

<b>Project title</b>	<b>Comuni senza frontiere - CSF</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation</b>
<b>Call for proposal</b>	<b>Europe for Citizens Strand 2 - Town Twinning deadline Feb. 3rd, 2020</b>
<b>Project objectives</b>	<p>Debating the future of Europe and challenging Euroscepticism</p> <p>The main aim of the project is to bring together citizens, institutions, NGOs of the partners and celebrate diversity. The partners shall showcase their cultural and social features as well as typical sport and leisure pastimes. The EU project schedules meetings with MEPs and local authorities on the future of Europe from the standpoint of the power of sport and team work to facilitate dialogue, the art of negotiation and compromise, and peaceful thinking against the backdrop of a multicultural Union.</p> <p>Beside joining the meeting, the partner cities are expected to implement preparatory actions as well as a follow up, meaning that before and after the meeting they shall engage with the citizens, communicate and disseminate about the project goals, hold preparatory meetings, ensure sustainability.</p> <p>The partners shall pledge their commitment to sustain the project in the long run. Granze plans to develop a network of partner towns ensuring the sustainability of the actions carried out in this first town meeting to be followed by others. The partners are expected to give availability to replicate the CSF project in their own towns .</p> <p>Main project activities are: workshops, concerts, community dinners, European games and sport activities, parade, etc.</p> <p>Target groups: adults between 18 and 40. This project applies a equal opportunity policy. Disadvantaged groups are welcome to join.</p> <p>Total number of invited participants ranging from 86 to 100</p> <p>Local partners sponsoring this project are: Province of Padova, Granze Parish Community, AVIS, Proloco, Sport clubs, civil protection, Cities of Lozzo, Solesino, Barbona, Vighizzolo, Villa Estense, Sant'Urbano, Vò, Stanghella.</p> <p>The meeting of citizens is expected to take place from 3 to 7 September 2020 (travel days included).</p>

<p><b>Information about lead partner</b></p> <p><b>City of Granze, Italy</b></p>	<p>A small city populated by 2,000 people, Granze lies south-west of Padova, in the Veneto Region. According to the datation of ancient artefacts, presently displayed at the Etnographic Museum, the city has been populated since the Roman times. Like other territories devoted to agriculture, this area was dominated by two Venetian families which left a significant architecture and historical heritage. The recently elected city council of Granze is keen on developing projects with partners from the EU that share a wish for widening their horizons beyond their social and economic environment. In the framework of the European programme, the elementary school of Granze has recently joined the Christmas decoration scheme promoted by the Europe Direct network. The Mayor has contacted several nearby cities and submitted the idea to join forces and organise a European event. They agreed and shall plan an event that is based on previous common and successful experiences. They have contacted local action groups that are planning to set up a cycle of local events in the early months of 2020 paving the way to the final European meeting of European Citizens due in September 2020. The Europe for Citizens Programme was identified as the ideal framework for this project idea and as a source for funding. Granze European development programme is endorsed by the Province of Padova that provides counselling and support.</p>
<p><b>Searched partners</b></p>	<p>Cities, twinning committees or non-profit organisations representing local authorities are welcome to submit their expression of interest as well as suggestions as to the activities that they may carry out both separately in the p</p> <p>The lead partners want to ensure CSF sustainability and, to fulfil this particular requirement that is shared by all EU programmes, they shall prioritize cities that are willing either to replicate the project in their own territory, or invite Granze to join other EU projects. This is done with the intent to capitalize on CSF and give the population of the cities a chance to keep connected.</p>
<p><b>Financial aspects</b></p>	<p>The grant for projects about 86/100 invited participants amounts to a lump sum of € 14,615.00.</p> <p>Due to the co-financing principle, partners are invited to use own resources other than the EU funding.</p> <p><u>The City of Granze require that invited participants from the partner cities pay with own resources only for their travels.</u></p> <p>Remaining costs shall be borne by the lead partner.</p>
<p><b>Deadline</b></p>	<p>December 10th, 2019</p>
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