

## • THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER

**09:30h** Official reception at the Parliament of Galicia by the Vicepresident:

- Dialogue on the reality of the European Union
- Programs to get to know the democratic institutions

Topic: Active citizenship

**11:00h** Cultural visits:

- Museum of Pilgrimage
- Mercado de Abastos: fish and seafood market

**13:00h** Transfer from the hotel to "Pazo Faramello (lordly house)"

**13:15h** Lunch at the palace

**16:30** Meeting at the headquarters of the multinational CORTIZO

- What means to an enterprise the EU common market ?

**18:00** Official ceremony of brotherhood including musical performances

- Signature of the friendship oath

**19:30h** Closing speech by a Galician authority from the Autonomous Government

**19:45h** Spanish wine & tapas

**20:30h** Dinner at restaurant Fogar do Selmo

## • FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Departure of the participants

## PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



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CONCELLO DE  
**ROIS**



## EUROPEAN VOICES CHALLENGING EUROSCEPTICISM

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS "PROGRAMME 2014-2020"

### MEETING I

**ROIS / SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA  
(GALICIA - SPAIN)**

2-5 NOVEMBER 2021



STRAND 2: DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION  
2.2 NETWORK OF TOWNS



## PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

### • TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Arrival of the participants

**20:30h.** Welcome dinner Hotel Gelmirez

**22:00h.** Welcome speech and summary of the program of activities.

### • WEDNESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

**09:30h** Presentation of the project "European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism", welcome speech by:

- Mr. Ramón Tojo - Mayor of Rois
- Mr. Jesús Gamallo - General Director of Foreign Affairs and EU relations

Topic: "Causes and consequences of euroscepticism"

**10:15h** Challenges for the European Union, addressed by Ms. Pilar Freire Esparís, professor from the University of Santiago

**10:45h** Coffee Break

**11:15h** Panel of speakers

Topic Present & future of the EU

- EU benefits at local, regional and national level by Ms. Eva Lorenzo, vicedirector of EU relations
- Solidarity and cooperation in times of crisis by Ms. Rocío Ovalle, coordinator of Red Cross Galicia
- Which opportunities are given by the EU by Ms. Cristina Villadóniga, Technician on European Affairs
- Gender equality in Europe, the youth situation by Ms. Lucía Carballeira, expert on equality.

**13:00h** Lunch at San Martín Pinario Monastery

**16:15h** Optional - Guided visit to the Old Town of Santiago

- Saint James Way
- Cathedral
- Holy door
- Praza do Obradoiro
- Alameda

**21:00h** Dinner at Hotel Gelmirez

# SUMMARY

European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism - EVCE is a project promoted by the Municipality of Rois (Galicia - Spain) and funded by the European Commission through Europe for Citizens Programme.

The project will be implemented from November 2021 until June 2022 aiming to promote the dialogue between citizens from 27 Member States of the European Union. The main topic addressed will be the Euroscepticism, its causes and its consequences. In order to have a deeper knowledge on the topic, the project includes

## 4 MEETINGS:

### MEETING I

Spain: Kick off - Brotherhood signature

### MEETING II

Malta: the unsolved reality of migrations

### MEETING III

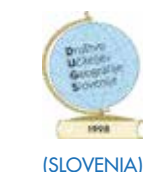
Hungary: a rising euroskeptical society

### MEETING IV

Greece: the Foundations of the European Union

The programs of activities is designed to encourage citizens to debate actively about the proposed topics with local speakers and experts. Sessions will be based on non formal education: including round tables, workshops and cultural opportunities to discover what joins the European citizens. The partnership includes local bodies, NGO's, educational centres as well as Youth Centres, which creates a very transversal atmosphere to address and challenge the main topic: euroscepticism.

# PARTNERSHIP



This measure funds municipalities and associations to work together to make their cooperation more sustainable and exchange of good practices. It is the next step up from town twinning projects that foster more short term cooperations.

# NETWORKS OF TOWNS

Networks of Towns are expected to:

Integrate a range of activities around the subject(s) of common interest to be addressed in the context of the Programme's objectives or multi-annual priorities.

Have defined target groups for which the selected themes are particularly relevant and involve community members active in the subject area (i.e. experts, local associations, citizens and citizens' groups directly affected by the theme, etc.).

Serve as a basis for future initiatives and actions between the towns involved, on the issues addressed or possibly on further issues of common interest

