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EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAM 1st March 2017 deadline

CALL FOR PARTNERS

The Municipality of Satriano, in the province of Catanzaro (Calabria region, Italy) is searching for 9 municipality partners to apply before the 1st of March 2017 to the Europe for Citizens Programme, strand 2, Democratic engagement and civic participation, "network of towns".

Proposed title of the project: **FIRE – FIRst aid Europe**
brief summary of the project's idea (to be developed with partners):

"FIRE project", like an "aid", wants to be a concrete support for the municipalities involved to "relight" the fire of the trust in Europe of their citizens. How? Mentoring 200 NEETs people among 10 municipalities, mapping the social problems at local level, involving other 2 key target groups:

- ≡ elderly people
- ≡ decision makers

Youth, elderly people and decision makers will take part as main actors to a long term action lasting 24 months.

NEETs will be the "engine" of the project and municipalities will strengthen the international cooperation bringing on local and international actions to empower them and give them a strong motivation to remain in the context where they want to live, fighting the huge "drop out phenomena" of the small areas and making them "youth agents of change", for their peers, for

“NonNEET anymore” (old people) and for children (in schools and in public places).

The project foresees the creation of models of resilient **CommunNEETy**

Groups of people working together researching and approaching “social innovation actions” coming from the international cooperation adapted to the different local contexts.

Decision makers are strategic as they work and move inside municipalities and can facilitate the access of citizens to local and international policies in the field of education, social affairs and labor, facilities, structures and institutional contacts.

Main topics of the project will be:

- ≡ European citizenship
- ≡ Volunteering
- ≡ Social economy

Main outcomes of the project are:

- ≡ to have mapped local contexts sharing practices and experiences, people's stories and needs;
- ≡ to have created a network of NEETs who, along the project, are guided to come out of the “NEET status” (decrease of NEETs in Europe);
- ≡ to have empowered the role of local municipalities in giving a concrete social assistance which also provides occupability and new innovative competences for all;
- ≡ to have given to different local stakeholders (schools, old people centres, youth centres) a new social service created and supported by a new generation of social youth workers/entrepreneurs;
- ≡ to have created a new network of towns;
- ≡ to have shaped a new theoretical and practical model of social innovation at local level (CommunNEETy Groups);
- ≡ to have given to NEETs something concrete to do which benefits the whole community.

Satriano Municipality started in December 2016 a pathway of local meetings among adults and youth who proposed the idea of “FIRE Project”.

Interested municipalities of different countries (EU Member States + The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Montenegro and Serbia) are free to express their interest, motivation and commitment in being part of the “Fire Network of Towns” sending:

- ≡ a full presentation in English of the Municipality, PIC number, the link of the website and other useful links
- ≡ detailed contacts of a reference person inside the municipality who is going to follow the application process until the end
- ≡ detailed contacts of the mayor

- ≡ indications on other persons working in the municipality which can be active players
- ≡ a list of associations or institutions which the municipality involves in giving services or organizing events, making volunteering etc... (make us a picture of the social base of the local community)
- ≡ all the necessary informations on the number of citizens, the percentage of NEETs, the priority needs of the local contexts, facilities and other useful details according to the project idea
- ≡ Informations on other European or International projects in which the municipality have been or is involved.

According to a project design strategy, the Europe for Citizens Programme finances to the project applicants just the organization of **5 international meetings** to be realized at local level by some of the partners.

Which means that some partners will receive just funds to realize mobilities and other funds to organize.

Please, while answering to this call, indicate us if you want to organize an event or just be involved in mobilities.

A Europe for Citizens project gives to municipalities the power of being part of an international network of towns and it opens the opportunity for people to meet and spread the "sense of belonging to the European Union". Being part of a European project also means to start a process of internationalization through town twinnings and discover other realities, develop further cooperations and foster networking among "social actors" of disadvantaged local context.

As soon as the "FIRE Project Team" authorizes the municipality with a mail which is like a "partnership agreement", it's required to partners to communicate to their audience the news that a common project is going to be applied with the Europe for Citizens Programme.

Interested municipalities can send the express of interested within the **4 of Febryury 2017** to satrianoprojects@gmail.com

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