

**The project «The Route of Solidarity» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

**9 events have been carried out within this project involving activists, volunteers and citizens active in grassroots solidarity projects and initiative with migrants and refugees:**

**Event 1: Kick off meeting**

**Participation:** The event involved 16 citizens, including 1 participant from the city of Seville (Spain), 1 participant from the city of Thessaloniki (Greece), 1 participant from the city of Rome (Italy).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Pula (Croatia) from 20/10/2017 to 22/10/2017

**Short description:** The partners met in Pula for a two days meeting in order to develop the operational action plan of the project, single work plans for each partner, detailing tasks and responsibilities, defining the project's calendar. Moreover the partners have agreed and signed the partnership agreement regulating the financial and operational aspects of the project.

**Event 2: First International meeting - "Transiting migrants in large cities"**

**Participation:** The event involved 62 citizens, including 6 participants from the cities of Seville (Spain), 4 participants from the city of Pula (Croatia), 6 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (Greece)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Rome (Italy), from 24/01/2018 to 30/01/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was strengthening the knowledge of the participants about the situation of transiting migrants in the large cities, to get to know and to exchange best practices with associations, groups and citizens actively engaged in solidarity work in the field of migration and to start the debate on EU migration policies with the aim of developing a common statement to be delivered to EU decision makers at the end of the project.

Field visits and networking workshops have been organized involving the following local organizations and groups: Piú culture, Legal Clinic University Rome III, Di.fro, La città dell'Utopia, Liberi Nantes, Laboratorio 53, Casa dei diritti sociali, Baobab Experience and CPIA 05. Interviews and video footages have been shot for the production of final web-doc.

Agenda of the meeting: <https://apdha.org/media/TOS-Rome-Meeting-agenda240118.pdf>

Short video summary produced by Un Ponte Per... (IT): [http://solidarityroutes.eu/#TROS\\_1](http://solidarityroutes.eu/#TROS_1)

### **Event 3: Second International meeting "The route of the strait "**

**Participation:** The event involved 37 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Thessaloniki & Lesbos Island (Greece), 5 participants from the city of Pula (Croatia)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Seville & Ceuta (Spain), from 12/03/2018 to 18/03/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was strengthening the knowledge of the participants about the situation of the so called "Frontera Sur", the Southern European Border, with a specific focus on Ceuta, the Spanish enclave in Moroccan territory. A series of debates about the border situation have been organized and meetings with local associations, volunteers and activists including Red Cross, Digmun, Pedagogia Ciudadana, ACCEM, Elin have been carried out with the aim of exchanging methodologies and best practices. The exchange of best practices have been focused on four main areas of work: awareness, media, resilient communities and legal work.

A special workshop focused in on advocacy has been organized in order to identify the major issues to discuss over the following meetings in order to reach a common statement on EU migration policies.

An international demonstration in front of the CIE in Algeciras has been organized during the event (<https://youtu.be/SI9yDEuEGZQ>).

Two public events have been included in the programme, the first one in collaboration with a Creative Europe project focused on refugees musicians ([www.soundroutes.eu](http://www.soundroutes.eu)) and the last evening with the screening and the documentary movie "Samba. Un nombre borrado" followed by a public discussions.

<https://www.facebook.com/espaciocaotica/photos/a.435939393423103/599354347081606/?type=3&theater>

The first day the project the participants received the visit of the Europe for Citizen Spanish focal point.

Interviews and video footages have been shot for the production of final web-doc.

Agenda of the meeting: <https://apdha.org/media/TROS-Sevilla-Ceuta-meeting-agenda.pdf>

Short video summary made by Un ponte per... (IT): [http://solidarityroutes.eu/#TROS\\_2](http://solidarityroutes.eu/#TROS_2)

### **Event 4: Third International meeting "The Balkan Route"**

**Participation:** The event involved 31 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Thessaloniki & Lesbos Island (Greece), 5 participants from Seville (Spain).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Zagreb (Croatia), from 11/04/2018 to 17/04/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to strengthen the knowledge of the participants about the situation of the so called "Balkan Route". Visits to "Porin" and "Sid" refugees center have been organized.

Meetings and exchange of solidarity best practices have been organized involving the following organizations and groups: Info Park, JRS, Welcome!, Test of home, Are You Syrious, Zagreb 041, Reporting Refugees,

A focused workshop and exchange of best practice has been organized around the issue of social economy involving refugees and migrants. The workshop "Shaping the common message" advanced the collective discussion about the joint statement on EU migration policies to be delivered to decision maker. Two public events have been organized screening and debating four documentaries (Contramarea, Another news stories, Awaz, Good hosts) and a musical night.

Interviews and video footages have been shot for the production of final web-doc.

Agenda of the meeting: <https://apdha.org/media/TROS-Zagreb-Agenda-11042018.pdf>

### **Event 5: Fourth International meeting "The island of all together"**

**Participation:** The event involved 35 citizens, including 7 participants from the city of Sevilla (Spain), 5 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 5 participants from the city of Pula and Zagreb (Croatia)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Lesbos (Greece), from 23/05/2018 to 29/05/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was strengthening the knowledge of the participants about the current situation in Lesbos and following with the implementation of the networking by meeting and exchanging best practices with local associations, volunteers and active citizens. Meeting and workshops involved the following local associations and groups: Lesvos Solidarity, Mikros Dounias, one happy family, volunteers at Kara Tepe Refugee camp.

The focused discussion on best practices of integration through social economy started in previous meeting has followed with meetings and debates with the Safe passage bag workshop and Nan cooperative Restaurants. Two sessions were dedicated to advancing the discussion about "Creating a common message" on EU migration policies.

This event also generated a concrete output, a common written and video statement on the situation in Lesbos that was circulated to the media right after the event in the four countries.

Interviews and video footages have been shot for the production of final web-doc.

Agenda of the meeting: [https://www.apdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/TROS\\_Lesvos\\_meeting\\_230518.pdf](https://www.apdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/TROS_Lesvos_meeting_230518.pdf)

Video statement: <https://youtu.be/664XDkVAitQ>

Lesbos statement: <https://www.apdha.org/activistas-tros-denuncian-situacion-refugiadas-retenidas-lesbos/>

### **Event 6: Fifth International meeting "The Mediterranean Route"**

**Participation:** The event involved 26 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Seville (Spain), 5 participants from the city of Pula (Croatia), 4 participants from the city of Thessaloniki and Lesbos Island (Greece)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Palermo (Italy), from 17/09/2018 to 23/09/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was strengthening the knowledge of the participants about situation in Sicily, the main landing point for migrants and refugees in the Central Mediterranean Route. A focus on the current Italian political situation and the effects of the port's closure has been addressed and discussed.

Moreover the meeting contributed to further develop the network of activists by meeting and exchanging best practices with local associations, volunteers and active citizens. Meeting and workshops involved the following local associations and groups: Legal Clinic University of Palermo, Arci Porco Rosso, Borderline, Addio Pizzo Travel.

The event had a particular focus on social communication and how to effectively build a counter narrative and successfully stream the message of the participants to the general audience as well as to decision makers.

Interviews and video footages have been shot for the production of final web-doc.

Agenda of the meeting: <https://www.apdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Programa-TROS-Palermo180918-1.pdf>

### **Event 7: Sixth International meeting "The refugee crisis in Greece"**

**Participation:** The event involved 27 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Seville (Spain), 4 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Pula (Croatia)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Thessaloniki (Greece), from 17/10/2018 to 23/10/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was strengthening the knowledge of participants about the evolution of the refugees crisis in Greece especially in the transit areas in the north of the country. The meeting contributed to further develop the network of activists by meeting and exchanging best practices with local associations, volunteers and active citizens. Meetings and workshops involved the following local associations and groups: Alkyione, Re, Naomi, Omnes, Volunteer in Diavata Refugees camp, Select Respect, Doctors of the world, Praxis. A special session on the review of best solidarity practices in the four countries has been organized and two sessions to analyze all the previous debates aimed at building the common messages for decision makers on EU migration policies. During those sessions the main points of the common statement have been identified. Interviews and video footages have been shot for the production of final web-doc. A public event has been organized with the screening of the film "The journey of Orpheus".

Agenda of the meeting: <https://www.apdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/programa-TROS-Tesalonica171018.pdf>

### **Event 8: Seventh International meeting "Production of the web-doc"**

**Participation:** The event involved 26 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Seville (Spain), 4 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Thessaloniki (Greece) and 10 participants from the city of Pula (Croatia).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Pula (Croatia), from 21/11/2018 to 27/11/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to elaborate all the photos, videos and written material collected during the six previous international meetings in order to discuss the structure and the content of the web-doc, to select material and edit short videos. During the meeting a strategy for the finalization and of the web-doc including division of task has been discussed and adopted in order to have the web-doc ready before the last event.

Basing on the results of the discussion held in Thessaloniki an additional session to advance the discussion on the common messages on EU migration policies before the last closing meeting has been undertaken.

Agenda of the meeting: <https://www.apdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Agenda-TROS-PULA.pdf>

## **Event 9: Eighth International meeting "Closing meeting in Seville"**

**Participation:** The event involved 232 citizens, including 9 participants from the city of Thessaloniki and Lesbos Island (Greece), 8 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 8 participants from the city of Pula (Croatia)

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Seville (Spain), from 04/02/2019 to 13/02/2019

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to address local community and European audience as well as decision makers with the message of the project. The participants have been working divided into working groups. The "Advocacy group" worked for finalizing the joint statement and agreeing the methodology for organizing the web-action to address EU decision makers. The group finalized The manifesto titled "Don't let humanity drown" ([https://www.apdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/MANIFIESTO\\_FINAL\\_EN\\_TROS.pdf](https://www.apdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/MANIFIESTO_FINAL_EN_TROS.pdf) ) and a plan of action for the web-action has been adopted. The participants agreed on committing themselves to get support from other like-minded organizations (46 organizations signed the manifesto <http://solidarityroutes.eu/organizations.pdf> ). The web-action took place the day 29<sup>th</sup> of march and it consists in a mail bombing to all the EU MEP's and some of the EU candidates. The "Performance group" prepared a theatre performance to reach out the local community (<http://solidarityroutes.eu/#Performance>). A third group prepared the press conference to launch the report "Frontera Sur" and organized a street action to stop the deaths in the Mediterranean see that had a very good media coverage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQ9NGik5gm0&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2CKoGybXojsKDsdJPDezmTRfMyXsg2ZzAaofW958SVYyMKm9sGM7xLCDg>

[https://7tvandalucia.es/andalucia/noticias-7-andalucia/1-64-120219-protesta-contras-las-muertes-de-inmigrantes/45013/?fbclid=IwAR20pLU6xZsOHSwSOUCg0ELY-j1zaZn\\_ixNzXTmfD9dcPclq\\_acJua4svxA](https://7tvandalucia.es/andalucia/noticias-7-andalucia/1-64-120219-protesta-contras-las-muertes-de-inmigrantes/45013/?fbclid=IwAR20pLU6xZsOHSwSOUCg0ELY-j1zaZn_ixNzXTmfD9dcPclq_acJua4svxA)

Another working group prepared a public debate about good practice of migrants and refugees reception and integration starting from a participant's book called "L'Utopia della normalità" (Utopia of normality).

The programme included one day in Ceuta where participants joined a public debate about borders and Tarajal march with local organizations and migrants residing in the temporary reception center of the city. The last day a public event has been organized to present to the local community the main outputs of the project and to launch the web-doc: [www.solidarityroute.eu](http://www.solidarityroute.eu) .

Project's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TheRouteOfSolidarityTROS/>