



**The project Shaping the Future of European Rural Villages 69550-CITIZ-1-2015-2-MT-CITIZ-NT was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

## Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

**7 events have been carried out within this project:**

### Event 1

**Participation:** The event involved 78 citizens, including 63 from Gharb Malta u 3 from Lousa Portugal & 2 from Cork Ireland. **Location / Dates:** The event took place in Lousa Portugal, from 03/06/2016 to 06/06/2016

**Short description:** Management meeting to discuss the project mobilities & administrative matters. A meeting with the council of Lousa, cultural visits to an art exhibition and cultural places, discussion on initiatives undertaken and how they initiate initiatives for the local rural communities in view of budget deficit. Discussed rural policies and initiatives.

### Event 2

**Participation:** The event involved 73 citizens, including 35 participants from the city of Gharb Malta, 11 participants from the city of Ortezzano Italy, 11 participants from the city of Gerano Italy, 2 participants from the city of Dobris Czech, 14 participants from the city of Gmina Korycin Poland

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Ortezzano Italy, from 14/09/2016 to 17/09/2016

**Short description:** Discussed culture and how the municipality works on making museums and Roman cisterns as means of showing its history and how the locations can also serve for exhibition space catering for today's artists. Potential dangers of Rural Tourism and The Need for an Integrated Quality Management (IQM) approach in Rural Tourism discussed, Meeting manufacturers and operators Discussion on possibility of tourist and trade.

### Event 3

**Participation:** The event involved 73 citizens, including 35 participants from Gharb Malta, 11 from the Ortezzano Italy, 11 from Gerano Italy, 2 from Dobris Czech, 14 from Gmina Korycin Poland.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gerano Italy, from 18/09/2016 to 20/09/2016

**Short description:** Visit to Subiaco, the Monaster of Benedictine, centre of production of gastronomy and local produce, followed by a discussion between the producers and the participants on Rural Tourism Experience and Specializing in Local Produce and Gastronomy. The participants shared ideas on marketing. Tivoli city, sports activity between participants.

### Event 4

**Participation:** The event involved 62 citizens, including 43 participants from Gharb Malta, 6 from Ortezzano Italy, 3 from Gerano Italy, 7 from Dobris Czech, 3 from Lousa Portugal

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in MÚSCRAÍ, CORK, IRELAND, from 15/04/2017 to 17/04/2017

**Short description:** A cultural talk & discussion was organized at Baile Bhúirne & learned how volunteers from the small community are involved in running the area. Trip to Guagán Barra church & the Toy Soldier Factory followed by discussion on industry in rural communities. Liadh Ní Riada Irish MEP participated in a discussion on challenges for the future of small communities followed by a cultural event at Fáilteú Ionad Cultúrtha (Culture Centre) - A music and song demonstration/performance. Walking tour of the main industrial estates and amenities (local football pitch, clubhouse, running track, outside exercise equipment) followed by seminar on The Future of Rural Villages in Europe & Safeguarding the cultural heritage of rural villages in Europe & speciliasing in niche products can increase business opportunities.

### Event 5

**Participation:** The event involved 53 citizens, including 37 participants from Gharb Malta, 4 from Ortezzano Italy, 4 from Gerano Italy, 4 from Dobris Czech u 4 from Lousa Portugal

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Dobris Czech republic, from 30/10/2017 to 02/11/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was meeting local authorities on policy development in, how to manage and strengthen the economies of Europe's rural villages and shaping the future of a better European countryside, policies implemented, changes made, sharing of good practices, opportunities available to integrate socially disadvantaged people, marketing of the products and techniques.

### Event 6

**Participation:** The event involved 53 citizens, including 37 participants from the city of Gharb Malta, 4 from Ortezzano Italy, 4 from Gerano Italy, 4 from Dobris Czech u 4 from Lousa Portugal,

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Korycin Poland, from 02/11/2017 to 05/11/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was farming policy, the capacity of rural tourism and the natural and cultural heritage of small villages, craft and service industries: revival of local economies; rural Tourism a new income, how to revive and strengthen the economies of Europe's rural villages and shaping the future of a better European countryside through new policies.

### Event 7

**Participation:** The event involved 34 citizens, including 11 participants from the city of Ortezzano Italy, 11 from Gerano Italy, 6 from Dobris Czech u 6 from Gmina Korycin Poland

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gharb Malta, from 24/11/2017 to 26/11/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was day conference was organized on rural economies, problems in rural villages, the problem of decreasing populations and aging populations in rural areas were among the topics discussed. A cultural tour around Gozo was organized followed by an evening cultural/musical show by local traditional musicians, dancers and the local village brass band.