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Project Fact Sheet

Workshop 7

“Civic Participation in the Public Sphere: What Do Inter-generational and Local Projects Contribute?”

	Section	Indications of content
1	Title of project	Impulse – Inter-Generational Development To Promoting Social Perspectives In Niederlausitz
2	Location (City/Country)	Region “Niederlausitz”, Germany
3	Main topics (select 5 max)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combatting right-wing extremism • Development of future perspectives • Networking between the generations • Change of violence-supporting regional structures
4	Practice-related keywords (5 max)	Regional elites develop particular projects and have the opportunity to test them in practice, juveniles experience practically participation in the regional policy
5	Brief description of project (150 words)	“Impulse – Inter-Generational Development To Promoting Social Perspectives In Niederlausitz” aims to strengthen personal and regional identity, professional skills as well as the willingness to act democratically. Therefore, civil society and communal players combine their competences in networks to plan future projects by incorporating different generations. Especially young people thereby have the chance to experience participation and tolerance as a preventive counterdraft to extremist ideologies. The project acts in the south east of the German federal state of Brandenburg and is financed by the European Social Fund and The Federal Agency for Civic Education.
6	Objectives of project	To find ways and methods to change violence-supporting regional structures, civil-society finds ways to form the political environment.
7	Impact of the project on education and social cohesion (250 words)	As a project of participation and individual responsibility the participants are in a system of “self-education” (Th. Litt). The organisation crew should only support and moderate the process, strengthen the movement and evaluate the process on line.
8	Target groups	Regional elites of civil-society, juveniles, business
9	Project methods/ Project format	Regional-Project
10	Project Time scale	3 years
11	Project Initiator	German Federal Agency for Civic Education, Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin), Institute for Education in the “Information-Society”, ESF-Programme “Xenos”
12	Resources involved (financial, human, others)	Approximately 320.000 € per year, 5 persons management

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