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12 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1: Kick off, management and evaluation

**Participation**: The event involved 13 citizens, including 9 participants from the city of Bucharest (Romania), 2 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary) and 2 participants from the city of Brussels (Belgium).

**Location / Dates**: The event took place in Bucharest, Romania / Brussels, Belgium, from 01/09/2013 to 28/02/2015

**Short description**: The aim of the event was to insure the smooth development of the project, the agreement on methodology and the success of the activities.

Event 2: Mapping the usage of EU participation tools

**Location / Dates**: The event took place in Bucharest, Romania / Budapest, Hungary / Brussels, Belgium, from 01/10/2013 to 20/04/2014

**Short description**: The aim of the event was to develop a research report on EU level participation, understood as the usage and usability of four rights and participation tools – voting in the European elections, complaining to the European Ombudsman, petitioning the European Parliament and the European Citizens’ Initiative.

Event 3: Publication and promotion materials

**Location / Dates**: The event took place in Bucharest, Romania / Budapest, Hungary, from 01/02/2014 to 15/12/2014

**Short description**: The aim of the event was to develop and print promotional materials (copies of the research report, guides, flyers,
promotional bags) and distribute them to the CSOs and to the citizens thus raising awareness to the project objectives.

Event 4: Launching of the report - BXL conf

**Participation:** The event involved 30 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Bucharest (Romania), 5 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary) and 20 participants from the city of Brussels (Belgium).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Brussels, Belgium, from 01/03/2014 to 29/04/2014

**Short description:** The aim of the event was the promotion of report among the 30 participants (of which 10 international).

Event 5: Go to vote campaigns for EU elections - RO and HU

**Participation:** The event involved 77 citizens, including 45 participants from the city of Bucharest (Romania), 32 participants from the city of Budapest (Hungary).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bucharest, Romania / Brussels, Belgium, from 01/09/2013 to 28/02/2015

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to enhance the CSO representatives and the citizens' awareness, understanding and enjoyment of their EU right to vote in the European Elections and to actively contribute to the political life of the EU.

Event 6: International Conference- RO

**Participation:** The event involved 36 citizens, including 25 participants from all over Romania, 2 from Germany, 1 from Italy, 3 from Belgium and 5 from Hungary

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bucharest, Romania, from 18/06/2014 to 18/06/2014

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to bring into discussion the perceived distance between the EU and the civil society from the Member States.
Event 7: Citizen Participation University- HU

**Participation:** The event involved 41 citizens from 14 countries

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Kunbáfony, Hungary, from 01/06/2014 to 31/07/2014

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to bring together community work professionals, European organizations and Networks, US community organizing professionals, practitioners and volunteers and to gather information both on various EU participation themes (the ECI, the EU Funding opportunities for the CSO sector, the EU institutions and consultative bodies, the Community Led Local Development), and on their application at the national and/or international level.

Event 8: Trainings for CSO

**Participation:** The event involved 35 citizens, including 21 participants from Romania and 14 participants from Hungary.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bucharest, Romania / Kunbáfony, Hungary, from 01/08/2014 to 30/09/2014

**Short description:** The aim of the trainings in Romania in Hungary was to teach and help the CSO representatives on developing EU level participations at grassroots levels and of actively taking over the role as connectors between the local and European level.

Event 9: Coaching CSO

**Participation:** The event involved 14 citizens, including 9 participants from Romania and 5 participants from Hungary.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bucharest, Romania / Budapest, Hungary, from 01/09/2014 to 31/01/2015

**Short description:** The aim was to coach the 14 CSO representatives on implementing EU work at grass roots level, by having their working plans developed and partly implemented following the coaching process that they benefitted of.
Event 10: Online ECI Campaign

**Participation:** The event involved 2000 citizens from Romania and Hungary.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Bucharest, Romania / Budapest, Hungary, from 01.01.2014 to 20.02.2015

**Short description:** The aim was to informing, raising awareness and eventually to promote grassroots participation in EU policies at the CSO and grassroots level by using the new media tools.

Event 11: Citizen Assemblies

**Participation:** The event involved 772 citizens, including 565 from Romania and 207 from Hungary.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Roman, Iasi, Sf. Gheorghe, Brasov, Campia Turzii, Adjud, Buzau, Bucuresti, Sibiu – Romania / Budapest and Miskolc, Hungary, from 07.11.2014 to 15.01.2015

**Short description:** The aim was to engage the CSOs in organizing citizen assemblies as means to promote and exercise the EU level participation tools in their communities.

Event 12: Study visit

**Participation:** The event involved 22 citizens, including 11 from Romania and 11 from Hungary.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Brussels, Belgium, from 16/01/2015 to 28/02/2015

**Short description:** The aim was to increase the knowledge and understanding of the EU environment by all the 22 participants, through direct, first-hand interactions with representatives from the various EU institutions located in Brussels.