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**Town Twinning as a Channel of European Solidarity**

**8th November- 12th November 2018 in DAUGAVPILS, Latvia**

**08.11.2018. Arrival of participants,** **Transfer from Airport Riga 15:00**

Check-in at hotel, **Hotel ”Latgola**”,*Ģimnāzijas 46, Daugavpils*

Welcoming, **Ice-breaking dinner 19:30,** Restaurant “Plaza”,*Ģimnāzijas 46, Daugavpils*

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**09.11.2018. Kick-off day - presentation of project idea, project partners, meeting with authorities**

**Daugavpils City Council,** *K.Valdemara 1, Daugavpils, City Council Hall*

**9:00-10:00** Official opening ceremony of the project, speeches of authorities

Mayor/ 1st Deputy of Daugavpils City Council

**Daugavpils is Diversity - city presentation**, *Development department, Jolanta Reča-Lāža*

**Introduction round: brief presentation of each City (max 5 min, PowerPoint or video or speech)**

Signing of Memorandum of Collaboration between Daugavpils, Latvia and Raska, Serbia

**Daugavpils University**, *Conference Hall - 130,* *Parades 1A, Daugavpils*

**10:30 – 11:30**

**Town Twinning as a Channel of European Solidarity - project presentation**

*Jolanta Ūzuliņa, Development department, Daugavpils City Council*

**Solidarity and intercultural synergy - best practices** *(each partner 10 min)*

**Agenda of the project: project important, mass media interviews** *(with each partner)*

11:30-12:00 coffee break

**12:10-12:30 Latvia’s Centenary - the catalyst for co-operation**

*Leonarda Ķestere, Head of International Program, Latvian Centenary Office, Ministry of Culture LR*

**12:30-14:30**

**Daugavpils democratic engagement and civic participation in European context**

*Dr.psych.Aleksejs Ruža, associate professor, head of psychology programs at Daugavpils University*

**Debate on Future of Europe - how do we see it?**

**Discussion on understanding and debating Euroscepticism**

**Work Shop - The image of my city/country**

14:45-15:30 Lunch, Latgola, Restaurant “Plaza”, *Ģimnāzijas 46, Daugavpils*

15:30-16:30 Free time (optional: Daugavpils Museum – red and white ribbon braiding)

*16:30 Transfer from Hotel to Daugavpils Fortress*

17:00-19:00 Daugavpils Fortress and Daugavpils M.Rothko Art Center

**19:30 – Intercultural dinner,** Hotel “Latgola” – Lobby Bar,*Ģimnāzijas 46, Daugavpils*

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**10.11.2018. Democratic engagement and civic participation**

**9:00-18:00** Latgale region tour

The Naujene castle hill, 24 m high sightseeing tower at Daugava river, Kraslava Castle complex,

Center Latgale Culinary Heritage Centre, Basilica of the Assumption in Aglona, Aglona bread museum.

**19:30 – Festive dinner,** Restaurant “Irish Dublin Pub”, *Viestura 10, Daugavpils*

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**11.11.2018. Sharing, understanding, solidarity and intercultural synergy in Daugavpils, Latvia and Lāčplēsis day - European heritage**

**10:00-11:30** *Conference Hall Latgola / Daugavpils City Council Hall*

**Discussion on program Europe for Citizens town twinning importance**

**Free discussion “What can I do to promote my partner?”**

13:00-14:00 Lunch, Restaurant “Plaza”,*Ģimnāzijas 46, Daugavpils*

14:00-17:00 *free time*

**17:00 Taking active part in Lāčplēsis Day.** Torchlight procession

*Lāčplēsis Day is the Latvian Patriotism Day*

**19:30 Farewell dinner,** Restaurant “Plaza”,*Ģimnāzijas 46, Daugavpils* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**12.11.2018. Town twinning importance, project evaluation**

**9:30 Reflection on the benefits of the project and gaining of experience for future cooperation**

**Project evaluation** (pluses, minuses, suggestions)

**11:00** Transfer to Riga Airport *(Lunch packets to go)*

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