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CRISCO Local Process - Reporting

A. Local Process - Introduction

Local Panels of Stakeholders (LPS) are central in CRISCO.

- Each CRISCO participant sets up a motivated, active and well-balanced LPS (based on these proportions: 1/3 of citizens or citizens' organizations, 1/3 non-profit and civil society organizations, and 1/3 experts, officials and local authorities), that will meet regularly to **experiment and review (new or existing) local integration initiatives.**
- In each CRISCO partner, the LPS is composed of at least 18 formal members (**at least one signed attendance list per reporting period** is necessary – 4 in total), but may be widely enlarged by the informal participation of the wider local community.
- Building on their existing mechanisms of local democracy, each partner town will maintain existing or develop new instruments to involve local stakeholders and citizens in the project, especially the “hard-to-reach” groups.
- For this purpose, different participatory approaches, adapted to their specific conditions and needs, are expected to be maintained or developed by the CRISCO partners
- Local activities could be of two main types:
 - *Reflection*: debates, workshops, in-field visits, review of existing local initiatives (including interviews or questionnaires), invitation of external ‘experts’ or ‘resource persons’ (including from other CRISCO partners), etc.;
 - *Action*: launch, activate, enrich or adapt (new or existing) local integration initiatives with a focus on the theme for the reporting period (4 in total).
- **Local activities reported in the CRISCO reports may be activities that take place in the context of other local initiatives but must be relevant for and linked to CRISCO (logos...).**

Important note: CRISCO partners may take part as ‘experts’, ‘external resource persons’ or ‘interested persons’ in the local process of another partner (2 missions per CRISCO partner), following rules that will be established for CRISCO (relevance, cost efficiency...).

Please submit (at crisco@etterbeek.irisnet.be) each local process report and its annexes not later than 1 month after the end of the reporting period (4 in total).

Reports must be written in English language.

Please send pdf documents and keep all original documents in your possession and in good conditions until five years after the end of the project.



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B. Local Process - General information for the reporting period n°... (4 in total)

- Name of the partner: **City of Tartu (Estonia)**
- Reporting period:
 1. From September 2017 to March 2018 (theme: "Cultural and social barriers to integration")
 2. **From March 2018 to September 2018 (theme: "Prejudices and precarious individual situations")**
 3. From September 2018 to January 2019 (theme: "Language barriers to integration")
 4. From January 2019 to August 2019 (theme: "Lack of (public) places for inclusion activities")

- Summary of the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):

Before the second Tartu CRISCO stakeholders meeting we had couple meeting with "the core" members to plan further activities. Also there was quite active discussion via communication channels.

The second meeting of the Tartu stakeholders took place on August 28, 2018. There were 12 people registered at the meeting, 18 people attended the meeting. The aim of the event was to provide an overview of the circumstances, stereotypes and possible risk factors, that encourage or hinder interaction between people and communities. By the end of the meeting, we reached to some specific proposals that the city, organizations and individuals can use to make the urban environment safer and support the adaptation of people with different (cultural) backgrounds. There was two presentation from external experts, after that we moved on with discussion rounds.

- What are the 3 things you consider successful and 3-unsuccessfull about the local process for the reporting period (max. 10 lines):

Success –

- 1) **After the first transnational meeting, we saw, that there is developed core members, who are ready to participate actively in CRISCO activities and discussions.**
- 2) **The second meeting of the Tartu stakeholders was very work-related and the discussion continued even after the meeting in our communication channels. It is great to see, that there is many people and organizations who are ready to discuss over sensitive topics.**
- 3) **The meeting gave us some good input, where we should put more effort to make Tartu more friendly and coherent city.**

The things what could we done better:

- 1) **The spring of 2018 was too busy in Tartu and we were forced to postpone several activities planned for the spring until the end of the summer.**
- 2) **Since the stakeholder's event was postponed until the end of August, then it was difficult to get a good sample of active community members to the meeting.**
- 3) **We would have liked to reflect CRISCO's event more effectively and more actively in the city's information channels.**



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- How did the local process support the preparation and contribution to the forthcoming transnational thematic event (max. 5 lines):

The Tartu delegation for the 2st international meeting was formed from active members of the stakeholder group. The goal was to get together as a diverse group of people from both organizations dealing with the subject and active people in the region.

- During this reporting period, representatives of the partner have taken part as 'experts', 'external resource persons' or 'interested persons' in the local process of another partner (2 missions per CRISCO partner):

0 YES **0 NO**

Name(s) of the person(s):

Name(s) of the visited partner(s):

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Summary of the mission(s):

- During this reporting period, representatives of another partner have taken part as 'experts', 'external resource persons' or 'interested persons' in the local process of the partner:

0 YES **0 NO**

Name(s) of the person(s):

Name(s) of the visiting partner(s):

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Summary of the mission(s):

Annexes:

- 0 At least one signed attendance list per reporting period (obligatory)
- 0 Signature(s) of the representative(s) of other partner(s) who came on visit in the partner's local process (obligatory)
- 0 Pictures (obligatory)
- 0 Evidence documents for the local process: invitations, meeting reports, local on-line and paper press, leaflets... (obligatory)
- 0 Other.....



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C. Local Process – Activities during the reporting period n°1

C.1. Activity 1

Name of the activity: **SECOND MEETING OF TARTU CRISCO STAKEHOLDERS**

Venue: **Domus Dorpatensis' seminar room (Ülikooli , Tartu)**

Date: **August 28, 2018 (time: 15:00-18:30)**

Number of participants: **18 (registered 12)**

Attendance list:

1 **YES: see annex**

0 NO: reason

Representative(s) of another partner have taken part as 'experts', 'external resource persons' or 'interested persons' in this activity:

0 **NO:**

0 YES:

Name(s) of the person(s):

Motivation, reason of the visit(s):

Type of activity:

1 **Reflection (e.g. meeting, debate...):**

0 Action (e.g. activity, course, social event...):

0 Mixed (e.g. workshop, in-field visit...):

Description of the activity (about 10 lines):

1) **Presentations - This time, we included two experts - Helina Maasing (The Estonian Academy of Security Sciences) and Kristjan Kaldur (Institute of Baltic Studies) who gave an overview of the attitudes on intergration of people in Estonia and Tartu.**

2) **Groupwork - We splitted stakeholders in two different groups. The topic was circumstances, stereotypes and possible risk factors, that encourage or hinder interaction between people and communities. There was two bigger questions – a) How to increase the citizens' sense of security? b) How to make the city more tolerant of differences?**

3) **Broader discussion - A wider discussion that highlighted key issues and possible solutions. By the end of the meeting, we came to the formulation of the main goals and saw what different institution/actors could and should do to achieve the goal.**

Results and outcomes of the activity (max. 10 lines):

The work of all two groups showed that one of the main reasons what hinders interaction between people and communities is fear. Fears can be expressed both in stereotypes and in prejudices, as well as in real situations that can lead to direct discrimination. Often this is simply ignorance - people may lack knowledge and skills in communicating with people in different cultural room.

Studies have shown that over 1/3 of the newcomers see Tartu as an appropriate long-term living place in the future. City, organizations, and people should work together to raise people's awareness and overall security. This requires both support for adaptation, the promotion of people-to-people contacts and for example the enhancement of language learning. The city and organizations should place more emphasis on creating a trusting environment for people, both local and new immigrants, to talk about their day-to-day concerns and pleasures. Our long-term goal is to create an informed and secure city



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community where everyone has equal opportunities to participate actively as a community member and to feel secure. We want to show that diversity is not a problem, but an opportunity.

Relevance for and link to CRISCO (max. 5 lines):

The meeting gave the stakeholders the possibility to meet, find exchange views and places of cooperation regarding the topic of prejudices and precarious individual situations applied to the local context of Tartu and Estonia in general.

The meeting was also big help for us to do preparations for the second international event in Strasbourg, France.

Other comments on the activity:

No comments.

Annexes for the activity:

X Signed attendance list

0 Signature(s) of the representative(s) of other partner(s) who came on visit at the activity

X Pictures (obligatory – at least 5 per activity)

X Evidence documents for the activity: invitation, meeting report, local on-line and paper press, leaflet...

0 Other:

Please submit (at crisco@etterbeek.irisnet.be) a draft report (+ annexes) of the activity not later than 7 days after the activity, and a final report (+ annexes) of the activity not later than 1 month after the end of the reporting period

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