

## The project “Reconfiguring European Citizenship with the Founding Values of the European Project” was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme “Europe for Citizens”

### Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 “Town-Twinning”

**Participation:** The project involved **607** citizens, notably 317 participants from the city of Dresden (**Germany**), 87 participants from the city of Prague (**Czech Republic**), 36 participants from the city of Kistarcsa (**Hungary**), 134 participants from the city of Olesnica (**Poland**), and 33 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (**Greece**)

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Dresden, Germany**, from **12/02/2018** to **14/02/2018**

#### Short description:

The day of **12/02/2018** was the arrival day of most of the participants. Informal conversations took place at a dinner meant as an icebreaker.

The day of **13/02/2018** was dedicated to a preparation event, where the implementing partners came together to discuss key elements of the project in the morning. Next on the agenda was a Guided study-visit to the Militär Historisches Museum Dresden (Military History Museum of Dresden), where the exhibits and references to the fairly violent history of the European continent yet again urged representatives of the RECONN partners to recognize and realize that strengthening the foundations for continued intercultural dialogue and increase of mutual understanding is the only way forward for our continent. It was followed by a meeting with the Mayor of Dresden, Mr. Dirk Hilbert for a Citizens’ Exchange at the Drei-Königskirche Dresden. The exchange preceded a performance called “Peace Heroes”. The day was wrapped up by a walk in the Old City and participation in the annual Human Chain – Menschenkette which commemorates the Firebombing of Dresden on February 13, 1945 and send a message of “peace and reconciliation.” As final event the participants took part in the International Peace Slam & Music performance in the evening at the gallery Kunsthau Dresden.

The day of **14/02/2018** was dedicated to a Guided Tour of the City of Dresden which included an extramural history lecture. It was followed by more history with a Study-visit to the Gedenkstätte Bautzner Straße, a memorial for the victims of the GDR Ministry for State Security (Stasi). Here the participants *got as well a Guided Tour from the staff of the museum. The highlight of the day was the event titled KUNST des ERINNERNS - Europa Neu Denken / Art of Remembrance - Envisioning Europe*, which featured among others lectures and round table discussions on topics relevant to the the general objectives, specific aims and annual priorities of the Europe for Citizens Programme, such as:

- how to encourage democratic & civic participation of citizens at local, regional, and EU level
- what needs to be done at local, regional and national level to develop citizens' understanding of the EU policy making process
- what are the tools to promote opportunities for societal & intercultural engagement at EU level
- how to boost volunteering that strengthens the fabric of local communities

The public event had as well several cultural highlights as workshops about courage and art zine designing, as well as performers and also two choirs.

The day of **15/02/2018** was the departure day.