

**The project «I was citizen of Stalin town» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens" Strand 1: "European Rememberance"**

**In this project, 9 events were organized:**

**Event 1: Preparatory activity**

The event allowed the meeting of 12 people, the members of the implementing team, 2 from the city of Varna (Bulgaria), 2 from Tirana (Albania), 2 from Katowice (Poland), 1 from Dunaujvaros (Hungary) and 4 from Braşov (Romania)

**Place / Date:** The first project meeting was held on Skype on 13 December 2016, the second meeting took place in Râşnov, Romania, on 5 August 2017.

**Short description:** The meetings were established for the knowledge of the members of the implementing teams and for the detailing of the work plan (establishing the criteria for selecting the members of the Stalin teams, finalizing the list of documentation specifications, creating the facebook pages by each partner). The workshop calendar has been established and came up with proposals about replacing of the workshop from Eisennhuttenstadt.

**Event 2: Documentation Campaign**

**Event 2.1: 01 February - 31 October, documentation campaign, Braşov, Romania**

**Participation:** The organized events involved 5361 citizens - 4141 citizens from Brasov (Romania) attending events and 1220 people aware through the campaign.

**Place / Date:** The events took place in Brasov (Romania), especially in the workers' districts from Stalin Town, between 1 February and 31 October 2017.

**Short description:** Our documentation campaign focused on recovering the memories of citizens who lived during the time when the town of Brasov held the name of Stalin Town and the events were as follows:

Organized meetings:

- 9 May 2017, Brasov, Romania, a meeting with the students of the School of Sociology and Public Relations of the Transylvania University of Brasov, at this meeting participated 30 citizens from Braşov, Romania (22 students, 4 teachers and 4 representatives of the local media);

Project presentations in external events:

- 20 May 2017, Braşov, Romania, the presentation of the mobile stand of the project in the Sfatului Square in Brasov, at the Long Night of Museums; 2551 citizens of Braşov participated at the event.

- 17 June 2017, Braşov, Romania, the presentation of the project on the occasion of a theatre performance entitled *How to Explain the History of Communism to Mental Patients* by Trap Door Theatre from Chicago, USA in the presence of director Matei Vişniec; 343 people attended at the event.
- 19 October 2017, Braşov, Romania, the presentation of the project in the workshop on *Speech for Supporting the Museums of Communism in Romania*. (Organizers Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and Memory of the Romanian Exile, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Brasov County History Museum); 30 citizens from Romania participated.

Promotion campaign and collecting objects:

- 20 September - 22 October, Braşov, Romania, the mobile stand of the project situated in the workers' districts in Braşov, activity attended by more than 1000 citizens from Brasov.

Non-formal education module:

- 2 - 27 October 2017, the organization of a non-formal education module in 4 gymnasium schools in Braşov, Romania; More than 170 pupils and teachers from the Brasov participated.

Archive investigation:

- Activity organized in May - July 2017, in Brasov, Romania, by 10 specialists

Promotion of the project:

- The exposure of the mobile stand of the project took place at the Reduta Cultural Centre in Brasov, Romania, between 17 June and 20 September 2017; 1000 citizens attended this event.
- The facebook page promoted the project to a number of 220 followers.

## **Event 2.2: 01 February - 31 May 2017, documentation campaign, Katowice, Poland.**

**Participation:** The organized events allowed the involvement of 737 citizens - 261 citizens from the city of Katowice (Poland) participating at the events and 476 people aware through the campaign.

**Place/date:** The events took place in Katowice, Poland, between 01 February and 31 May 2017.

**Short description:** Our documentation campaign focused on recovering the memories of citizens who lived during the time when the town of Katowice held the name of Stalin Town and the events were as follows:

Organized meetings:

- 14 March 2017, a meeting in Katowice, Poland, with the subject "When Katowice was Stalinograd" with the participation of historians from the Institute of National Remembrance Dr. Adam Dziuby, Dr. Bogusław Tracz, Dr. Sebastian Rosenbaum involving 50 people.
- 31 May 2017, meeting in Katowice, Poland with the subject "Avant-garde in Stalinograd", lecture by Natalia Kruszyny, an art historian from the Katowice History Museum, involving 30 people.

Project presentations in external events:

- 28 March 2017, Lecture of professor Krystyna Heski-Kwaśniewicz, Ph.D., from the Silesia University – "Gustaw Morcinek's Works" involving 60 people.
- 29 March 2017, presentation of the book "Literature of the planned worlds. On Socialist Realistic Prose in Upper Silesia" with the participation of the author Dr. Katarzyna Kuroczka and of literary critics from the Silesia University in Katowice, involving 30 people.
- 11 May 2017, "Common Day of the Stalinists", lecture by dr. Zygmunt Wozniczka from the Silesia University in Katowice, involving 40 people.
- 17 May 2017, Screening of "Here Stalinogród" directed by Maciej Muzyczuk, involving 30 people.

Archive investigation:

- Activity organized between February-May, in Katowice, Poland, by 21 specialists.

Promotion of the project:

- As a result of promotion of the project in the local media were contacted and discussed more of 100 people (witnesses and collectors).
- The facebook page promoted the project for 376 followers.

### **Event 2.3: 01 February - 31 May 2017, documentation campaign, Varna (Bulgaria)**

**Participation:** The organized events allowed the involvement of 1199 citizens - 100 citizens from the city of Varna (Bulgaria) participating in activities and 1100 people informed through the campaign.

**Place / Date:** The events took place in Varna (Poland), between 1 February and 31 May 2017.

**Short description:** Our documentation campaign focused on recovering the memories of citizens who lived during the time when the town of Varna held the name of Stalin Town. In February it was organized a campaign to recruit the project volunteers, 20 people participated. Following the campaign, over 1000 people have been informed about the project and the campaign for collecting historical pieces.

Archive investigation:

- Activity organized between February-May 2017, Varna, Bulgaria, by 5 specialists.

Promotion of the project:

- The facebook page promoted the project for 174 followers.

### **Event 2.4: 01 February - 31 May 2017, documentation campaign, Kucova, (Albania)**

**Participation:** the organized events allowed the involvement of 251 citizens from the city of Kucova (Albania).

**Place / Date:** The events took place in Kucova (Albania), between 01 February-31 May 2017.

**Short description:** Our documentation campaign focused on recovering the memories of citizens who lived during the time when the town of Kucova held the name of Stalin Town. The campaign started with publishing the press the release of the project, which resulted in a group of volunteers who approached more than 50 citizens of Kucova, 40 of them contributing materials. Following the campaign, more than 230 people have been informed about the project and the campaign for collecting historical pieces.

Archive investigation:

- Activity organized between February-May 2017, in Kucova and Tirana, Albania, by 5 specialists.

Promotion of the project:

- The facebook page promoted the project for 176 followers.

### **Event 2.5: 1 May - 30 September 2017, documentation campaign, Dunaujvaros (Hungary)**

**Participation:** The organized events allowed the involvement of 500 citizens from the city of Dunaujvaros, Hungary.

**Place / Date:** The campaign took place in Dunaujvaros, Hungary, between 1 May-30 September 2017.

**Short description:** Our documentation campaign focused on Facebook page entitled I was citizen of Stalin Town (*Sztálinváros polgára voltam*). During the campaign, over 350 people found out about the documentary campaign, of which 100 people contributed with documents, objects, photos and testimonies to the project archive. The facebook page promoted the project for 159 followers.

### **Event 3: 01 - 06 August, Summer School, Braşov, Râşnov, (Romania)**

**Participation:** The event allowed the meeting of 354 citizens, 6 from Katowice (Poland), 2 from Kucova (Albania), 3 from Tirana (Albania), 5 from Varna (Bulgaria), 2 from Dunaujvaros (Ungaria), 89 from Brasov( Romania), 35 from Râşnov (Romania), 3 form USA, 2 from UK, 2 from Georgia, 2 from Serbia, 25 from Republic of Moldova and 178 from Romania.

**Place/date:** the event took place in Râşnov and Braşov, Romania, between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**Short description:** The event started with a public debate, organized in Brasov on 3 August 2017, three working meetings between the members of the implementing teams organized in Râşnov on 2 and 5 August 2017, the participation at two conferences organized at the Râşnov 2017 Film and Histories Festival on 3 and 4 August 2017, a Stalin Town thematic tour organized in Brasov, on 2 August 2017 and visits to the cultural and tourist objectives of the county of Brasov.

### **Event 4 : 29 August- 2 September, Workshop, Katowice, (Poland)**

**Participation:** The project allowed the meeting of 89 citizens, 1 from Kucova (Albania), 2 from Tirana (Albania), 4 from Braşov (Romania), 5 from Varna (Bulgaria), 6 from Dunaujvaros (Ungaria), 66 from Katowice (Poland) and 5 from Oświęcim (Poland) .

**Place/date:** The event took place in Katowice, Poland, between 29 August and 2 September 2017.

**Short description:** The event started with a public debate organized in Przystanek Educational Center in Katowice on 30 August 2017, a working meeting between members of the implementing teams organized in Katowice on 1 September 2017, a Stalin Town thematic tour organized in Katowice, on 30 August 2017, a visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial site on 31 August 2017, and visits to the cultural and tourist attractions of Katowice. To promote the project and debate, 700 flyers were printed and distributed.

### **Event 5: 12-16 September 2017, Workshop, Tirana/Kucova, (Albania)**

**Participation:** The event allowed the meeting of 75 citizens, 5 came from Katowice (Poland), 5 from Varna (Bulgaria), 2 from Dunaujvaros (Hungary), 3 from Brasov (Romania), 2 from Bucharest (Romania), 28 from Kucova (Albania) and 30 from Tirana (Albania).

**Place/date:** The event took place in Kucova and Tirana, Albania, between 12 and 16 September 2017.

**Short description:** The event started with a public debate, held on 15 September 2017 at the Town Central Library in Kucova, a working meeting between the members of the implementing teams, organized in Tirana on 13 September 2017, a thematic tour organized in Tirana which included visits to cultural institutions and participation in 2 lectures of a former political prisoner and history specialists, on 13 September 2017 and a visit to the ancient Berat castle, a protected UNESCO historical site, organized on 15 September 2017 .

### **Event 6: 25-29 September 2017, Workshop, Varna, (Bulgaria)**

**Participation:** The event allowed the meeting of 85 citizens, 4 came from Katowice (Poland), 3 from Dunaujvaros (Hungary), 4 from Brasov (Romania), 2 from Kucova (Albania) and 72 from Varna (Bulgaria).

**Place/date:** The event took place in Varna, Bulgaria, between 25 and 29 September 2017.

**Short description:** The event started with a public debate, organized in the conference hall of the Management University of Varna on 27 September 2017, a working meeting between the members

of the implementing teams, organized in Varna on 28 September 2017 and a thematic tour in Varna, which included visits to cultural institutions and participation in a lecture on "Bulgaria during the Stalinist years", on 26 September 2017.

To promote the project and the debate, 150 flyers were printed and distributed with volunteers.

### **Event 7: 24-28 October 2017, Workshop, Dunaujvaros, (Hungary)**

**Participation:** The event allowed the meeting of 140 citizens, 4 came from Katowice (Poland), 4 from Varna, 5 from Braşov (Romania), 3 from Kucova (Albania) and 124 from Dunaujvaros (Hungary).

**Place/date:** The event took place in Dunaujvaros, Hungary, between 24 and 28 October 2017.

**Short description:** The event started with a public debate organized in Dunaujvaros, on 26 October 2017, a working meeting between the members of the implementing teams, organized at Dunaujvaros on 27 October 2017, a Stalin Town thematic tour in Dunaujvaros, on 26 October 2017, and a thematic visit to Budapest, which included a visit to the House of Terror and the Hungarian Parliament, organized on 27 October 2017.

### **Event 8: 6 - 9 November Exhibition, Braşov, (Romania)**

**Participation:** The event was organized to open the thematic exhibition of the project allowed the meeting of 70 citizens, 1 came from Katowice (Poland), 1 from Varna (Bulgaria), 1 from Kucova (Albania), 1 from Dunaujvaros (Hungary) and 66 from Brasov (Romania).

**Place/date:** The event took place at Brasov County History Museum between 6 and 9 November 2017.

**Short description:** The event was dedicated mainly to the opening of the final exhibition organized in the project. During the opening event, each representative of the Stalin teams spoke about the importance of the European project to their communities, their own results and the desire to ensure the continuity of the project. Moreover, our foreign colleagues had the chance to interact with the vernissage participants and provide additional information about their town from the Stalinist period or to comment on the contents of the exhibition.

Besides the participation to the opening of the project exhibition, the foreign guests also participated at a theme visit to Bucharest. On 7 November 2017 they visited the People's House, the most representative monument of Romanian communism (presently, the Palace of Parliament), the Jilava Prison – Fort 13, one of the representative prisons of the communist regime, especially during the Stalinist era and the Cotroceni National Museum, former royal residence turned into a pioneers' palace during the Stalinist period.

Till the end of the project (30 November 2017), the exhibition had a number of 2009 visitors. 300 catalogs were published to promote the exhibition and the project.

### **Event 9: Temporary exhibitions**

#### **Event 9.1: 24 October – 24 November 2017 Exhibition Dunaújváros, (Hungary)**

**Participation:** The exhibition was visited by more than 500 citizens from Dunaujvaros, Hungary.

**Place/date:** The exhibition was organized at the University of Dunaujvaros, between 24 October - 24 November 2017.

**Short description:** The exhibition was opened on 26 October 2017, at the workshop organized in Dunaujvaros. The exhibition contains nearly 100 stalinist artifacts, photographs, cups,

objects, political writings, etc., which were provided to the organizers by local citizens and the Dunaujváros Intercisa Museum.

### **Event 9.2: 24 November - 8 December Exhibition Kucova, (Albania)**

**Participation:** The realization of the exhibition was possible with the involvement of 40 citizens of Kucova, Albania, who donated documents.

**Place / Date:** The exhibition was organized at the National Library of Kucova Albania, between 24 November - 8 December 2017.

**Short description:** The exhibition was opened on 24 November 2017 and includes 18 pictures from Kucova as a Stalin Town. 300 catalogs were published to promote the project.

### **Event 9.3: Exhibition Katowice, (Poland)**

The exhibition was visited by more than 3.500 citizens from Katowice, Poland.

**Place / Date:** On 20 December 2017 at the Miasta Ogrodów Galleries in Katowice (Poland), the exhibition was opened.

**Short description:** The exhibition includes souvenirs, personal items, testimonies, photographs, documents, postcards, press articles from that period. The exposed objects were purchased from individuals, lent or come from collections of institutions, including the Katowice History Museum collection, which was involved in the exhibition.