

RENOVATION

The project “RENOVATION” has a strong cross border focus, having culture in its core. The cross-border area is characterised by a rich cultural heritage that the project uses as a tool to address common challenges, such as demographic change, economic pressures due to globalisation, etc.

Cultural centers are the "heart" of cultural activities in the small towns of the cross-border area, as they are extremely linked to local life. That is why the main objective of this project is to improve the cultural infrastructure in the Municipality of Hadzhidimovo in Bulgaria and Lagada in Greece with the aim of exploit them for the preservation, protection, promotion and development of cultural heritage in the common cross-border area.

Additionally, to further promote cooperation in the cross-border area, the deliverables of the project include the organisation of three Cultural Events. The first event took place in the Thessaloniki Concert Hall, first viewed at 25th of November 2021. The second event took place in Hadzhidimovo, Bulgaria, on Saturday 27 of May 2023.

The expected result of this project is to build capacity in the fields of cultural heritage management towards the promotion and enchantment of the cultural assets with main focus on the economic development in the cross-border regions of Greece and Bulgaria.



1st Cultural Festival
“Together we build cross-border culture”
Saturday 27th of May 2023
Community center “Yane Sandanski-1928”
Hadzhidimovo



Partnership



Lead Beneficiary
Community Center
“Yane Sandanski -1928”



Municipality of Lagadas



Thessaloniki Concert Hall

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2nd Cultural Festival
“Together we build cross-border culture”

Saturday 1st of July 2023
Sohos,
Municipality of Lagadas



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Performances from Greece

Folk dance group of "Mygdonia"

Began its action in 1990, from a company of friends, scientists and students, who wanted to keep tradition alive.

A special part of "Mygdonia" comprise the folk dance groups which have existed since 1990, focusing mainly on folk tradition. "Mygdonia" consists of five levels which depend on the age of the dancers from 5 year-old children to adults. "Mygdonia" took part in the international competitive festival in Dijon, France, one of the biggest festivals in Europe where it won the first prize among 14 groups.

Cultural Group of Sohoh

A newly formed dance group, with just one year of operation, has managed to enumerate about 70 members. The Cultural Group of Sohoh has as a driving force the preservation of local customs, the passion for tradition and the love for the local history.

Cultural Center "Agios Georgios", Sochos

The dance group of the cultural center was founded in 2014. It consists of 4 groups, those of adults, adolescent, pre-adolescent and children. The dance group participates in children's festivals, local cultural events and has a significant charity activity in the area.

Association of Sohoh "Agios Christoforos"

A group of young people in their majority, who came together with a common vision of searching, recording and preserving the traditions of our country. "We serve our idea both with our dance and cultural group, as well as with the voluntary actions we participate in. our group began its activity in 2011".

Union of Pontians, Lagadas

It was founded in 1976 as the oldest association with the aim of rescuing, preserving and safeguarding the cultural heritage of Pontian Hellenism and transmitting the customs and traditions of the three-thousand-year tradition of the Pontians and counts 243 members. The Union maintains three dance groups (small, large, performances), a "daouli" learning department and a Pontian lyre learning department.

Agenda

18:00 – 18:30	Participant's Arrival
18:30–18:50	Welcome Speeches
18:50-19:05	Traditional Dances of Macedonia - Cultural Group of Sohoh
19:05-19:20	Ensemble for folklore songs and dances "Yane Sandanski-1928", Hadzhidimovo
19:20-19:35	Traditional Pontian Dances - Union of Pontians, Lagadas
19:35-19:50	Men's group for authentic folklore "Prosveta-1940", Ablanitsa
19:50-20:05	Traditional Local Dances - Dance group of Agios George
20:05-20:20	Ensemble for folklore songs and dances, "Vazrazhdane-1927", Koprivlen
20:20-20:30	Local Traditional Dances - Dance Group of Saint Christopher, Sohoh
20:30-20:45	Traditional Dances from Thrace - Folk Dance Group of Migdonia, Lagadas
20:45-21:30	Break and move to "Community Cultural Center of Sohoh"
21:30-22:45	Music performance "From Black Sea to all over the world: A tribute to Kostas Varnalis' poems set to music", Municipality of Lagadas
22:45	End of event

Music performance «From Black Sea to all over the world: A tribute to Kostas Varnalis' poems set to music».

Instrumental performance, narrators and singers in an attempt of bringing the significant work of the great writer and poet Kostas Varnalis, back to life.



Performances from Bulgaria

Community center "Yane Sandanski-1928"

Ensemble for folklore music and dances Community center "Yane Sandanski-1928", town of Hadjidimovo, municipality of Hadjidimovo. For more than 60 years, it has delighted the fans of Bulgarian folklore with its performances at festivals in the country and abroad. The community center has won many honors and awards and has released 4 music discs and several films on the Bulgarian National TV, related to its long history.

Men's singing group, Ablanitsa village

Men's signing group from Albanitsa Village, Hadjidimovo municipality was formed in 1962. It is the group with the longest music history of its musicians. The director - Said Chakarov, is an 84-year-old man – making folklore, and his conscious life is connected with developing the folklore group of Ablanitsa. The group has released a disc with songs that have been awarded not only in the country, but also abroad due to its uniqueness and the simultaneous singing on high voice and playing local music instruments.

Folklore group of the community center at "Vazrazhdane 1927"

Founded in the distant 1947, for more than seven decades the folklore group of the community center at "Vazrazhdane 1927" PN, Koprivlen village, Hadjidimovo municipality has been delighting its local and national audience. Its cultural calendar includes hundreds of participations at municipal, district, republican festivals in the country and abroad.