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First rEUnite event in Bulgaria

“Civil society and civic participation under totalitarian regimes”

We are excited to announce that the first event of the rEUnite project was finally held in Veliko Tarnovo (Bulgaria) during the 24 and 25 of June of this year 2021. The event was focused on the topic of “Civil society and civic participation under totalitarian regimes”, and 55 youngsters from different countries (Greece, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Romania, Norway and Bulgaria) participated.

This first event included different phases, taking place on 24 and 25 of June. The event started with a historical and cultural visit to the Oblast Government Hall (which during the communist time was a place of the Oblast Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party). The following activity consisted on a history rally hunt focused on discovering places linked to totalitarianism in the country. In the afternoon, a plenary debate and workshops sessions took place. On the second day of the event, international and local participants went to town of Kilifarevo and visited a Museum of socialist equipment. Afterwards, participants went to Arbanassi and visited the District Residence of the communist leader Todor Zhivkov (now a 5 star hotel) and an UNESCO heritage site – the Nativity church. During all the visits and travel, the participants had story telling sessions, based on memories from the totalitarian period.



At the end of the event, partners agreed on the fact that EU brought people to democracy and a democratic way of living and citizenship participation. Values, actions and rights such as being able to communicate, share, protest, have an opinion and express it, gather in unions and groups are now ensured by the EU.

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