

**The project «SISTERS: Sharing Ideas for Sustainable Tourism – an Event for Relevant Stakeholders» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"**

**Participation:** The project involved 135 citizens, notably 45 participants from the city of Razlog (**Bulgaria**), 45 participants from the city of Sibenik (**Croatia**) and 45 participants from the city of Pineto (Italy).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Pineto (Italy), from 26/05/2016 to 31/05/2016

**Short description:**

The day of 26/05/2016 was dedicated only to arrivals and accommodation since participants travelled by bus and they all had to face long journeys to Pineto.

The day of 27/05/2016 was dedicated to work program: participants met at 9.00 for welcome and opening with an introduction to the project and program. From 9.30 to 11.00 one representative per town presented its context and showed the results of the local EASW to the others. At 11.00 it was media time with the signature of the official partnership agreement by the representatives of the 3 partner towns then facilitators organized the division of the working groups for the afternoon session (which took place right after a light lunch based on typical products brought by participants) according to the following indications:

Group 1: Focus on the coastal system (15.00-18.00)

Group 2: Educational programs for the enhancement of cultural heritage (15.00-18.00)

Group 3: Innovative green solutions (15.00-18.00)

Group 4: Integrated management of sustainable tourism (15.00-18.00)

Group 5: Joint proposals for active and experiential tourism (15.00-18.00)

The days of 28/05/2016 and 29/05/2016 were dedicated to the exploration of local resources: participants had the chance to visit the local coastal and mountains areas, they were guided through the Cerrano tower and marine protected area, in medieval villages rich of historical and cultural value (Silvi Alta, Mutignano, Atri, S. Stefano di Sessanio) and in the Gran Sasso National Park to discover differences and similarities with their own territories, interact with locals and create new possible synergies. During these two days, the participants were accompanied by guides and facilitators who encouraged them to deepen the debate on the key issues of the project also through non-formal learning techniques.

The day of 30/05/2016 was dedicated to a conclusive working session so participants met together again from 9.00 to 13.00 for an open Forum to present the results of the work done in the previous days, discuss new project ideas to develop jointly and explore further possible EU fundings to implement them. After goodbye lunch, participants were left a free afternoon to restore energies and make the point about the benefits and personal learning results gained from the project, guided by a survey provided by organizers which they filled and returned at dinner time.

The day of 31/05/2016 was dedicated to departures of the invited delegations.

A detailed report of the project and its results is available on the SISTERS official website (<http://www.project-sisters.eu/>) which contains also free guidance materials, a blog section for open debate and link connection to other websites dedicated to the focus topics of the project, media and press release.