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4 major events were carried out within this project (along with several minor dissemination and promotion events):

Event 1

Participation: The event involved **87 citizens**, including 1 participant from the city of Tirana (**Albania**), 22 participants from the cities of Vienna, Salzburg, Linz and Graz (**Austria**), 2 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Sarajevo (**Bosnia and Herzegovina**), 5 participants from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 9 participants from the city of Munich (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of London (**Great Britain**), 6 participants from the cities of Budapest and Pecs (**Hungary**), 5 participants from the city of Trieste (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Amman (**Jordan**), 1 participant from the city of Pristina (**Kosovo**), 3 participants from the city of Vilnius (**Lithuania**), 1 participant from the city of Luxembourg (**Luxembourg**), 1 participant from the city of Beograd (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Bratislava (**Slovakia**), 21 participants from the cities of Ljubljana, Maribor, Celje and Koper (**Slovenia**), 1 participant from the city of Madrid (**Spain**) and 1 participant from the city of Kiev (**Ukraine**).

Location / Dates: The event took place at the Vienna Diplomatic Academy (**Vienna, Austria**), from 5/10/2013 to 6/10/2013

Short description: The aim of the event was to present the project, make an introduction into the European foreign policy and bring the idea of the project closer to European citizens. Invited guest speakers delivered and shared their thoughts about what EU foreign policy is, about its functioning, the decision-making process, future challenges and how EU foreign policy in practice differs from theory. We offered participants an opportunity to exchange and challenge their opinion with those of politicians, decision makers and scholars. We contributed to the development of citizens' civil engagement and participation. Panel descriptions with video clips can be found at www.euforeignpolicy.eu.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved **156 citizens**, including 1 participant from the city of Tirana (**Albania**), 8 participants from the cities of Vienna, Klagenfurt and Salzburg (**Austria**), 1 participant from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Brasilia (**Brazil**), 1 participant from the city of Sofia (**Bulgaria**), 11 participants from the cities of Zagreb and Rijeka (**Croatia**), 5 participants from the cities of Munich and Dresden (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of London (**Great Britain**), 2 participants from the city of Bombay (**India**), 1

participant from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 5 participants from the cities of Trieste and Rome (**Italy**), 4 participants from the city of Pristina (**Kosovo**), 1 participant from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from the city of Amsterdam (**Netherlands**), 1 participant from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Moscow (**Russian Federation**), 3 participants from the city of Bratislava (**Slovakia**), 104 participants from the cities of Ljubljana, Koper, Celje, Maribor, Novo mesto and Kranj (**Slovenia**) and 2 participants from the city of Ankara (**Turkey**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in City Hotel Ljubljana (**Ljubljana, Slovenia**), from 21/2/2014 to 23/2/2014.

Short description: The aim of the event was to highlight different aspects and the multidimensionality of the European foreign policy. With invited guest speakers we discussed about the legal aspect of European foreign policy (especially how constitutional practice influences the creation of foreign policy), European security challenges, business diplomacy as an increasingly important component of foreign policy and European geopolitics, which is one of highly underestimated and deprived disciplines in international relations. We also invited members of the European parliament who served on the Committee for Foreign and European Affairs and thus offered citizens a direct channel to express their view and opinion about this very particular EU policy. At the end of the conference, the aim was to stress the importance of the link between the national and EU diplomacy, since citizens can influence the policy-making process also through their domestic diplomatic channels. Panel descriptions with video clips can be found at www.euforeignpolicy.eu.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved **73 citizens**, including 3 participants from the cities of Vienna and Klagenfurt (**Austria**), 3 participants from the cities of Zagreb and Rijeka (**Croatia**), 1 participant from the city of Dresden (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**), 31 participants from the city of Trieste (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Bratislava (**Slovakia**) and 32 participants from the cities of Koper, Nova Gorica, Ajdovščina, Ljubljana and Celje (**Slovenia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in the Palazzo della Borsa Vecchia (**Trieste, Italy**), from 25/4/2014 to 26/4/2014

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss a very particular aspect of EU foreign policy, i. e. national minorities. This topic can still be very pressing when it comes to a high political level. A particular aim of this event was to place it in an indigenous multicultural environment to see citizens' reactions and their behaviour. Other aims of the event were to discuss the influence of the media in the creation of the public opinion regarding EU foreign policy and to present a case study of the EU neighbourhood and enlargement policy. The overall aim was fully achieved, since we managed to engage participants in fruitful discussions. Panel descriptions with photo material can be found at www.euforeignpolicy.eu.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved **82 citizens**, including 2 participants from the city of Vienna (**Austria**), 1 participant from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Sarajevo (**Bosnia and Herzegovina**), 1 participant from the city of Zagreb (**Croatia**), 2 participants from the city of Cairo (**Egypt**), 1 participant from the city of Dresden (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**), 1 participant from the city of Rome (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from the city of Amsterdam (**Netherlands**), 1 participant from the city of Moscow (**Russian Federation**), 2 participants from the city of Bratislava (**Slovakia**) and 66 participants from the cities of Ljubljana, Nova Gorica, Novo mesto, Grosuplje, Celje, Kranj, Koper and Maribor (**Slovenia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in M Hotel Ljubljana (**Ljubljana, Slovenia**), from 17/10/2014 to 19/10/2014.

Short description: The aim of the event was to raise awareness among European citizens about the role of embassies and consulates, how they can help citizens and what information citizens can get, about the differences in foreign policies between candidate countries and members of the EU, and how the EU is seen by other world regions. A special aim of the conference was to discuss with citizens how they see the EU and particularly EU foreign policy and what rights stem from EU foreign policy. These discussions were very useful for citizens, since they are now equipped with the necessary information regarding EU foreign policy. Panel descriptions with video clips can be found at www.euforeignpolicy.eu.