ISOLIDALE Projects

Call for Partners for Europe for Citizens Project
Network of Towns (strand 2, priority “Solidarity in times of crisis”)

IPSIA Sardegna, an NGO based in Sardinia (an Italian island in the Mediterranean Sea) is looking for partners from Malta, Canarias, Cyprus, Greek Islands and Corsica for a Europe for Citizens project - network of towns (strand 2, priority “Solidarity in times of crisis”).

IPSIA Sardegna is the head of a twinning committee for the municipalities of Cagliari, Elmas, Vallermosa, Ussaramanna e Gesico. In the last years, these municipalities from South Sardinia (Italy) have seen small and medium enterprises of the agricultural and commerce sectors decrease (-20,7% in the last 8 years). This phenomenon is also linked to unemployment (which ranges from 16 to 22,2% in the abovementioned municipalities) and therefore to depopulation, as the youth migrates abroad looking for new opportunities. Migrants numbers are raising instead, welcomed from politics as a way to contrast local population numbers decreasing.

The “ISOLIDALE” Project aims to develop an international network of at least 4 municipalities and civil society organizations (NGOs, charities, voluntary associations) from peripheral islands of Southern Europe. We are especially interested in linking places where the lack of responsiveness by national institutions on social policies - eg. the reception of immigrants, assistance for elders and physically challenged, unemployment, and other disadvantaged categories - are tackled by third sector and volunteering organisations.

Therefore our objectives are:
- Structure a multi-leveled and bottom-up discussion between local and international stakeholders, aiming to identify issues solved (or contained) through action of solidarity and voluntary activities, to compensate the lack of action by national governments and their local counterparts;
- Structure a framework aiming to evaluate those solutions and find out a range of already implemented best practices;
- Evaluate the possibility of creating guidelines for brand new frameworks of practices, through the contamination and localization of the BP previously identified;
- Diffusion of the results through a publication (in form of guidelines or a white paper);
- Manage, monitor and evaluate the implementation of at least one best practice for beneficiary.

We are looking for partners (municipalities, other local authorities, NGOs representing local authorities) from at least 3 different countries. The project will start approximately around April 2018. We aim to carry out these objectives during 4 meetings, each focusing on one social policy (to be determined with the partners). The meetings are to be scheduled in collaboration with the partners through a two-years program (two per year). Venues TBD.

If you are interested please contact us via email: ipsia.sardegna@gmail.com