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**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"  
Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"  
Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"**

**7 events have been carried out within this project:**

**Event 1 – Opening Ceremony**

- **Participation:** The event involved **149 citizens**, including 95 participants from the city of Werfenweng (Austria), 16 participants from the city of Bled (Slovenia), 21 participants from the city of Forni di Sopra (Italy), 8 participants from the city of Moena (Italy), 9 participants from the city of Bad Reichenhall (Germany).
- **Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Werfenweng (Austria)**, from **24/09/2016** to **25/09/2016**.
- **Short description:** The aim of the event was to officially launch GEMS Project. The event envisaged a Public Opening Ceremony (involving local citizens and invited participants) and a Kick-off Meeting for project partners, that aimed to provide the GEMS consortium with all project management details.

**Event 2 – Sustainable tourism and the future of EU: Soft Mobility strategies for accessibility**

- **Participation:** The event involved **100 citizens**, including 19 participants from the city of Werfenweng (Austria), 15 participants from the city of Bled (Slovenia), 20 participants from the city of Forni di Sopra (Italy), 19 participants from the city of Moena (Italy), 27 participants from the city of Bad Reichenhall (Germany).
- **Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Bad Reichenhall (Germany)**, from **08/10/2016** to **09/10/2016**.
- **Short description:** The aim of the event was to identify "solidarity initiatives" linking local best practices of sustainable tourism to existing resources (such as CSOs, volunteers, etc.), in order to develop inclusive and accessible tourism offers for physically impaired people (e.g. senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc). The event envisaged a day dedicated to Study visits (health-tourism and soft-mobility tourism local practices, as well as local cultural attractions) and first debates on local best practices, and a day dedicated to a Public Conference and GEMS parallel workshops.

**Event 3 - New residents bring new ideas for sustainable tourism**

- **Participation:** The event involved **78 citizens**, including 13 participants from the city of Werfenweng (Austria), 14 participants from the city of Bled (Slovenia), 20 participants from the city of Forni di Sopra (Italy), 15 participants from the city of Moena (Italy), 16 participants from the city of Bad Reichenhall (Germany).
- **Location/Dates:** The event took place in **Forni di Sopra (Italy)**, from **24/06/2017** to **25/06/2017**.
- **Short description:** The aim of the event was to identify "solidarity initiatives" that capitalise on the renewable energy production best practices, while fostering integration actions for new residents. The event envisaged a public conference (on the topics of renewable energy and inclusion), study visits to local best practices (local biomass plant, museums and local associations) and a GEMS workshop on the identification of solidarity initiatives to be capitalised upon at network level.

**Event 4 - Intercultural cooperation and traditional knowledge transfer: a boost for sustainable tourism**

- **Participation:** The event involved **79 citizens**, including 14 participants from the city of Werfenweng (Austria), 12 participants from the city of Bled (Slovenia), 24 participants from the city

of Forni di Sopra (Italy), 25 participants from the city of Moena (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Bad Reichenhall (Germany).

- **Location/Dates:** The event took place in **Moena (Italy)**, from **15/09/2017** to **16/09/2017**.
- **Short description:** The aim of the event was to identify strategies that could re-launch traditional economies by capitalising on the current EU scenario and by strengthening local farmhouse tourism. The event envisaged: an opening Public Conference on Traditional Knowledge and Intercultural cooperation, a cultural study tour in the community of Moena, a guided study visit coupled with practical laboratories related to the production of traditional Moena dairy products, a GEMS workshop.

#### **Event 5 - New minorities promoting sustainable tourism in traditional communities**

- **Participation: The event involved 111 citizens**, including 18 participants from the city of Werfenweng (Austria), 28 participants from the city of Bled (Slovenia), 38 participants from the city of Forni di Sopra (Italy), 20 participants from the city of Moena (Italy), 7 participants from the city of Bad Reichenhall (Germany).
- **Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Bled (Slovenia)**, from **11/11/2017** to **12/11/2017**.
- **Short description:** The aim of the event was to identify actions that capitalise on the cultural diversity in the promotion strategies of sustainable tourism, within the context of alpine traditional communities. To this end the event was structured in the following activities: networking event and presentation of local best practices in cultural and tourism promotion (the event was attended by GEMS task-forces, as well as by regional and international actors in the field of cultural promotion), study visits to Bled cultural landmarks, Public conference and GEMS workshop dedicated to sustainable tourism promotion strategies.

#### **Event 6 - Future challenges of EU in the Alpine Region: how to build the sustainable future of tomorrow?**

- **Participation: The event involved 77 citizens**, including 39 participants from the city of Werfenweng (Austria), 17 participants from the city of Bled (Slovenia), 7 participants from the city of Forni di Sopra (Italy), 8 participants from the city of Moena (Italy), 6 participants from the city of Bad Reichenhall (Germany).
- **Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Werfenweng (Austria)**, from **14/04/2018** to **15/04/2018**.
- **Short description:** The aim of the event was to identify actions that capitalise on the sustainable future of the alpine traditional communities. The event envisaged: a public conference in which best practices and local initiatives from each partner town were presented, a GEMS workshop in which participants debated upon future network initiatives starting from the presented local best practices, study visits and field trips introducing local best practices and Werfenweng community.

#### **Event 7 – Final event: GEMS – Integration and Solidarity Models for a Sustainable and European Alpine Future**

- **Participation: The event involved 249 citizens**, including 7 participants from the city of Werfenweng (Austria), 200 participants from the city of Bled (Slovenia), 28 participants from the city of Forni di Sopra (Italy), 10 participants from the city of Moena (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Bad Reichenhall (Germany).
- **Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Bled (Slovenia)**, from **19/05/2018** to **20/05/2018**.
- **Short description:** The aim of the event was to present GEMS Project results and next steps of the GEMS Network to a wide public. The GEMS event included: the signature of the GEMS Friendship Agreement, a Public Conference opened to GEMS participants, in which results were presented and future possible steps of the network were debated; a Final Ceremony open to a wide public in which the Friendship Agreement signature was presented to the local community, as a symbol of future cooperation of the network.