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Municipality of Victoria (Primăria comunei Victoria) organized and actively participated in the conference entitled "Cultural Education as a tool for integration", under the EU-funded project entitled "CALTEGRA", was held in Bucharest, on 7, 8 and 9 November 2023

In a remarkable display of collaborative efforts, the **Municipality of Victoria (Primăria comunei Victoria)**, successfully organized the CALTEGRA Conference from November 7th to 9th, 2023. This international event, held in partnership with municipalities from various European cities, aimed to explore and promote European integration, cultural dialogue, and active citizenship.

The **consortium** was consisted of **9 EU countries: Romania, Greece, Slovenia, Hungary, Croatia, Bulgaria, Malta, Slovenia, Hungary** and the partners were **local public bodies** (Municipalities), such as the, Municipality of Victoria (Primăria comunei Victoria) (Romania), Mestna občina Novo mesto (Slovenia), Sopronkövesd Község Önkormányzata (Hungary), Municipality of Yakoruda (Bulgaria), Reġjun Tramuntana (Malta), Municipality of Breznicki (Općina Breznički Hum) (Croatia) and Dimos Voiou (Greece), as a Local Public bodies that participated in several successful transnational initiatives, as well as **NGOs** represent a couple of those Municipalities that were **represented a local authority** (Municipality). In specific, those representatives were the **Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute (Fifty-Fifty)**, as an NGO with common interest representing the Municipality of Voio, in Kozani, in Greece, **Association for Social Economy and Lifelong Learning (ASEL RO)**, as a Civil Society Organization representing the Municipality of Victoria (Primăria comunei Victoria) in Romania and **Association For Developing Voluntary Work Novo Mesto**, representing the Municipality of Novo Mesto in Slovenia.

The inaugural day, welcoming greetings and the presentation of the conference agenda were followed by a cultural education dialogue, emphasizing empathy and

cultural understanding. The second workshop delved into intercultural education and active citizenship, exploring the role of cultural diversity in building integrated and harmonious societies.

As the sun set over Bucharest, participants gathered for a cultural dinner, fostering informal networking opportunities and strengthening the bonds between the participating municipalities.

The second day featured a diverse lineup of speakers and sessions. Mr. Konstantinos Symeonidis, President of the Association A.S.E.L. RO, delivered an introductory speech, setting the tone for the conference. Representatives from each participating city introduced themselves, providing a comprehensive overview of their regional perspectives.

Expert speakers, including Ms. Eirini Panagiotidou, Mr. Eleftherios Karaleftheris, and Mr. Dimitrios Spiliotopoulos, shared insights on inclusion, diversity, and revitalizing civic life. The day also included a workshop where participants shared best practices and case studies on the inclusion of EU migrant citizens and their families, accompanied by proposals for cultural education strategies.

The final day kicked off with a round table discussion on intercultural education and its pivotal role in supporting integration and active citizenship. This was followed by an interactive session focusing on local initiatives and policies related to the inclusion of EU migrant citizens and their families. A city tour, lunch, and a closing ceremony marked the culmination of the conference, with participants departing with newfound knowledge and connections.

The CALTEGRA Conference proved to be a resounding success, epitomizing the spirit of collaboration and shared commitment to the principles of European integration.

The **Municipality of Victoria (Primăria comunei Victoria)**, in collaboration with its European partners, has set a commendable precedent for future initiatives aimed at fostering cultural understanding, inclusion, and a harmonious European community.

