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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved > 96.000 citizens, notably 157.000 participants from the city of Amersfoort (Netherlands), 30.000 participants from the city of Leusden (Netherlands) etc.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in 2018 (Leusden, Netherlands), from 01/11/2018 to 30/06/2021

Short description:

The day of 01/11/2018 was dedicated to the ceremonial start of building the new museum (1100 square meters)

The day of 01/11/2018 was dedicated to the start of the educational program (virtual reality)

The day of 19/04/2019 was dedicated to the remembrance service of the liberation of Camp Amersfoort

The day of 04/05/2019 was dedicated to the remembrance service of the deceased in Camp Amersfoort

The day of 11/10/2019 was dedicated to the remembrance service of the huge transport to Neuengamme

The day of 19/04/2020 was dedicated to the remembrance service of the liberation of Camp Amersfoort (virtual)

The day of 19/04/2021 was dedicated to the official opening of the new museum by Prime-Minister Mr. Mark Rutte

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

Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

7 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1.1

Participation: The event involved > 96.000 citizens, including 157.000 inhabitants from the city of Amersfoort (Netherlands) and 30.000 inhabitants from the city of Leusden (Netherlands) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Leusden, Netherlands, from 01/11/2018 to 31/01/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was to address all citizens in the regional cities of Amersfoort and Leusden (the new museum is located at the border of the two municipalities) on the upcoming national museum. Present were the Secretary of State, mayors and other dignitaries. The municipal population was reached by means of newspapers, social media, radio items etc.

Event 1.2

Participation: The event involved > 10.500 citizens, including numerous participants from cities throughout the country (Netherlands).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Leusden (Netherlands), from 19/04/2021 to 19/04/2021.

Short description: The aim of the event was, in spite of the restriction with regard to COVID-19, to celebrate officially the opening of the realized new museum of Camp Amersfoort. The actual ceremony was recorded and broadcasted, attended by 10.500 hits (meaning more viewers). In general the exhibition was presented to the greater public in the Netherlands. While constructing the museum, small groups of visitors were guided through. The opening event was broadcasted too on national television and national radio too. International press releases have been issued to neighboring EU-countries, USA and Israel.

The predicted number of visitors will be 60.000 yearly, and the first two months (June and July) after releasing the restrictions of COVID-19 proved this feasible: 5.150 visitors (leaving outside the important, big educational group of school students).

Event 2

Participation: The educational program has been developed by Leiden University, involving school pupils and other youngsters from cities throughout the country (Netherlands), at least 2.000 yearly.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Leusden (Netherlands), from 01/11/2018 to 31/01/2019.

Short description: The program confronts youngsters with dilemmas in modern society. Items such as exclusion, discrimination and personal choices are passing by, by means of a virtual reality. The program pertains to uniformed professionals as well.

Event 3.1

Participation: The event involved 3.000 citizens, including numerous participants from cities throughout the country (Netherlands).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Leusden (Netherlands), from 19/04/2019 to 19/04/2019

Short description: The aim of the event was the remembrance of the liberation of the camp. For that purpose a massive, classical ceremony was organized in the woods in front of the former camp (and broadcasted via stream).

Event 3.2

Participation: The event involved 2.500 citizens, including numerous participants from cities throughout the country (Netherlands).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Leusden (Netherlands), from 04/05/2019 to 04/05/2019.

Short description: The aim of the event was to commemorate the deceased of Camp Amersfoort, adjacent to the National Commemoration.

Event 3.3

Participation: The event involved 1.000 citizens, including participants from the city of Amersfoort (Netherlands), the city of Leusden (Netherlands), the city of Putten (Netherlands) and the city of Neuengamme (Germany).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Leusden (Netherlands), from 11/10/2019 to 11/10/2019.

Short description: The aim of the event was to commemorate the prisoners participating on the biggest transport to the German war industry, more specifically 1.400 men to Neuengamme. A march through Amersfoort, with participation of local school pupils, revived the tragedy of 11/10/1944.

Event 3.4

Participation: The event involved 12.000 citizens, including numerous participants from cities throughout the country (Netherlands).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Leusden (Netherlands), from 19/04/2020 to 19/04/2020.

Short description: The aim of the event was the remembrance of the liberation of the camp. For that purpose a virtual remembrance ceremony was recorded and broadcasted. The broadcasting was witnessed by 12.000 hits (meaning more viewers).