Report on the Slovenian RefugeesIN multiplying event

RefugeesIn Festival and Conference, Ljubljana, November 12.th- 13.th 2018

This multiplying event was taking place over two days in Ljubljana, in one of the Kolosej mega cinema's projection halls which we were kindly offered by Kolosej, our permanent partner.

Given the topic of migrations and refugees, and current migrations promising numerous changes of which most natives are afraid. The number of participants was high (over 90). We were told that most of the times, other organisations active in the field have difficulties attracting audience, be they refugees, to such events. One can easily understand their rejecting attitude. Living a temporary life, waiting for better times to come, they are interested in surviving and much less in what surpasses it.

The event had several objectives: To inform our students, students of other universities, as well as members of other NGO's and different faculties, the general audience and the media as well as politicians about the project results while deepening the knowledge about the topic, trying to alleviate stereotypes and stigmatization of migrants and refugees.

Further, our aim was to make the interested audience understand that refugees reflected our own human situation and potentials. »It was with mixed feelings that I attended this event. But films have revealed to me that freedom is not just a present given to us! It was revealed to me how important freedom was for all of us and how fragile it may be, and that we all have to combat for it. My attitude to the topic has changed," said one of the participants in the event.

The two days were constructed in such a way that each day six films were screened. The first day was staged a round table with politicians, demographists, activists, members of the RefugeesIn team (the topic of migrations) and the second day the film crew discussed

the authenticity and the role of the documentary films as socially engaged older people's filmmaking and learning. Again, six films were screened.

The result was impressive, particularly for some professionals present who immediately offered us participation in a tripartite Alpe Adria project of theirs.

The first day Dušana Findeisen informed the audience about the main ingredients and results of the project.

The event was accompanied by an article published on EPALE. And further articles in enews.

"What would do our mother, aunt, friend? Socially engaged filmmaking in the project RefugeesIn." 'Slov. Kaj bi storile naša mama, teta, prijateljica? Družbeno angažirano filmsko ustvarjanje v projektu RefugeesIN) More: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/epale/lv/node/89356</u>)

Filmski festival in konferenca RefugeesIn spreminjata poglede? Ljubljana, 12. in 13. november 2018 More: <u>E-novice št. 4, 2018</u> (page 5)

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