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30 YEARS OF MAASTRICHT

Reflections on the past, present and future of Europe

NETWORK OF TOWNS - CERV PROGRAMME - 101138899 - CERV-2023-CITIZENS-TOWN

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MEETING 8

Pilea - Hortiatis & Thessaloniki (Greece)

10-13 September 2025



• PROJECT SUMMARY •

"30 years of Maastricht: reflections on the past, present and future of Europe" is a project framed in the program CERV, promoted by Molėtų Rajono Savivaldybės administracija, as coordinator of the project and in cooperation with 8 partners from 7 different countries of the EU: Lithuania, Portugal, Bulgaria, Spain, Greece, France, Malta and Italy.

In line with the priorities of the CERV program and the European Commission, this project of Network of Towns, have as general objectives:

1. Encourage citizen participation in decision-making related to digitization and the future of the EU.
2. Promote digital rights and the protection of privacy and personal data of citizens of the European Union.
3. Analyse the impact of digitization on society and the economy of the European Union, including its effects on equality, diversity, and social cohesion.
4. Promote the understanding of European citizens about the Maastricht Treaty and its importance in European integration.

Since an event will be held in each one of the countries, the impact and visibility, as well as the program, will be fully guaranteed throughout the life of the project. One of the most significant impacts will be to actively stimulate citizens, encouraging them to participate vividly in European social life, having greater awareness; the creation of a strong long-term cooperative relationship, giving the opportunity to broaden perspectives, enrich oneself culturally and respect all kinds of differences.

All planned activities such as workshops, seminars, debates, conferences, workshops, round tables, video forums, exhibitions and cultural visits will be open to all citizens with the intention of obtaining maximum involvement and visibility. All this with the addition of innovative activities such as multiculturalism in schools, social networks and social equality, or new forms of integration and cooperation, which will help to develop an open and constant debate to facilitate the exchange of best practices.

• GREETINGS •



Dear partners, esteemed colleagues, members of our European family,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Municipality of Pylaia-Chortiatis. A welcoming place, combining tradition with modern life and historical memory with dynamic development. A municipality that connects the urban and suburban face of Thessaloniki with the coastal front of the Thermaikos Gulf and Mount Chortiatis, a mosaic of urban, coastal and mountainous landscapes.

It is an honor for us to serve as the final stop of such an important European initiative.

The Maastricht Treaty, now over three decades old, is not merely a legal text. It laid the foundations of the European idea and provided the basis on which the European project was shaped. This historic agreement granted our citizens European citizenship, safeguarded rights, strengthened democracy, and established a shared vision for peace, cooperation and solidarity.

The vision of a united Europe represents a coordinated course that requires participation, responsibility and commitment. Through initiatives such as CERV and the Network of Cooperation among our cities, we give life to this vision, building bridges among people, strengthening social cohesion and promoting the active engagement of citizens.

In recent years, Europe has been tested like never before. From the withdrawal of the United Kingdom to separatist movements reignited in several countries, developments that have left visible tectonic fissures in the European edifice. In an era of a reconfigured global status quo, marked by challenges and uncertainty, the Union proves to be the only viable way forward, and alliances remain the key to safeguarding peace, security and progress. Across geopolitical issues and national interests, as well as economic, social and migration matters, it is evident that only common European policies can provide coherent, dynamic and effective solutions.

The Municipality of Pylaia-Chortiatis, with strong historical roots and a vision firmly set on the future, upholds at its core the values of cooperation, education, culture and solidarity. Hosting this initiative represents a valuable opportunity to strengthen our cooperation, to share and exchange inspiration with our partners, and to contribute to a constructive dialogue that transcends borders and opens new pathways for the future of our common homeland, Europe.

Ignatios Kaitezidis,
Mayor of Pilea Hortiatis (Greece).

• PROGRAM •

• WEDNESDAY 10TH OF SEPTEMBER •

- Arrival of the different delegations
- Check-in hotel
- Presentation of the program of activities and participants

19:30 Welcome dinner

12:00 Getting to know Pilea Hortiati
13:30 Lunch at Villa Luna Restaurant in Panorama
15:30 Transfer back
17:00 City Tour around Thessaloniki
20:30 Dinner at Agora Restaurant

• THURSDAY 11TH OF SEPTEMBER •

09:15 Depart the bus from hotel

10:00 Arrival at town hall of Pilea Hortiatis

10:15 Welcome words:
Ms. Despoina Lypiridou
Deputy Mayor of Pilea Hortiati

10:30 Workshop – **Citizenship and digital democracy: Exploring the relationship between technology and participation**
Introduced by the delegations of France, Spain, Lithuania and Italy [Sicily].

• FRIDAY 12ND OF SEPTEMBER •

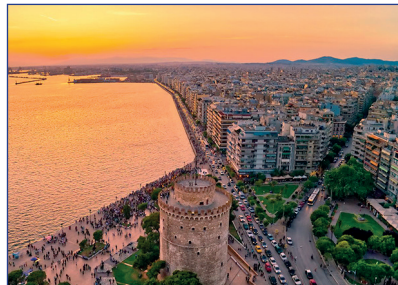
09:15 Depart the bus from hotel
10:00 Arrival at High School
10:15 Presentation by principal of the school
10:30 Presentation of Erasmus Projects involving students of the center
10:45 Seminar – **Citizenship in the digital age, how does it affect the formation of public opinion?**
Introduced by the delegations of Malta, Bulgaria, Italy [Sardinia] & Greece

• PROGRAM •

- 12:00 Visiting the classrooms and facilities
- 13:30 Lunch
- 16:00 Evaluation of the project
- 16:30 Future cooperation and follow up
- 16:45 Dissemination of the results
- 17:00 Time to discover the city
- 20:30 Farewell dinner

• SATURDAY 13TH OF SEPTEMBER •

- Check-out hotel
- Departure of the different delegations



• MEETINGS •

EVENT 1

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
(SPAIN)

4-7 February 2024



EVENT 3

SOFÍA
(BULGARIA)

12-15 September 2024



EVENT 2

MOLETAI
(LITHUANIA)

18-21 April 2024



EVENT 4

SLIEMA
(MALTA)

15-18 December 2024



• MEETINGS •

EVENT 5

GONDOMAR
(PORTUGAL)
6-9 February 2025



EVENT 7

FORT DE FRANCE
(FRANCE)
11-15 May 2025



EVENT 6

GAVOI
(ITALY)
12-15 March 2025



EVENT 8

THESSALONIKI
(GREECE)
10-13 September 2025



• PARTNERSHIP •



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