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

Participation: The project involved 342 citizens, notably 128 participants from the city of Nis (Serbia), 45 participants from the city of Bydgoszcz (Poland), 7 participants from the city of Warsaw (Poland), 4 participants from the city of Novi Sad (Serbia), 2 participants from Dimitrovgrad (Serbia), 2 participants from the city of Pirot (Serbia), 138 from the city of Sliven (Bulgaria), 8 participants from the city of Yambol (Bulgaria), 4 participants from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria) and 3 from the city of Burgas (Bulgaria).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Sliven, Bulgaria, from 08/09/2019 to 12/09/2019

Short description:

The day of 08/09/2019 was dedicated to the arrival and accommodation of official delegations from Poland and Serbia. An official welcome dinner was organized for "welcome" by the Mayor of Sliven, making the first contacts between the participants from the three countries.

The day of 09/09/2019 was dedicated to holding a twinning meeting with the motto: **"Together We Can Do More"**. At an official ceremony in the "May" Hall, Sliven Municipality signed co-operation agreements with the cities Bydgoszcz (Poland) and Nis (Serbia). The event was attended by delegates and diplomats from Poland and Serbia. The Mayor of Sliven welcomed all guests. At the meeting, the three cities presented their history, nature, culture, economy, education and development opportunities. Greetings and gifts were exchanged between the partners, preliminary cooperation agreements were signed. In the afternoon a guided tour around the cultural and historical landmarks of Sliven was organized for the guests. The event was attended by 78 people. The program and photos of the event can be seen at the following [link](#).

The day of 10/09/2019 was dedicated to the culture and youth of the three cities. Two events were held: the Cultural Forum and the Youth Meeting-Debate.

On the first part of the day, a cultural forum was held with the motto: **"Europe - Our Common Home"**, with 58 representatives from cultural, educational and the arts institutions and organizations from Bulgaria, Poland and Serbia. During the forum, presentations were made to the culture, education and arts of the three cities, good practices were exchanged and the possibilities for cultural cooperation between the cities were discussed. In the second part of the day, a youth meeting was held, with 88 representatives of youth and non-profit organizations, local institutions of the partner countries. The theme of the meeting was **"United Europe - Security, Solidarity and Stability"**. During the forum, good practices and ideas in the field of youth activities and sports were shared and opportunities for partnerships between the representatives of the three cities were discussed. The programs and photos of the events can be seen at the following [link](#).

The day of 11/09/2019 was dedicated to business and investment opportunities of Sliven, Bydgoszcz and Nis. An economic forum was held on: **"The future of Europe - Employment, Growth and Investment - Together We Can Do More."** It was attended by 118 representatives of the business, trade companies and chambers, local institutions, embassies and consulates of the partner countries. Investment opportunities of Sliven and the region and partner cities - Bydgoszcz and Nis were presented during the forum. The business directory "Sliven & Yambol Economic Destination" was presented. Good practices, contacts and partnerships between representatives of Bulgarian, Polish and Serbian businesses were exchanged. In the afternoon, guests visited the Blue Stones Nature Park. The program and photos of the event can be seen at the following [link](#).

The day of 12/09/09 was dedicated to the departure of the official delegations.

