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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

We, the undersigned, the leaders of the partner organizations of the project entitled '*Solidarity – key to solving social problems and supporting the evolution of Europe in future*' (acronym: *KEYtoEU*), a project implemented with the participation of nine countries in the framework of the Europe for Citizens/Network of Towns Program in the period 2020-2022 (No. 621894-CITIZ -1-2020-1-DE-CITIZ-NT) make the following statement as a summary of the results.

The European Union and the continent as a whole must face many issues in the present and in the foreseeable future, which require the cooperation of the European peoples to overcome the difficulties. The work carried out in the framework of the project, which focused on examining how solidarity helps to overcome social problems, gave us the opportunity to get to know each other's opinions and practices at the level of the partner communities, and the personal meetings provided an opportunity to inform and influence the communities in order to rethink the possibilities of Europe's future development in a spirit of solidarity.

The concrete experiences and good practices of the partner communities provided a way to gain insight into real problems in a number of topics. For example, the issue of the integration of social groups of various types of minorities, including historically existing groups, as well as the situation of new migration groups, was of particular importance. Knowing and taking into account the opinions of young people, including those of school age, is of particular importance, and we treated them as such, trusting that learning about the ideology of solidarity will help them form a positive vision of the future. But this requires much more information about Europe and its benefits especially for young people. Many of them don't see that their future has to do with Europe. This project helped to partly change the view on this matter.

Among the partners who came from different areas of Europe – mainly Central and Eastern Europe and the countries of the Mediterranean region were represented – there was complete harmony regarding the need for social development based on solidarity. With the documents to be published at the end of the project, we would like to present our common opinion, which was also expressed in the title of our project: *The Europe of the future cannot live without the certainty of mutual and multifaceted solidarity in dealing with social and many other issues.*

Signed on 9 July 2022

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