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Evaluation of the Pitch event in Bulgaria

Workshops and achieving their objectives.

The participants confirm that the planned workshops achieved their objectives of creating opportunities for people to make demonstrations of various ideas and activities in groups of mixed abilities.

There are some concrete comments, which participants made:

- The workshop conducted by Jentel and Youssri (choosing your guide) in the Vidin Military barracks helped the group connect with each other. People built trust between each other and what was particularly useful was the giving of specific examples and the sharing of different points of view.
- The workshops with role playing (IT Loto Fiorito) were extremely helpful.
- Hristo Botev's story was a red thread throughout the whole time and kept the group focused and everything was logically connected. "First time to play with history!" commented Fien.
- The A to Z workshop and the first aid workshop (BE) further helped bonding as people were showing on each other what and how is done in relation to hiking and providing first aid. Kostas from Greece opened to the group and wanted to communicate.
- The music workshop (BG) was beautiful – a great example of how music tutoring is carried out.
- Theatre (BG) is a huge thing in projects – people did share with each other and they connected even more.
- Riddle solving workshop by RO and IT (UICI) was exceptionally interesting and created further links within the groups that had to work together, solve problems and compete with others.
- Why and what discussion in the life as a project workshop (BG) was really inspiring and informing.
- The tent/camp set-up workshop was something difficult for v.i. The communication, instructions were clear, but the implementation was difficult.

Feedback for the LARP workshops:

- The kick-off workshop was really accessible for v.i. participants. The activities in the park in Vidin were a bit fast for some of the v.i. participants.
- Some learned about LARP for the first time and are now inspired and interested to attend such events. Loto did a great job.
- The prison escaping game could have been more accessible if the riddles were available in Braille, because this type of task quires reading the information over and over again, multiple times. Better preparation for such activities in the future.
- In Kozloduy it would have been great for everybody to go through all the 3 tasks. The tomato/banana exercise could have been more group than individual exercise.
- It is crucial to mention though that Loto were growing every day and were improving their communication and making the games more accessible for the v.i. participants.



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What people learned (about), what they take away from the experience:

- Definitely about LARP (Andrea, IT)
- We learned from all the experiences, even from the hardest part (Marco, IT)
- This was a great adventure (Alessandro, IT)
- We should live simpler and complain less. People here are happy and satisfied with their lives (Julien, BE)
- The diversity of the group. We learned about what each of us could do (Tomas, BE)
- People grew and got a voice. (Britt)
- The story telling part (in the theatre exercises) and the French toilets (Jentel, BE)
- Made friends and learned some Bulgarian, Flemish and Greek (Andrea, IT)
- This group was a really great group. Everyone wanted to connect. There are other project where people are really on their own or stick to their own national groups and their culture (Youssri, BE)
- Friendly group for me as a v.i. person (Monika, BG)
- An interesting story to tell my parents and friends. Happy to know all of you (Alessandro, IT)
- This is the first time for me to participate in a project such as this one. I have been to other music activities and gatherings, but there you are just present in order to deliver your song, do your task and have a dedicated guide. Here everybody guided everybody. We also did so many things outside the workshops. We were dancing, singing, playing and we made an amazing community (Polina, BG)

What to improve:

- Shade for the tent area next time such an activity is carried out during hot summer days.
- More water games during hot days.
- Flushing toilets.
- Running water.
- Advance information about mosquitoes for better preparation.
- Having more time in the different museum and the ship for example for the v.i.

Risks:

- Rather finely envisaged and lowered where possible.
- Practical risk assessment was done when Ilka Nolens (BE) went forward in the Ledenika cave to check how accessible it is for v.i. people and what is necessary to make it a safe experience for everybody.

Inspirations from the event:

- People are an inspiration (Julien, BE)
- The focus on different language was an inspiration (Andrea, IT)
- Nice to be all at the same location (Vlad, RO)
- The WhatsApp group, which was set up and created possibilities for us all to be in touch (Youssri, BE)



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