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### **30 YEARS OF MAASTRICHT** Reflections on the past, present and future of Europe

#### NETWORK OF TOWNS - CERV PROGRAMME - 101138899 - CERV-2023-CITIZENS-TOWN

### **CERV Programme** · Network of Towns

**MEETING 1** Santiago de Compostela (Spain) 4 - 7 February 2024



# • PROJECT SUMMARY •

"**30 years of Maastricht: reflections on the past, present and future of Europe**" is a project framed in the program CERV, promoted by Molėtų Rajono Savivaldybė administracija, as coordinator of the project and in cooperation with 8 partners from 7 different countries of the EU: Lithuania, Portugal, Bulgaria, Spain, Greece, France, Malta and Italy.

In line with the priorities of the CERV program and the European Comission, this project of Network of Towns, have as general objectives:

- 1. Encourage citizen participation in decision-making related to digitization and the future of the EU.
- 2. Promote digital rights and the protection of privacy and personal data of citizens of the European Union.
- 3. Analyse the impact of digitization on society and the economy of the European Union, including its effects on equality, diversity, and social cohesion.
- 4. Promote the understanding of European citizens about the Maastricht Treaty and its importance in European integration.

Since an event will be held in each on of the countries, the impact and visibility, as well as the program, will be fully guaranteed throughout the life of the project. One of the most significant impacts will be to actively stimulate citizens, encouraging them to participate vividly in European social life, having greater awareness; the creation of a strong long-term cooperative relationship, giving the opportunity to broaden perspectives, enrich oneself culturally and respect all kinds of differences.

All planned activities such as workshops, seminars, debates, conferences, workshops, round tables, video forums, exhibitions and cultural visits will be open to all citizens with the intention of obtaining maximum involvement and visibility. All this with the addition of innovative activities such as multiculturalism in schools, social networks and social equality, or new forms of integration and cooperation, which will help to develop an open and constant debate to facilitate the exchange of best practices.

### • GREETINGS •



#### Dear European friends,

It is my pleasure to meet you in Santiago de Compostela in the framework of this interesting project. I am honored to be the mayor Moletai municipality promoter of eight countries, all of which share a common goal: to promote the importance of the Treaty of Maastricht, European citizenship, and the territory of peace that is the European Union.

The Treaty of Maastricht, signed in 1992, established the European Union and paved the way for the euro. It created EU citizenship, which guarantees the rights of almost 450 million EU citizens. The EU is now a powerful voice in support of peace and justice across the world. It is home to the world's second most traded currency and is the world's largest trading bloc. The free mobility of citizens, commerce, and monetary policies have been instrumental in promoting economic growth and prosperity.

As we gather here today, we celebrate the achievements of the EU and the rights that we have achieved. The free mobility of citizens has allowed us to travel, work, and study anywhere in the EU. Commerce has enabled us to trade goods and services across borders, creating jobs and economic growth. Monetary policies have ensured that we have a stable currency and a strong economy.

As we embark on this project, I would like to encourage all participants to learn from each other and discover the rich cultures that make the soul of the European Union. Let us work together to promote peace, prosperity, and the rights of all EU citizens. I hope that this project will be profitable for all of us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Spanish partners for their hospitality and for hosting this meeting in the beautiful region of Galicia.

Sincerely yours; Saulius Jauneika, Mayor of Moletai (Lithuania).

## • PROGRAM •

#### **SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY**

ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATIONS.

- > Lithuania > Malta
- > Italy
  > Hellas
- > Bulgaria > Portugal
- > France

Check in at the accommodation: Hotel Gelmirez (Santiago de Compostela).

21:00 h. Welcome dinner at the hotel.

#### **MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY**

- **09:15 h.** Departure from the hotel. Meeting in the City of Culture Complex of Santiago.
- 09:45 h. Attendance signature.
- **10.00 h.** Presentation of the project to the participants, authorities, media and civil society.
- 10:10 h. Welcome words by the Mayor of Moletai, Mr. Saulius Jauneika.

- 10:20 h. Conference: "30 years of Maastricht: Knowing the Treaty that changed the EU" by Ms. Mar Rodríguez Mediavila, vicedirector of EU Relations & Galicia.
- 10:45 h. Welcome words by the Regional Minister of Culture, Education, Vocational Training and Universities, Mr. Román Rodríguez González.
- 11:00 h. Coffee break.
- **11:30 h.** Workshop: "Maastricht and the future of Europe: Discovering the rights and obligations of European Citizenship". Presentation of the work done by the partners.
- 12:15 h. Visit to the City of Culture.
- 14:00 h. Lunch at Monastery of San Martin Pinario.
- **15:30 h.** Guided visit to the Unesco Cultural Heritage city of Santiago de Compostela: Cathedral, old town, main squares, the Saint James Way.
- 17:30 h. Free time to visit other places of interest in Santiago.
- 20:00 h. Buffet Dinner Hotel.



#### **TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY**

09:00 h. Departure hotel.

- Guided visit to the Parliament of Galicia.
- The system of autonomies and the impact of the EU at regional level.
- Meeting with **Alberto Pazos**, deputy of the Parliament of Galicia.
- 11:00 h. Transfer to the vocational school Compostela.
- **11:15 h.** Welcome words by the board of the school center.
  - Guided visit around the workshops by the director of International Programs.
     Measuring the impact of Maastricht on mobility programs and exchange of students.
- 12:00 h. Workshop "Maastricht and the future of Europe: discovering rights and obligations for European citizens", by Laura Otero Councellor of Eures Network.
- 14:00 h. Lunch.
- **15:30 h.** Visit to the Museum of Pilgrimages: How pilgrims shape the city of Santiago.

- 19:00 h. Evaluation of the meeting.
- **19:15 h.** Dissemination strategy of the meeting.
- **19:30 h.** Preparation of the next meeting in Moletai (Lithuania).
- 20:30 h. Dinner.

#### WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Breakfast · Departure of the participants.









#### **EVENT 5**

GONDOMAR (PORTUGAL) 30 January / 2 February 2025



#### **EVENT7** FORT DE FRANCE (FRANCE) 10-14 May 2025

**EVENT 8** 

THESSALONIKI

(GREECE)

#### **EVENT 6**

GAVOI (ITALY) 12-15 March 2025





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