

Gallodoro Municipality (SICILY –IT)

TITLED :“New Strategies for Participation and Active Citizenship in EU – SPACEU”

Town twinning Citizens' Meetings - Europe for Citizens Program

Strand 2.1

The Town Twinning Project titled ***New Strategies for Participation and Active Citizenship in EU – SPACEU*** according to Program’s objectives, aimed to bring together people from 4 Countries, in order to strengthening the sense of belonging to Europe and the multicultural dialogue. The project involved the Municipalities of Gallodoro (IT), Amata (LV), Primaria Posesti (RO), and Holloko (HU). The event was held in Gallodoro (IT) from **21 to 28 October 2014**, 8 days.

The project focused on the theme of citizen participation in active European citizenship, social engagement and the promotion of democracy and human rights.

The planned activities aimed at raising awareness about the importance of undertaking further efforts to remove the obstacles which citizens still face the full accomplishment of the construction of a Europe united and cohesive.

The program has been rich of activities, meeting, workshop, seminar, exchanges of best practices, discussions and debates, Intercultural moments, cultural visits and other activities that will be opportunities for communication, in order to develop an active citizenship and to foster interactions between the citizens’ involved. Through these activities, the citizens and local entities shall raise their knowledge and their awareness of the role of EU policies, therefore they will be able to give a contribution to the implementation of the Future of the European Agenda.

Moreover the event was an occasion to create a long lasting cooperation, addressed to a solid friendship development of 4 Municipalities, with a great desire to capture value at European level, to make improvements in the quality of life for every citizen and allow, cultural, social, economic growth. The project, directly involving citizens, has favored the process of European integration by promoting intercultural dialogue, knowledge and values, constructive comparison of views and mutual enrichment, thus contributing to the definition of common European Rights.