucal (Romania) on 12th of October 2021 and involved 17 citizens, including 17 participants, from the village of Rucar, Arges county, Romania.

**Short description:** The aim of the third Solidarity Lab was testing the community feeling in tough times: the compulsory use of face masks. The participants are all members of the Local Administration in Rucar, thus civil servants who are normally accustomed to execute indications from the national administration. The focus of the debate was how and to what extent can the local administration influence fellow citizens to follow the rules for self- and collective protection. The definition for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) that was created during this Solidarity Lab stemmed from reflections over the theme *Obligation to adopt a behaviour for being socially responsible, such as face masks;*

**The fourth session of the Solidarity Lab** took place in village of Dragoslavele, Arges county (Romania) on 13th of October 2021 and involved 25 citizens, including 24 participants from the village of Dragoslavele, Arges county, Romania, and 1 from Lebanon.

**Short description:** the Training was based on techniques related to the practice of Learning by doing. Based on the images related to Solidarity that were identified by participants during the previous week, participants were asked to elaborate their definition of Solidarity. The definition for the SoliDictionary (Outcome of the Project) that was created during this Solidarity Lab stemmed again from reflections over the theme *Obligation to adopt a behavior for being socially responsible, such as face masks;*

**The fifth Solidarity Lab session** took place in the village of Rucar, Arges county, (Romania) on 13th of October 2021 and it involved 21 citizens, including 21 participants from the village of Rucar, Arges county, Romania.

**Short description:** the fifth session of the Solidarity Lab was organised along the question of how to maintain the pivotal role of school education as a milestone for community building and development in society during challenging times, such as those imposed by the recent pandemic. The participants involved in this session are high-school teachers, who elaborated on the question and developed a dedicated definition for Solidarity, based on the theme *Schools go on.*

**The sixth session** of the Solidarity Lab held in Romania involved 21 citizens, including 21 participants from the village of Rucar, Arges county, Romania on 13th October 2021.

The aim of this session was to discuss the respect of rules for the public good, and discipline to this end, among teenagers.

**The seventh and last session of the Solidarity Lab in Romania** involved 10 citizens, including 10 participants from the village of Rucar, Arges county, Romania, on 13th October 2021.

The aim of the 7th session was to engage women living in rural areas and supporting the efforts of their local community in overcoming the pandemic crisis. Together, they identified a definition of Solidarity based once again on the relation between the obligation to wear face masks and the well-being of the whole community.

### **Event 3: Solidarity Lab/Precariousness (A4)**

**Participation:** The event involved 31 citizens, including 31 participants from the city of Tartu (**Estonia**). [Dissemination of the activities at this link.](#)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Hugo Treffer Gymnasium (**Tartu, Estonia**), on 17/11/2021.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to involve participants in discussions that help to understand how solidarity and active citizenship affect the local community and other EU countries in the context of the current pandemic situation. For this, we conducted short discussions with participants based on pre-generated scenarios. The scenarios focused on the experiences of the Estonian community in a pandemic situation so far. Through the activity, aspects of the socio-economic crisis were analysed and how solidarity-based action can have an impact.

### **Event 4: Solidarity Lab/Engaging in Solidarity Actions (A5)**

**Participation:** The event involved 33 citizens including 9 participants Paris, 5 from St. Briec, 5 from Créteil, 3 from Poitiers, 2 participants Rennes, e participants from Marseille and 2 from Evreux (France), 1 participant from Strasbourg, 1 from Orléans, 1 from Chambéry, 1 from Quimper, 1 from La Roche sur Yon, and 1 from at. Etienne and Bordeaux.

Dissemination of the activities at [this](#) and [this](#) link.

**Location / Dates:** Paris (France), 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to promote solidarity as a value and notably a European Union value, to enhance the participants' understanding of the meaning of solidarity in all its dimension as well as to foster their empowerment to encourage their engagement in solidarity actions. Different activities were implemented: an introductory quiz, icebreaker activities, a moving debate and a brainstorming activity to elaborate definitions.

### **Event 5: Solidarity Lab/Solidarity for Social Inclusion (A6)**

**Participation:**

The two events involved 41 participants from the city of Perugia (**Italy**).

**Location / Dates:**

The events took place in Perugia, Italy, from 26/05/2022 to 27/05/2022.

**Short description:**

The aim of the two events was to involve citizens and local association volunteers in the debate on solidarity and the future of Europe, through non-formal activities and interviews.

We met with volunteers and citizens involved in the activities of the associations CAP 06124 and Fuori di Zucca, which animate the city with cultural activities and services, through participatory urban regeneration projects, food sovereignty and solidarity purchasing groups.

Together with the participants, we tried to imagine what the city would have been like without experiences of active solidarity during the pandemic months, investigating the impact of civic engagement in the fight against social exclusion and poverty, both material and immaterial.

Through discussions and games, we collected new definitions of the term 'solidarity', new lemmas for a [common European dictionary that can be found in the final project documentary constructed by the participants: the SoliDictionary](#)

### **Event 6: Solidarity Lab/Education for all (A7)**

**Participation:** The event involved 51 citizens, including participants from the City of Zagreb and other parts of Croatia and 1 participant from Sweden.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Zagreb, Croatia, from 8 – 9 th April 2022. Dissemination of the activities can be found [here](#) and [here](#) ([here](#) for Croatian version).

#### **Short description:**

The solidarity lab consisted of two parts:

1. **Preparation with participants, 8th April:** within the Solidarity Lab was designed as a lecture and a workshop in coordination with Peace Studies program. CPS presented contemporary examples of citizens' self-organization in Croatia since the 80s, addressing and expressing solidarity actions
2. **The World Caffe: The faces of Solidarity Today, 9th April:** The solidarity lab followed the lecture and the workshop. It was organized as World Cafe, a structured conversational process. The main topic was: The faces of solidarity today. Five sub-topics were offered, each moderated by a host of the table in the caffe.

### **Event 7: Solidarity Lab/Migration (A8)**

**Participation:** the 2 sessions involved a total of 35 citizens residents in Spain but coming from Afghanistan, Andorra, Canada, Cuba, Senegal, and Ukraine.

Dissemination activities can be found at the following link: [IG](#), [IG stories](#), [FB](#), [web](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Youtube](#).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Madrid, Spain, the following dates: the 20th of June 2022(11-13:30h) and the 23rd of June 2022(17:30-20h) .

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to bring together very diverse people living in Madrid interested in sharing their visions of the kind of solidarity they wanted to see around them, to reflect on how we learn to practice solidarity from different cultures and to create, hopefully, new ties in the city.

### **Event 8: Solidarity Lab/Climate Change (A9)**

**Participation:** The event involved 16 citizens, including 1 participants' from the city of Falun, Sweden, 1 participants from the city of Gothenburg, Sweden, 6 participants from Gävle, and 8 participants from the city of Sandviken, Sweden.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gävle, Sweden, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2022.

#### **Short description:**

The Solidarity lab in Sweden focused on youth citizens and explored solidarity and solidarity driven actions in general and solidarity in a time of crises in particular. Through interactive non-formal educational methods, the participants collectively discussed what solidarity is and the impact of the same in a community.

### **Event 9: Solidarity Lab/Climate Change (A10)**

**The final Solidarity Lab took place over two sessions.**

#### **First Session.**

**Participation:** the event involved a total of **35 citizens**, attending both in person (12 of them) and online (23 attendees). Across the participants, the following **12 countries** were represented: Belgium (9 participants); Bulgaria (1 participant); France (5 participants); Germany (5 participants); Italy (4 participants); Malta (2 participants); Netherlands (3 participants); Poland (1 participant); Portugal (1 participant); Romania (1 participant); Slovenia (1 participant); Spain (2 participants).

Dissemination activities can be found at the following links: [TW 1](#); [TW2](#); [TW3](#).

**Location/Date:** The event took place at one of the conference venues of the **European Economic and Social Committee, in Brussels (BE)**, on **Wednesday 22 June 2022**.

#### **Short Description:**

The aim of the event was to inform the participants about this Civil Society Project, of which Volonteuropa has been part of, led by SOLIDAR Foundation and with the other consortium partners. During the first session, Volonteuropa introduced the participants to the workings of the initiative and engaged them in deeper conversations and exercises to understand the role of solidarity in societal wellbeing.