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#### What's INTEREU?

**INTERcultural EUrope: from the Family to family model to the integration of immigrants in inland and rural towns (INTEREU)** is an European project financed by the European Commission and promoted by the Municipality of Riccia (CB). It is part of "Europe for Citizens" Programme, under the measure "Town Twinning".

Under the overall aim of bringing the Union closer to citizens, the general objectives of the Programme are the following:

- to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity;
- 2) to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

The aim of the project is to involve the entire citizenship, in single or associated form, in a structured process of discussion and action planning to tackle the problem of migrants through innovative Family to family projects.

# Save the date!

The project involves five Partner Countries from Belgium, Greece, Italy, Poland and Spain. They will join the **final event** in Riccia from the <u>14th to the 16th of July</u> <u>2018</u>.

The final event consists of a three-day meeting which include an initial conference on "The European Union and the challenge of migratory flows" and how it is possible, through the promotion of Family to Family projects, to manage migrants in the internal and rural areas of Europe.

The event will be characterized by guided tours to the places for reception, assistance and integration of asylum seekers at local level, SPRAR center, and "Borgo del Benessere" in Riccia. Thematic workshops will be organized to develop innovative Family to family projects that can be implemented in Partner Countries and in the rest of Europe.

An added value of the project is represented by the signature of the **twinning protocol** between the Municipality of Riccia and the Municipality of Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont scheduled for July 14th, 2018.



## Riccia

Riccia is a town of 5,503 inhabitants located in the inland area of the Province of Campobasso (Molise, Italy). Riccia, as Lead of the Territorial and Social Area of Riccia-Bojano (ATS Riccia-Bojano), is responsible for the social plan of the area of 24 municipalities belonging to the ATS, and the reception and integration of numerous immigrants and asylum seekers in Molise. Nowadays, almost 4000 migrants are present in Molise and 70% of them have been placed in the Province of Campobasso. Although the Riccia-Bojano ATS hosts a large number of regular immigrants, as well as many refugees and asylum seekers who have been accepted as part of the SPRAR Reception System, and has already promoted good practices such as the project "Borgo del Benessere" in Riccia and the opening of an information desk for immigrants, the ATS intends to develop further widespread reception methods aimed at migrants able to promote the rural territories of the 24 municipalities.



#### **Involvment and goals**

The Municipality of Riccia, Lead Partner of the project is responsible for the coordination, monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the project. The Municipality of Riccia organizes the final event in Riccia and selects the target groups to be involved in the project. The Municipality of Riccia is the administrator of INTERcultural EUrope Fanpage. Together with the partnership, the Municipality of Riccia develops newsletters and the contents to be disseminated on social networks. It is responsible for the creation of the logo, the poster of the Riccia event and the "social video". The Municipality of Riccia involves in the project 24 municipalities of the ATS Riccia-Bojano and 136 municipalities of Molise region. The Municipality of Riccia presents the good practice of "Borgo del Benessere" to the rest of Europe, and promotes the "Family to family projects" in the municipalities of the ATS Riccia-Bojano.

The Municipality of Riccia will sign the **twinning protocol** with the Municipality of Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont.



# **Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont**

Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont is a Belgian municipality of 14.022 inhabitants, located in the Walloon province of Hainaut, which boasts a long tradition of immigrant hospitality, many of them coming from Molise and in particular from Riccia (60% of immigrants in Belgium coming from Riccia resides in Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont). In December 2015, Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont and Riccia signed the "Carta dell'Amicizia" with the aim of reaffirming the concepts of democracy, solidarity, tolerance and the fight against the stigmatization of immigrants. The Municipality of Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont selects the participants of the final event and contributes to the realization of newsletter and the translation into French, ensuring its dissemination. It contributes to the creation of content to be disseminated on social networks and to the creation of logo, poster of the Riccia event and social video. As editor of Facebook Fanpage, the Municipality of Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont interacts on the Fanpage creating and publishing "smart posts", photos and videos of the event.

### **Involvment and goals**

The Municipality of Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont will make known its best practices of widespread reception following a multi-year experience in the field of the integration of migrants, and will ensure the maximum visibility of the INTEREU project in Belgium, through formal and informal activities. The Municipality of Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont will **sign the twinning protocol** with the Municipality of Riccia.



## Agia

Agia is a Greek municipality of 14.121 inhabitants, located in the Thessaly Region in Greece, 40 km from Larissa. Agia welcomes many immigrants coming from Albania, who have perfectly integrated into the local community. The Municipality of Agia promotes reception activities for refugees and asylum seekers. The Municipality of Agia was partner of the project "Revaluating RURal areas in Europe through the development of social farming ACTivities" managed by the Regional Council of Molise, which promotes social farming activities for the inclusion of disadvantaged people and in particular of immigrants. The Municipality of Agia intends to develop innovative projects for widespread reception, which involve immigrants in the agricultural working environment and seaside tourism. The Municipality of Agia selects the participants of the final event and contributes to the realization of newsletter and the translation into Greek, ensuring its dissemination. It contributes to the creation of content to be disseminated on social networks and to the creation of logo, poster of the Riccia event and social video. As editor of Facebook Fanpage, the Municipality of Agia interacts on the Fanpage creating and publishing "smart posts", photos and videos of the event.

#### **Involvment and goals**

The Municipality of Agia will make known its good practice of integration of Albanian migrants who have established themselves in the Municipality to the rest of Europe.



Miedzyszkolny Klub Sportowy Ring Sikorski Stalowa Wola

Międzyszkolny Klub Sportowy Ring Sikorski Stalowa Wola is a sporting boxing club representing the Municipality of Stalowa Wola, with the aim of promoting, developing and supporting sporting and educational opportunities for young people, especially those who are disadvantaged. The club plays an important role in the integration of young people, immigrants and Ukrainian asylum seekers through the promotion of sports activities, mainly housed in the Polish cities of Stalowa Wola, Sandomierz and Ożarów. The club selects the participants of the final event and contributes to the realization of newsletter and the translation into Polish, ensuring its dissemination. It contributes to the creation of content to be disseminated on social networks and to the creation of logo, poster of the Riccia event and social video. As editor of Facebook Fanpage, Międzyszkolny Klub Sportowy Ring Sikorski Stalowa Wola interacts on the Fanpage creating and publishing "smart posts", photos and videos of the event.

#### **Involvment and goals**

The Club involvement in the project will lay the foundations for a dialogue with the European Union, so that the way for a policy of greater openness, which guarantees the reception and integration of immigrants from all over the world, will be opened in Poland. The Club will use all formal and informal opportunities to publicize the INTEREU project and raise awareness of the values of tolerance and mutual respect.



La Palma del Condado

La Palma del Condado is a rural municipality of 10,600 inhabitants located in Andalusia which is currently facing the double problem of youth unemployment and the integration of immigrants. Therefore, the Municipality of La Palma del Condado intends to promote job opportunities in different sectors, and to propose new forms of reception in the whole area of Condado de Huelva which involves about 3000 immigrants (many of these are young people employed in the primary sector).

La Palma del Condado selects the participants of the final event and contributes to the realization of newsletter and the translation into Spanish, ensuring its dissemination. It contributes to the creation of content to be disseminated on social networks and to the creation of logo, poster of the Riccia event and social video. As editor of Facebook Fanpage, it interacts on the Fanpage creating and publishing "smart posts", photos and videos of the event.

#### **Involvment and goals**

The Municipality of La Palma Del Condado will make known the RUTA CECE project to the rest of Europe and will make the training courses promoted by it available to immigrants from all over the world. Through the RUTA CECE platform, it will be possible to joint laboratory activities between immigrants, young people and citizenship. The Municipality of La Palma Del Condado will use all formal and informal opportunities to publicize the INTEREU project and the results achieved.

# **THE PARTNERSHIP INTER**cultural **EU**rope involves:

-Riccia www.comune.riccia.cb.it

-Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont www.chapelle-lez-herlaimont.be

-Agia www.dimosagias.gr

# -Miedzyszkolny Klub Sportowy Ring Sikorski Stalowa Wola

http://pozb.pl/kluby/mks-ringsikorski-stalowa-wola/

-La Palma del Condado www.lapalmadelcondado.org

# Save the date!

On <u>July 14, 2018</u> there will be the ceremony for the **signing of the twinning protocol** between the Municipality of Riccia and the Municipality of Chapellelez-Herlaimont.

The final event will also coincide with "La Festa della Madonna del Carmine". -->> find out more here

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