



ImagE50 – Immaginare il future: percorso in otto tappe verso l'Europa del 2050

Final report

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9 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 - The EU treaties & the “White Paper on the Future of Europe”



Participation:

The event involved 159 citizens, including:

- 9 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (France),
- 6 participants from the city of Braunfels (Germany),
- 14 participants from the city of Carcaixent (Spain),
- 8 participants from the city of Eeklo (Belgium),
- 97 participants from the city of Feltre (Italy),
- 7 participants from the city of Newbury (United Kingdom),
- 9 participants from the city of Zamość (Poland).

Location / Dates:

The event took place in Feltre (Italy) from 25/10/2018 to 29/10/2018

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- The meeting was the starting point of the project. Understanding where the European Union was in 2018, and how it got there, was a key step in starting the discussion about the future. The aim was to increase citizens' knowledge about the EU, to involve them in the process of renewal of the EU itself and to give them more interest in European politics and European associations.

- The conference “*The Treaties of the European Union*” filled a void: the lack of citizens' knowledge of the four founding treaties of the European Union. A vulnus to be covered to have a path towards a common European conscience, which allows us to think, from below, of a modification of those aspects that do not work. Bringing the contents of these treaties to the attention of citizens is also the task of the Twinning Committees.

- The press conference organized on the occasion of the first conference allowed to illustrate the ImagE50 project and its aims, through the voice of the representatives

of the seven partner cities, and to tell the importance of the "Europe for Citizens" program, thanks to which the project itself was possible.

- The conference "*Direct and indirect EU funding*" covered another void: citizens' lack of knowledge of the opportunities, including economic opportunities, offered by membership of the European Union. An excursus on the various programs available to States, Regions, local authorities, associations, businesses, citizens, was essential to increase European awareness and to be able to have a greater participation of citizens in European initiatives.

- The conference "*The White Paper on the Future of Europe*" launched the thinking towards the future, starting from the proposals contained in the "White Paper". Knowledge of the five scenarios on the table at the time was a fundamental step in thinking about the future of Europe.

- During the workshop dedicated to the "White Paper on the Future of Europe", a path was launched, as Twinning Committees, to go beyond the "limit" of 2025, to look at the Europe we want for our grandchildren, to bring to the attention of Brussels and the Member States a further proposal, which starts from the bottom, which involves citizens directly in its definition phase.

- Europe is also built at the table. With the initiative "*A lunch for Europe*", and thanks to the involvement of the students of the local hotel school, it was possible to offer host families and European friends a taste of Europe.

Municipality Website link:

www.comune.feltre.bl.it/web/feltre



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Event 2 – Euroscepticism, an insidious opponent



Participation:

The event involved 196 citizens, including:

- 9 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 8 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 132 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 7 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**),
- 18 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 17 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 5 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).

Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Carcaixent (Spain)** from **06/03/2019** to **10/03/2019**

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- It is well known that euroscepticism was and still is one of the problems that the European Union must face. Convincing their citizens that to be a member of the EU is one of the best things that has happened to us in the last decades has been our goal during the meeting celebrated in Carcaixent. We did it in the following ways:

- Disseminating European policies to citizens, focusing on the program Europe with Citizens and the vast possibilities that this program offers to the twinned cities to organise any kind of activities.

- Showing to the citizens that belonging to a network of twinned cities favours the ties between their towns and reinforces the European conscience giving citizenship a lot of possibilities in terms of knowing each other's, visiting other countries, improve foreign languages and, above all, breaking stereotypes between different countries.

- Having the presence of an European parliamentarian during the first conference gave us the opportunity of offering all the participants a real idea about what the European Parliament does, and make citizens aware of the importance of the role of the EU and its institutions in the well-being of citizens and encourage their participation and active and democratic involvement.

- Another important activity was the workshop called "*European Citizens' Initiative*", organised by Europe Direct, that offered the participants the possibility of making known the different organisations and agencies where they can obtain information about Europe: its laws, its institutions and its programs.

- We also dedicated a complete day to organised discussion forums and workshops where the actors were the same participants, I mean, people coming from 7 different countries offering their ideas, discussing their opinions and showing the assistants that it is possible to walk together towards a better Europe.

- We finished the day with a forum cinema with the title "*What would happen if the European Union disappeared?*" and screening the film "*El gran invento*", by director Fernando Trias de Bes, short film set in the hypothetical disappearance of the European Union after the discovery of some documents in which it is revealed that Hitler proposed the creation of a kind of European economic union. Historical introduction and subsequent debate by the Professor of Contemporary History Mr. José M. Fernández.

- We had organised a trip to Madrid, to visit both the Congress and the Senate but due to problems with the agenda, we decided to postpone the visit and organise a special trip only for this activity, but Covid appeared and we cancelled it. We will try to do this activity in future.

- The meeting in Carcaixent was also an opportunity to see for the first time the theatre show "*Sogno di una felice Europa*", written and performed by the actor Roberto Faoro. Focused on the European values but also on the differences between the European citizens.

- The last day we did the evaluation meeting with the participation of representatives of the cities, municipal authorities, representatives of political parties, associations and the media. It was important because it let us summarise all the activities done during the meeting and get conclusions about what to improve for the next meetings.

Municipality Website link:

www.carcaixent.es/va/pagina/general/associacio-municipal-dagermanament-carcaixent





Event 3 – Brexit: the price of a divorce



Participation:

The event involved 183 citizens, including:

- 6 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 7 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 32 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 6 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**),
- 6 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 119 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 7 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).

Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Newbury (United Kingdom)** from **11/07/2019** to **15/07/2019**

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- To hold a conference on the theme of “*Brexit; the price of divorce*”, to educate participants of the results to date of the UK’s decision to leave the EU, and the probable consequences going forward. Speakers included the local member of Parliament, a Member of the European Parliament, a prominent agricultural expert and an international sculptor, talking about the impact of Brexit on agriculture and the arts.
- To hold a subsequent workshop to consider the consequences, good and bad and what the EU could do to avoid further countries from considering leaving the EU.
- A production of the Italian show “*Sogno di una felice Europa*” was put on for all participants. The show examines European values, analysing the stereotypes and differences between the people of the European States – with reference to those involved in the project – illustrating how these same differences are a benefit and strength for the European Union. The dialogue in the play between the pro-European and the Eurosceptic has made it possible to highlight the distortions of both positions when they take on extremist attitudes. The final monologue was intended to recall that only a greater union of the people and states of Europe is the way forward to continue to guarantee a future for all of us.
- A further talk on Brexit by two prominent anti-Brexit campaigners, with an opportunity for participants to answer questions.
- The official twinning of Carcaixent in Spain with Newbury. It was important to show that the UK leaving the EU was not the end of the Twinning activities between Newbury and the towns in Europe that have been part of a rich history of European integration, since the 1960s.

Municipality Website link:

www.newbury.gov.uk





Event 4 – The influence of Euroscepticism on the twin town movement

Participation:

The event involved 129 citizens, including:

- 5 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 92 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 6 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 6 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**),
- 5 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 7 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 8 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).



Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Braunfels (Germany)** from **22/08/2019** to **26/08/2019**

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- Friday was dedicated to an excursion to Frankfurt with a visit to the European Central Bank (ECB). There, the participants were informed about the construction of the new ECB building at Frankfurt's Osthafen. In a comprehensive lecture, the participants were given an overview of the ECB's main tasks by an ECB staff member, with particular emphasis on its decision-making independence from national interests and day-to-day political developments. The main objectives of the ECB's activities are monetary stability in the euro zone and price stability, considering the inflation rate. Ideally, this should not be below 2% or above 2.5%.

- The group had an opportunity for questions and discussion with the speaker following the presentation.

- The day was rounded off with an opportunity to explore the internationally oriented economic and banking metropolis of Frankfurt am Main.

- Saturday the project group dealt with the evaluation of the results of the meetings 1-3 and the feedback of the participants. In a workshop lasting several hours, the evaluation of an internet-based survey was presented, in which the participants of the first three meetings had given their impressions and evaluations. This evaluation was explained in detail and then discussed in the group. It can be seen that the objectives of the first three meetings of the ImagE50 project were achieved to a very high degree from the point of view of the participants. The interviewees confirm that they were able to contribute their views and knowledge to the respective topics and were also confronted with divergent views of other participants, which were discussed objectively. The organisation of the meetings in the respective weighting of lectures and information by experts, workshops, group work and discussions by the project participants and discussions within the group or in the host families about what was heard and worked on was largely rated as correct and good. There was only a slight need for follow-up. The detailed results of the survey can be found in Annex 2.

- A second workshop dealt with the upcoming meetings 5-8 of the project, which could now be planned more concretely considering the findings from the survey results. Furthermore, the importance of establishing and maintaining town-twinning partnerships for the process of European unification and the development of the EU so far was discussed, as well as how these partnerships can contribute to the process of change that lies ahead in the future to overcome the current Euroscepticism and rising nationalism.

- Sunday there was free time to exchange ideas with the host families and explore the historic old town of Braunfels. A visit to the simultaneously held Medieval Festival gave the participants an impression of how people in Europe had lived together at that time.

- In the afternoon, the play "*Sogno di una felice Europa*", written and acted by Roberto Faoro, was performed in front of numerous visitors. It showed in a partly serious and partly very humorous way the clichés and stereotypes that exist about the citizens of each nation. But despite this, the dream of an even more united Europe is expressed, which in the future could perhaps even lead to the United States of Europe. The performer was accompanied by the accomplished musician Piero Bolzan.

- In the evening, the participants and their hosts celebrated the last evening together of this meeting in convivial company.

Municipality Website link:

www.braunfels.de





Event 5 - How to bring the EU closer to citizens

Participation:

The event involved 143 citizens, including:

- 96 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 8 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 11 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 5 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**),
- 7 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 9 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 7 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).



Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Bagnols-Sur-Cèze (France)** from **05/05/2022** to **09/05/2022**

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- The 5th stage of ImagE50 aims to express the link between the European Union and its citizens. We have chosen to orient our remarks from cultural achievements as well as the digital approach. EU grants have enhanced our treasures.

- Friday we visit Nîmes to discover the Musée de la Romanité (project co-financed by the European regional development fund). Located opposite the Roman arenas of Nîmes, the contemporary style of the museum, signed by the architect Elizabeth de Portzamparc, offers a beautiful visual contrast. The Musée de la Romanité is a new generation interactive museum, whose collections are highlighted by multimedia devices.

- We took advantage of our visit to Nîmes to visit our friends at the Maison de l'Europe - Europe Direct, where the delegations from the twin towns and those accompanying them were able to talk with young Europeans from the European Solidarity Corps.

- Saturday we organize the European Café on the theme "*Europe close to the citizens*": an interactive conference, hosted by the Maison de l'Europe, "*the European Union in our everyday life*". We then discussed the contribution of the European Union to development, a long-term vision for rural areas: towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous EU rural areas. We wanted to demonstrate that the European Union is present everywhere to support projects and allow all countries to access technology at the service of people; a fair and competitive economy, an open, democratic and sustainable society.

- On the initiative of the Twinning Committee, in collaboration with the Municipality and the Maison de l'Europe of Nîmes, the inauguration of the Kiosk Europe at the Media Library of Bagnols-sur-Cèze took place during these thematic meetings, in the framework of the "Joli mois de l'Europe".

- In the afternoon, we celebrated Europe with games for children and a flash mob to which the population was invited.

- All the participants in the exchanges were sensitive to the programming of the play produced by an Italian author "Sogno de una Felice Europa". A retrospective of the creation of the European Union, some sketches presenting in a humorous way how everyone sees their European partners and yet a union is made in Peace by taking advantage of the faults and qualities of each. This live performance allowed a real osmosis and proved, once again, that the language barrier is not an obstacle to understanding.

- In conclusion, we had to wait two years before resuming the course of our thematic project **ImagE50**, given the Covid 19 pandemic. While we were happily preparing the meetings in May, in February 2022, a heavy cloud has darkened the blue of the European flag. After the deafening detonations, the cries for help of the Ukrainian people were heard all over Europe and particularly in our twin cities.

More than ever, we owe it to ourselves to honour Europe, to celebrate it modestly but with dignity. We had to ensure these fraternal meetings, signs of peace. Host families have supported our program and played an important part in its success. Without them, nothing would be possible.

Municipality Website link:

www.bagnolssurceze.fr





Event 6 – The transfer of sovereignty to Europe

Participation:

The event involved 112 citizens, including:

- 5 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 7 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 7 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 74 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**),
- 5 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 6 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 8 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).



Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Eeklo (Belgium)** from **16/06/2022** to **20/06/2022**

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- To discuss which tasks we should give to the European Union but also to learn more about how the policies and measures can look like at different levels of government (EU, national, regional, local level). We took the case of two policy fields 1) energy and climate and 2) health care. The first field is by far a global theme and one with a lot of European laws and measures (climate and energy packets, Fitfor55, ...). The second relates to a policy field which is typically not the core business of the European Union, but after the corona period a lot of questions can be asked about which government level should have more competences to come to better and more efficient policy measures.

- For the completeness of the report, initially the meeting was planned on the 4th – 8th of March 2020. We had to cancel this event one week before the meeting because of

the upcoming problems of the corona-virus. We could only keep one activity of the full programme, albeit with a much smaller group. On the fifth of March 2020, we invited Professor dr. Steven Van Hecke of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL – Catholic University of Louvain) to give a lecture about the transfer of sovereignty to the European Union. This was organised in cooperation with teachers of a secondary school in Eeklo. Two class groups could participate. Professor Van Hecke focused on “why the European Union exists?”, the different crises of the last years and what about the future of the European Union. Some 50 participants, which are not counted in the overview above.

- A documentation map was made with a general introduction to the topic of transfer of power to the EU and second with the report of the conference on the future of the EU (in different languages), which was published on the 9th of May 2022, and third some other relevant documents and reports as for example the Tindemans report (1976) about “European Union” as a way to bring the current debate more in a historical perspective about thinking about the future of European cooperation.

- Thursday a workshop was organised in cooperation with the town administration of Eeklo and Ecopower, a cooperative energy company. The civil servant explained here work about the European pilot project “Power Up” ([Power Up \(socialenergyplayers.eu\)](https://socialenergyplayers.eu)) and the representative of ecopower explained more about European energy policy, the case of decentralised renewable energy (of which a lot of wind turbines in Eeklo) and the participation model (energy communities). The goal of this workshop was to show that even big policies which are of a global and a European nature also need local policies. So the European policies exist of a framework, making laws and give support but the solutions to the problems need to come from the local level.

- Friday a visit was made to Brussels, with a guided tour in the city centre of Brussels.

- Saturday a visit was made to the AZ Alma hospital, located in Eeklo. Cindy Franssen, Member of the European Parliament gave an introductory lecture about the health care policies in Europe and her work in the committee on the covid-19 pandemic. Afterwards the CEO of AZ Alma presented the working of the hospital and also gave his thoughts about the future of a hospital and how more and more networks between hospitals are needed to give the right treatment to patients. Networking is not only important in Belgium but also more and more on a European scale and also internationally. Another important issue which was raised by the CEO is that of the necessity of innovation but also the worries about the cost of innovation. European support could be welcome to keep the pace in the innovation rate. The purpose of this visit was to get an insight about the thinking in a policy field where the European Union has not so many powers as regard to economic policy fields for example.

- In the afternoon the local tourist and heritage organisation (KVVV Eeklo) played a theatre play about the legend of Eeklo. Some foreign participants were knighted in the local “Orde van de Eekloschen Herbakker”. This activity gives a taste of local cultural traditions, which enriches Europe.

- Sunday the participants were in the morning officially welcomed by the town council of Eeklo. The mayor and the deputy mayor responsible for twinning gave a speech. A signpost which signs towards all the twin cities was officially inaugurated. The European anthem “Ode an die Freude” was also added to the music playlist of the bells of the belfry of Eeklo. The first play of the song happened in the presence of all the delegations of all the countries. Afterwards a beer tasting was organised, with 2 beers brewed by young brewers living in Eeklo. The beers are called by names who refer to the legend of Eeklo.

- A production of the Italian show “Sogno di una felice Europa” was put on for all participants. For this show we could cooperate with a secondary school of Eeklo, to make use of their theatre room. The show examines European values, analysing the stereotypes and differences between the people of the European States - with particular reference to those involved in the project – illustrating how these same differences are a benefit and strength for the European Union. The dialogue in the play between the pro-European and the Eurosceptic has made it possible to highlight the distortions of both positions when they take on extremist attitudes. The final monologue was intended to recall that only a greater union of the people and states of Europe is the way forward in order to continue to guarantee a future for all of us.

Municipality Website link:

www.eeklo.be





Event 7 – The future of Europe: hopes and fears

Participation:

The event involved 106 citizens, including:

- 6 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 5 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 10 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 4 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 9 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 72 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).



Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Zamość (Poland)** from **29/06/2022** to **03/07/2022**

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- To make the participants aware of the dynamics of changes within the EU and Europe as a whole in the context of international/institutional issues as well as the attitudes within the wider public. The dominating topics included war in Ukraine and its impact on the EU, the consequences of Brexit and the social, economic and psychological impact of Covid pandemic. The questions of further European integration and solving the environmental problems in the foreseeable future were also an important part of the agenda.

- A lower than planned number of foreign participants resulted mainly from their fears concerning their personal safety and possible transportation problems as the town of Zamość is located only c. 50 kilometres from the Ukrainian border and is on one of the major routes Ukrainian refugees took after escaping from their country. The pandemic situation was also rather discouraging as most of the refugees had never been vaccinated against Covid.

- Thursday was the arrival day for the foreign participants who were welcomed by the Zamość twinning group members at the Zamość Tourist Information Centre and were introduced to their host families.

- Friday was the day of the conference entitled “Future of the EU – hopes and fears”, with the participation of the Zamość twinning group members, foreign twinning groups’ delegations, representatives of the municipal and regional authorities as well as citizens of Ukraine (altogether over 40 persons). The participants were addressed by the Mayor of Zamość Andrzej Wnuk and the head of the regional authority (starosta Stanislaw Grzesko) who stressed the importance of citizens’ contact for strengthening European links and talked about the significance of Poland’s EU membership at the local level. As the participants agreed that the war in Ukraine was most likely to have a huge impact on the future of Europe, the following speeches, presentations and discussions centred on the reactions of EU governments and citizens to the Russian aggression as well as the situation of Ukrainian civilians. Among the speakers there were Ukrainian refugees staying in Zamość as well as representatives of local authorities from the Ukrainian region of Lutsk that the Zamość twinning group cooperates with.

- Saturday the participants visited three places in the Zamość area (a sanatorium, and two care centres) which offered shelter to Ukrainian refugees many of whom were disabled children. The members of the Zamość group had been helping the places in kind and financially also due to the generosity of the inhabitants of the twinned cities.

- The participants talked to the staff members and the refugees to find out what organisational, financial and psychological issues they all had to deal with. They discovered the size of spontaneous help offered by the people of the region to Ukrainian refugees and had a chance to have a closer, more personal look at the political and humanitarian crisis caused by the war.

- In the afternoon they met a few members of a local re-enactment group who are actively involved in the aid activities and were able to witness their everyday work and hear their reports about aid transports to the war- affected part of Ukraine.

- Sunday the participants visited the regional capital of Lublin where they were first introduced to some historical and cultural issues by a tourist guide.

- Next, the group visited a local university (Vincent Pol University in Lublin) where they heard a lecture by the head of the university on the university's work with a multinational student community, its links to EU institutions and use of external; funding to expand the university's work. The next speaker was the spokesman of the regional government office who talked about the region's cooperation with EU institutions and the issues facing the local government as a result of the war in Ukraine. Another speaker, a lecturer at the university, focused in his speech on the university's foreign links including the EU's Erasmus programme. The final speaker represented the local Europe Direct office who talked about the office's work promoting knowledge about the EU as well as its links with the local authorities and their activities.

- In the evening the participants and host families met for a farewell picnic at the premises of a care centre run by the Step by Step Foundation for Help to Disabled Children. The special guests were five Ukrainian refugee families who were staying at the centre which gave the participants an opportunity to see what their everyday life was like and to hear directly from the refugees about their experiences and hopes.

Municipality Website link:
www.smpz.zamosc.pl





Event 8 – ImagE50, a new hope: towards the Europe of 2050

Participation:

The event involved 105 citizens, including:

- 6 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 5 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 8 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 4 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**),
- 69 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 6 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 7 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).

Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Feltre (Italy)** from **25/08/2022** to **29/08/2022**

Short description

The aim of the event was:

- “The challenge is to guarantee in another format the great achievements of the European nation state, beyond the same national borders. Guaranteed should be the material conditions of existence, the possibilities of education and leisure, the wide margins of social mobility that make individual autonomy a primary good and make democratic participation possible”. Demonstrate how the Federation of European States is the best possible solution.

- The conference “*ImagE50 – A new hope*” allowed to deepen, thanks to international guests, some aspects of close relevance related to the future of Europe.



On one hand, the question of democracy in the days of social media, the influence that they can have – and have already had in the past – for example in electoral competitions. On the other hand, the war that inflames the doors of the European Union, following the invasion of Ukraine, and consequently the relations that the EU itself can have with the other powers of the Eurasian chessboard.

- The inauguration of the headquarters of the Municipal Committee for the Twinning of Feltre was a moment of rethinking on over sixty years of friendship and brotherhood relations between the citizens of the twin cities, and of reflection on the future of the same twinings. The seat of the Committee is the Feltre home of all Europeans, of all twinned citizens.

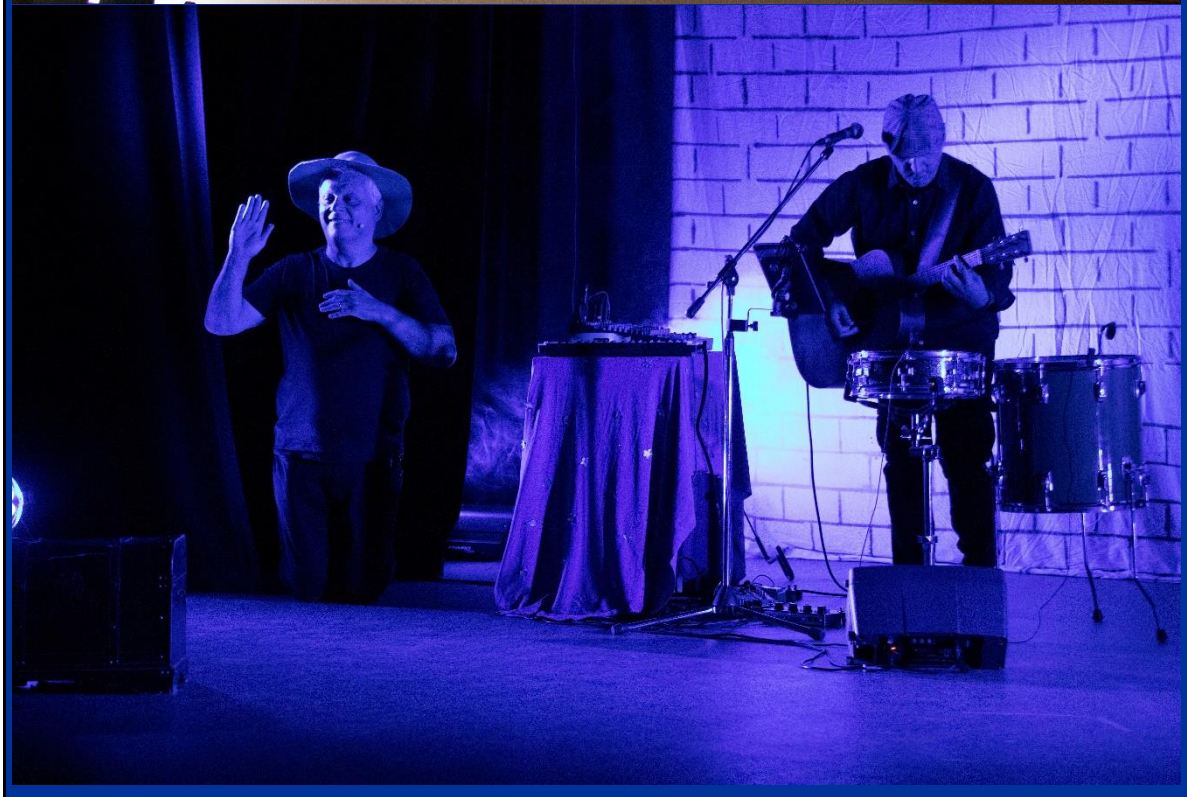
- Theatre, like all arts, has no boundaries and unites. With the show “Sogno di una felice Europa” they were brought into European values. By analysing, also in a cabaret key, the stereotypes and differences between the people of the European States – with particular reference to those involved in the project – we wanted to show how these same differences are an added value for the European Union. They are our real strength as citizens. The dialogue between the pro-European and the Eurosceptic has made it possible to highlight the distortions of both positions when they take on extremist attitudes. The final monologue was intended to recall that only a greater union of the people and states of Europe is the way forward in order to continue to guarantee a future for all of us.

- The final workshop allowed us to draw the conclusions of the path carried out during the project. According to the twin cities involved in ImagE50, the Federation of European States is, among the possible options, the preferable one to guarantee a future for Europe and the European States. But the time to get to it is not yet ripe, both at the level of public opinion and at the level of national parliaments and institutions. The path started by the project outlines the path that must be travelled, all together, to arrive by 2050 – the date indicated by the project as the centenary of the “Schuman Declaration” – to achieve this goal.

- The European Union has produced, for its members, over 70 years of peace, after thirty years of almost continuous war that has inflamed the continent – but neither the war in the former Yugoslavia nor the current invasion of Ukraine should be silenced, remembering that peace was only within the borders of the EU itself. To better appreciate the peace that we are experiencing today, and that we must bequeath to our grandchildren, an educational path was faced in the cemeteries of the First World War, located close to what was a wide front of battles. May the ashes of the past be the foundations of tomorrow.

Municipality Website link:

www.comune.feltre.bl.it/web/feltre





Event 9 – Final evaluation

Participation:

The event involved 29 citizens, including:

- 2 participants from the city of Bagnols-sur-Cèze (**France**),
- 6 participants from the city of Braunfels (**Germany**),
- 5 participants from the city of Carcaixent (**Spain**),
- 4 participants from the city of Eeklo (**Belgium**),
- 5 participants from the city of Feltre (**Italy**),
- 2 participants from the city of Newbury (**United Kingdom**),
- 5 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).



Location / Dates:

The event took place in **Brussels (Belgium)** from **08/09/2022** to **11/09/2022**

Short description:

The aim of the event was:

- The visit to the European Parliament has allowed the citizens of the twin cities to know in more depth, and from within, the functioning of the European institutions, too often perceived, erroneously, as distant.
- The visit to the Parlamentarium allowed, in particular the youngest, to discover, or rediscover, the history of the European Union, to learn the results achieved and the opportunities offered.
- During the final meeting were presented: the first conclusions of the project, the results achieved during ImagE50, the opinions collected among the citizens of the twin cities who participated in the events. The young winners of the painting competition “A flag for Europe” and writing competition “The Europe of tomorrow” were also awarded.



