

'The Route of Solidarity' #6 Thessaloniki meeting

17-23 October 2018

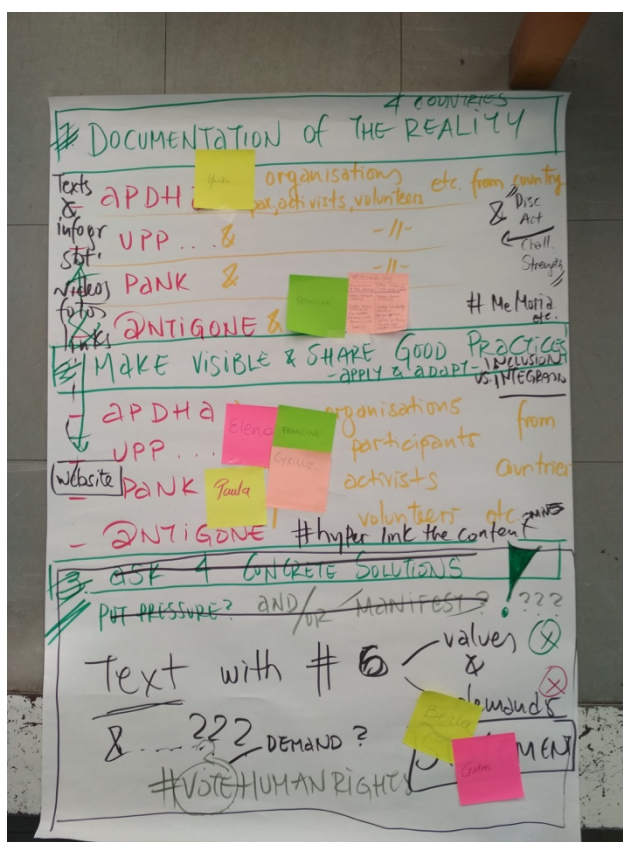
II. Proposals for TROS Common Message & Advocacy Action

Introduction

The **TROS #6 Thessaloniki's meeting** provided the space for many discussions & workshops where the participants brainstormed, worked on and further elaborated on **the central messages** deriving from the meeting to be delivered to the **TROS #8 Sevilla meeting** during February 2019. Following discussions held in previous TROS meetings -especially the Palermo one- the major ideas that emerged and decisions that made are reflected underneath.

TROS #6 Thessaloniki overall Proposals & Methodology

The general proposals emerged from the meeting for the common message and advocacy actions are divided in **3 sections**:



A. Documentation of the four countries reality

- This will be a compilation of documents reporting the reality in the 4 TROS countries (Spain, Italy, Greece & Croatia).
- It can consist of texts, photos, videos, studies, data, info graphs, statistics, links etc..
- It can also extract information and/or can be added to the 'Country Paradigms Workshop' Framework (Discourses, Actors, Challenges, Strengths)

CROATIA	
DISCOURSES	ACTORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * "Legal" migration → against "illegal" migration vs. just migration * Croatia as the protector of EU borders (security) * Christian frontier * Police violence/push backs * Fear of the "Otherness"/male aggression * Corruption * Clash of culture/values * Nationalism * "Ungratefulness" 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ministry of Interior/state 2 EU parliament/commission 3 Media 4 NGO/activists 5 Scientists 6 Local population
CHALLENGES & RISKS	STRENGTHS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nationalism & far right * Economy * Blooming of refugees for all problems (overburden) * Croatia as a country of emigration (youth) * Apathy * EU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Recent history (war) * Solidarity networks and local responses (activism) * Advantages of being in periphery * The history of multiculturalism * Migration * Multilingualism * EU

Croatia

DISCOURSES	ACTORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> unemployment 'Crisis' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> economic refugee Criminalisation → more vulnerable (Pakistani, Nigerian) 'humanitarianism' → for right (?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU media local communities municipalities (?) Government (?)
RISK & CHALLENGES	STRENGTHS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> unemployment !!! lack of (political) orientation inertia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> networking Greece always a cross road culture, history search/exploration of values new ethics Societies !!! communities etc.

Greece

C. TROS Common message

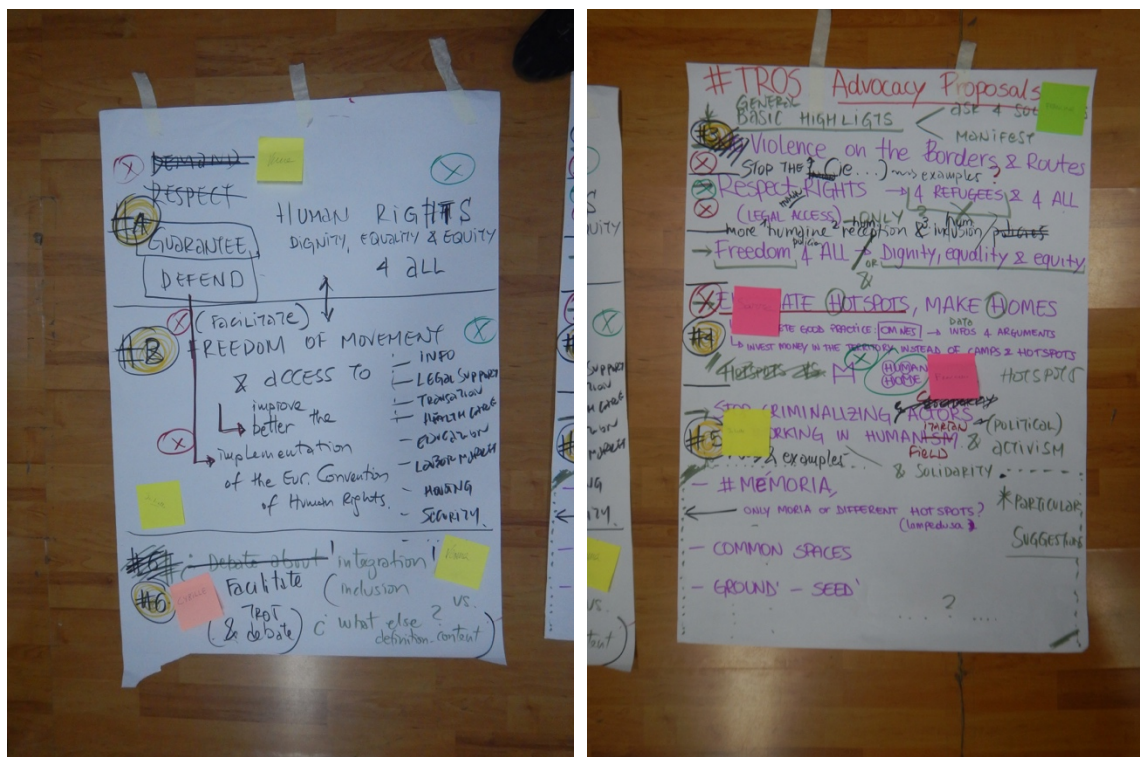
- This will be a Text with the Common Messages derived from the TROS meetings (see underneath).
- The common message will consist of our Values and Demands.
- As for putting pressure and/or asking for concrete solutions we didn't reach a common decision.
- Thessaloniki's proposals for the TROS common message are described underneath.

TROS #6 Thessaloniki common message

The Thessaloniki common message workshop was compiled by two (2) sessions; during the first one we presented the proposals discussed in previous meetings and then we brainstormed on new ideas on the base of the S.M.A.R.T. methodology. During the second workshop we discussed on various new ideas and some of the major points of discussion were:

- We should not be focusing on whether our suggestions could be transformed into laws. TROS is not about laws – it's about politics and the political power! So we should be focusing on how to be appealing to the civil society & masses.
- We need to have more knowledge & documentation in order to formulate specific proposals to policy makers (especially for the proposals 1 and 2 following).

Thus, we concluded to the following six (6) proposals for **TROS common message**:



1. Guarantee & Defend Human Rights for all

- Especially for basic needs fulfillment and decent living.
- Improve the implementation of the European Convention of Human Rights

2. Facilitate Freedom of movement & Access

- Facilitate freedom of movement and access to info, education, legal support, translation etc..
- Especially to: I) residency, II) citizenship, III) family reunification, IV) housing, V) employment, VI) vocational training, VII) health services, VIII) social insurance, IX) education, X) language and social learning.

3. Stop the violence on the borders & routes

- We cannot say to remove police from the border, it is not realistic.
- We should define 'violence': physical, breaking phones, emotional, legal violence, push-backs etc.. (ie. define push-backs, include that there is a European law that obliges the state forces operating at the borders to give the right info to the asylum seekers/beneficiaries of international protection, a law that is not being implemented. Then go on with the text, by giving examples).

4. Eliminate hotspot vs. make homes

- ie. the hot-spot in Moria (Lesvos) vs. the good practice of OMNES (Kilkis); could be an example of how to invest money on the territories and the local initiatives instead of hot-spots and camps.

5. Stop criminalizing actors working in humanitarian field

- ie. solidarity actors, activists, political groups and initiatives etc. (the current Italian example is indicative)

6. Facilitate 'integration'

- In this point a serious discussion was raised on the concept of 'integration', after which the team proposed the term '**inclusion**' vs. 'integration'.

Proposals for TROS #7 Pula meeting

→ Web-Doc & Video

- Documenting realities from TROS meeting (ie. #(Me)Moria, OMNES etc.).
- Presenting 'OUR PARADIGM', that is, the real experience of the TROS project and meetings; how many different people, organisations, groups etc. with different backgrounds have been involved.

Proposals for TROS #8 Sevilla meeting & European elections

→ Sevilla's proposed activities

- We agreed on the multiple proposed activities (performances, manifestation, bazaar, theatre, photo projection etc.)

→ Visibility & Dissemination tools

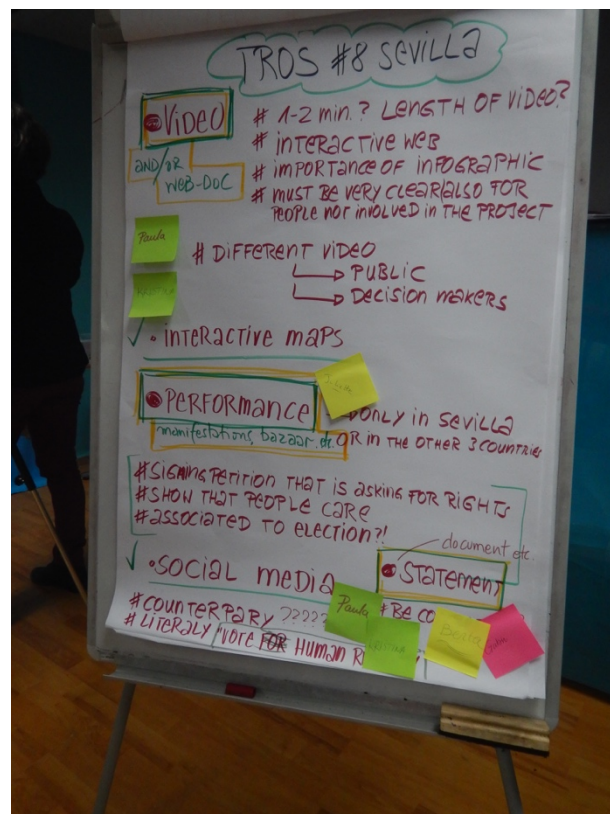
- We agreed on the use of the **TROS web-doc promo video, social media, hashtags, virals** etc.

→ Advocacy

- We proposed a recreation of the European election 2019 voting scene by presenting 'OUR PARADIGM', that is, the experience of the TROS project and meetings.

→ Proposed Hashtag

- After a large debate on the #VOTE HUMAN RIGHTS we couldn't reach a common decision on supporting it since our ideas were not so much in the field of advocacy towards the EU forthcoming elections' candidates.
- Thus, we concluded on a new idea about a hashtag which is more general and not directly linked to the elections, that is: **#GUARANTEE & DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS**



Proposals for beyond TROS...

- Keeping on connecting & networking.
- Try to give a follow-up continuation to the TROS's project!
- TROS is a process!

✓ How to proceed & Participants who would like to further involve...

The participants of Thessaloniki's meeting expressed their interest in involving themselves in some of the above mentioned processes/groups/activities are the following:

Documentation of the four countries reality

Spain (APDHA): **Yurika**
Italy (UPP): -
Croatia (Pank): **Teodora (Serbia)**
Greece (ANTIGONE): **Francine, Naya**

A. Compilation of good practices in the four countries

Spain (APDHA): -
Italy (UPP): **Elena**
Croatia (Pank): **Cyrille, Paula, Teodora (Serbia)**
Grece (ANTIGONE): **Francine, Naya**

B. TROS Common message

General: **Berta, Gabri, Francine**

1. Guarantee & Defend Human Rights for all: **Verena**
2. Facilitate Freedom of movement & Access: **Juliette**
3. Stop the violence on the borders & routes:
4. Eliminate hotspot vs. make homes: **Sarra, Francesco, Naya**
5. Stop criminalizing actors working in humanitarian field: **Juliette, Cyrille,**
6. Facilitate 'inclusion' vs. 'integration': **Cyrille, Verena, Naya, Artemi**

TROS #7 Pula & TROS#8 meetings

Web-doc/video: **Paula, Kristina**

Performance: **Juliette, Naya**

Social Media: **Paula, Kristina**