

MEANING: Metropolitan Europeans in Active Network, Inducing Novelities in Governance

“Citizens participation and living together in European Metropolitan areas today”

Bari, 15.05.2018

Context/localization of the intervention
Bari, 15th May, 2018; Metropolitan City of Bari, Lungomare Nazario Sauro,29. On May 15, 2018, the Local Activity, scheduled by the project, took place at the headquarters of the Metropolitan City of Bari, through a public debate between institutional representatives of the metropolitan body, journalists, university professors and high school students of the territory on theme: "Citizens participation and living together in European Metropolitan areas today".
Objectives of the action implemented
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Involve actively the citizens, the stakeholders, the representatives of the institutions in the decision-making process of the Metropolitan City of Bari; 2. Collect data, observations, opinions and ideas for civic participation; 3. Evaluate the commitment of the various participants and their interests regarding the topic of local activity; 4. Identify the topics on which to focus attention in the future.
Activities carried out
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organization of Local Activity; 2. Identification of the target groups to which to address the questionnaires; 3. Formulation of the questionnaire; 4. Administration of questionnaires before and after the local event; 5. Analysis of the data reported in the questionnaires; 6. Presentation of the results during the local activity; 7. Analysis of the data of the questionnaires following the Local Activity.
Results
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Realization of Local Activities of 15th May, 2018 at the Metropolitan City of Bari in which 51 citizens participated; 2. Power point report of the questionnaire data before the local activity; 3. Power point report of the post-local questionnaire data.
Good lessons learned*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a close eye on two big issues that have been much debated in recent years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ cohabitation between peoples in Europe; ○ citizen participation.

- In this regard, the City of Bari is the natural venue to talk about these issues because it is a crossroads of different cultures and gateway to the East.
- Need to sensitize our young people to the memory, history and common values of the European Union, such as the promotion of peace and the well-being of its citizens; to broaden citizens' democratic and civic participation in order to better understand, from the bottom up, the process of political elaboration of the European Union.
- Need to create adequate conditions to promote social engagement, intercultural dialogue and volunteering.

Bad lessons learned*

- Little interest from the institutional representatives of the municipalities of the metropolitan area;
- Lack of participation of students attending the last high school classes;
- Difficulty in getting feedback when filling out the questionnaires.

****considering not only the results achieved vs objectives, but also the process which led to the definition of the activity and its implementation, i.e.: involvement (or lack of involvement) of local population in the identification of issues to tackle; involvement (or lack of involvement) of other key stakeholders in the definition/implementation of the activity; factors which facilitated/hindered planning and implementation***

