

SUSCOMNET - Sustainable cities – sustainable communities

Twinning town project

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Presentation of the project:

Our project aims to organise networking events that will provide an opportunity to engage local citizens on a broad scale in the dialogue on the European Green Deal and the future of Europe. Our main objective is to initiate a citizens' debate on the challenges of sustainability, climate neutrality and transition, the background to the new EU growth strategy and how this affects citizens' daily lives and social processes at the municipal level.

The primary focus of our network's activities is a comparative analysis of the local manifestation of sustainability: what are the similarities and differences between

countries, how engaged citizens are at the local level in thinking about the future of Europe, what are the opportunities for cross-border cooperation between citizens to strengthen sustainable municipalities and local communities.

In the project's first phase, we will conduct a complex survey among residents and decision-makers in municipalities to assess citizens' general awareness and interest in our topic and gather concrete experiences and good practices. Based on the results of the survey, we will organise nine on-site (one kick-off workshop) and five online (one interim progress review workshop) thematic meetings to address sustainability issues across a range of sectors (economy, local society, education, energy management, transport), involving a wide range of people, in particular young people.

During the meetings, we will promote dialogue between NGOs in the partner municipalities and help them plan joint projects in a spirit of dialogue about the future. In addition to the workshops, forums and thematic information sessions will be organised in the implementing municipalities to facilitate an in-depth discussion of the theme. The project will result in a joint twinning sustainability strategy, setting out future cooperation orientations.