

Strengthening civil society in the Danube region for a joint Europe

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Objectives/focus of work

To activate community participation in Bulgaria; To develop and apply new approaches for community development; To build the capacity of local community organizations (Chitalishtes) as community centres

Target group

Local communities; Chitalishtes; Local authorities

Cooperation partner

More than 100 Chitalishtes (*Chitalishte is a unique, traditional, community based, non-profit organization with cultural-educational functions in Bulgaria*); 10 Bulgarian municipalities; NGOs

Important findings/results/experiences

Strengthening the Chitalishtes in the Platform by building their capacity through training, exchange of knowledge and experience and improvement the environment for their development and collaboration;

Activation of local communities and their organizations by providing sustainable local resources through the creation of municipal funds in support of local initiatives;

Solved local problems with the participation of local communities;

Culture for development initiatives: fests, social art, social theatre;

Promotion of the Chitalishtes through 13 editions of Contest "AGORA"

for the Most Successful Chitalishte Community Initiative

Analyses, studies, concepts and publications



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