**(PRELIMINARY) TITLE OF THE PROJECT:** The Channels of Solidarity

**PROJECT PARTNER**: CESVOL UMBRIA\_ ITALY

**TOPIC OF THE PROJECT:**

Engaging citizens and communities in discussions and action related to solidarity

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Recent surveys carried out by Cesvol Umbria within its own association network and among groups of young people in the region have highlighted the presence of new forms, languages and methods used above all by young people to decline the terms of active citizenship, volunteering organised in associations and civic activism understood as a new option available to citizens to strengthen, first and foremost, their ties with the European community, as well as an important tool for growth - a challenge to themselves and an activity through which fundamental skills can be acquired both at a personal level and at a relational and social level.

The European Union is founded on solidarity: solidarity between people, cross-border solidarity between Member States and solidarity through support actions inside and outside the Union. Solidarity is a shared value that creates cohesion and responds to societal challenges, such as the recent mass influx of refugees and other migrants, the Covid19 pandemic, economic and financial crises and/or the conflict in Ukraine. It opens the door to greater engagement of citizens in society and, ultimately, their active involvement in the democratic life of the Union, even for those who had not previously been active participants.

Based on this reflection within the international partnership, the priority of the project “The Channels of Solidarity” is to give citizens the opportunity to discuss the topic of solidarity and channels of solidarity in response to the following social challenges of Europe

- citizenship, volunteering and participation: Journey through the Channels of Solidarity

- immigration and refugee crisis, current policies and future perspectives

- fight against poverty and social exclusion, current policies and future perspectives

- peace and geopolitics, current policies and future perspectives

**OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT**

• to promote and support the participation of citizens and representative associations in the democratic life of the Union by stimulating and organising reflections, debates or other activities relating to important social challenges for Europe.

• propose practical solutions that can be implemented through cooperation or coordination at European level,

• support the sharing of good practices and ensure a practical link to the policy-making process

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

**Output**:

* International Workshops
* SET of Recommendations to be presented to relevant political authorities at local and European level.

**Outcomes:**

* Raise citizens' awareness of EU rights and values and increase their engagement in society and with the EU;
* Enable citizens to deepen their knowledge of EU institutions and policies and to better understand the achievements and benefits of the EU;
* Strengthening democratic participation, with a focus on the inclusion of young and older people, women in all their diversity, mobile EU citizens and people with disabilities
* Reaching out to non-active citizens in civic participation in their daily lives;
* Empowering citizens to communicate their opinions and concerns to policy makers at all levels

**Programme and call:**

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

 Call for proposal: Citizens’ ENGAGEMENT and participation (CERV-2023-CITIZENS-CIV)

**DEADLINE FOR CALL: 05 September 2023**

**PARTNER SOUGHT:**

n.3 Co-applicants must be non-profit legal entities (public or private bodies) or an international organisation

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