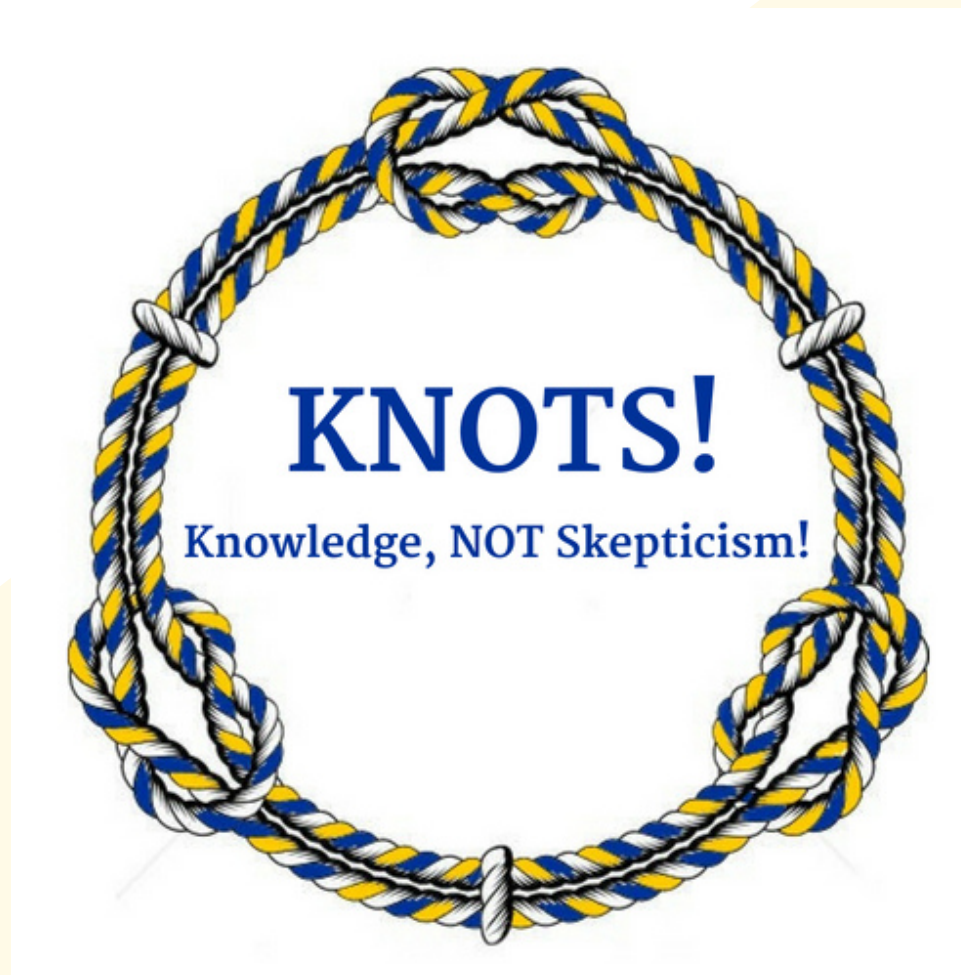


# **K N O W L E D G E , N O T S K E P T I S I S M !**

P R O J E C T P R E S E N T A T I O N





# KNOTS! IT IS A NETWORK OF TOWNS PROJECT

Within the Europe for Programme



Europe  
for Citizens

**KNOTS! INVOLVES  
21 PARTNERS FROM  
16 EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES**

**WITH A VIEW TO  
STIMULATE THE  
MEETING AND THE  
EXCHANGE OF POINTS  
OF VIEW BETWEEN THE  
CITIZENS OF EUROPE**



## MAIN THEMES

- Functioning, history and values of the European Union
  - Analysis of the phenomenon of Euroscepticism
  - Analysis of the main international crises
  - Media literacy and contrast to propaganda
  - Counter-narratives for a more united Europe
  - Collection of recommendations for the Future of Europe
- EU2030



Launch of the Project  
(August 2018)



Collection of  
opinions and  
recommendations

Closure meeting

## T I M E L I N E

The project includes 6 International Workshops

## **A I M S**

- Create resilience to international crises and propaganda in local communities
- Reinforce the debate on euroscepticism
- Spreading the correct use of news among European citizens
- Stimulate the debate on issues of European relevance and promote the participation of European citizens
- Collect a catalog of recommendations for EU 2030

## E U R O S C E P T I C I S M

KNOTS! wants to deepen the knowledge of the institutions and policies of the EU, to allow citizens to understand the results and benefits of the EU, as well as the cost of not being part it.

Citizens' direct participation in the debate aims to create a new, forward-looking, constructive, citizen-oriented narrative for Europe that gives voice to individual citizens to create a more democratic Union, with a strong sense of belonging to the European project and overcoming the feeling of top down imposition created by a poor and incorrect communication and an altered use of news.

## MEDIA LITERACY

Digital literacy is about the ability to use new media and therefore the opportunity to participate actively and personally in the democratic society. This possibility, offered by new social media, is increasingly eroded by the growth of fake news, often used for propaganda purposes.

Fake News and the manipulation of the news prevent the citizen from having a correct view of the current state of things, convey polarized ideas and prevent democratic debate.

It is therefore essential that critical thought, the collection and comparison of sources, the capacity for dialectical dialogue are stimulated.

Only in this way the citizen can make the most of the power of new media and be the protagonist of democratic life, through tools of resilience and understanding of the main issues concerning the life of the European Union (economic crisis, migrants, European policies).



## **A N A L Y S I S   O F   R E L E V A N T   T H E M E S A T   E U R O P E A N   L E V E L**

Economic development, enlargement of member states, European federalism, migrants' crisis are issues relevant to all European countries.

KNOTS! create two groups of "Expert Partners":

Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Greece, Malta and Germany will bring their experience and their knowledge of the phenomenon of migratory and economic crises into the project.

Hungary, Czech Republic, Croatia, Romania, Poland, Cyprus, Latvia, Montenegro and Serbia will bring their experience and knowledge of the phenomenon of nationalist and anti-European propaganda.

This will allow the exchange of points of view, the acquisition of new knowledge and the dialectical dialogue between the different positions of the Member States.

## SHARE!

Citizens of the partner municipalities are invited to participate in the discussions and share their opinions on:

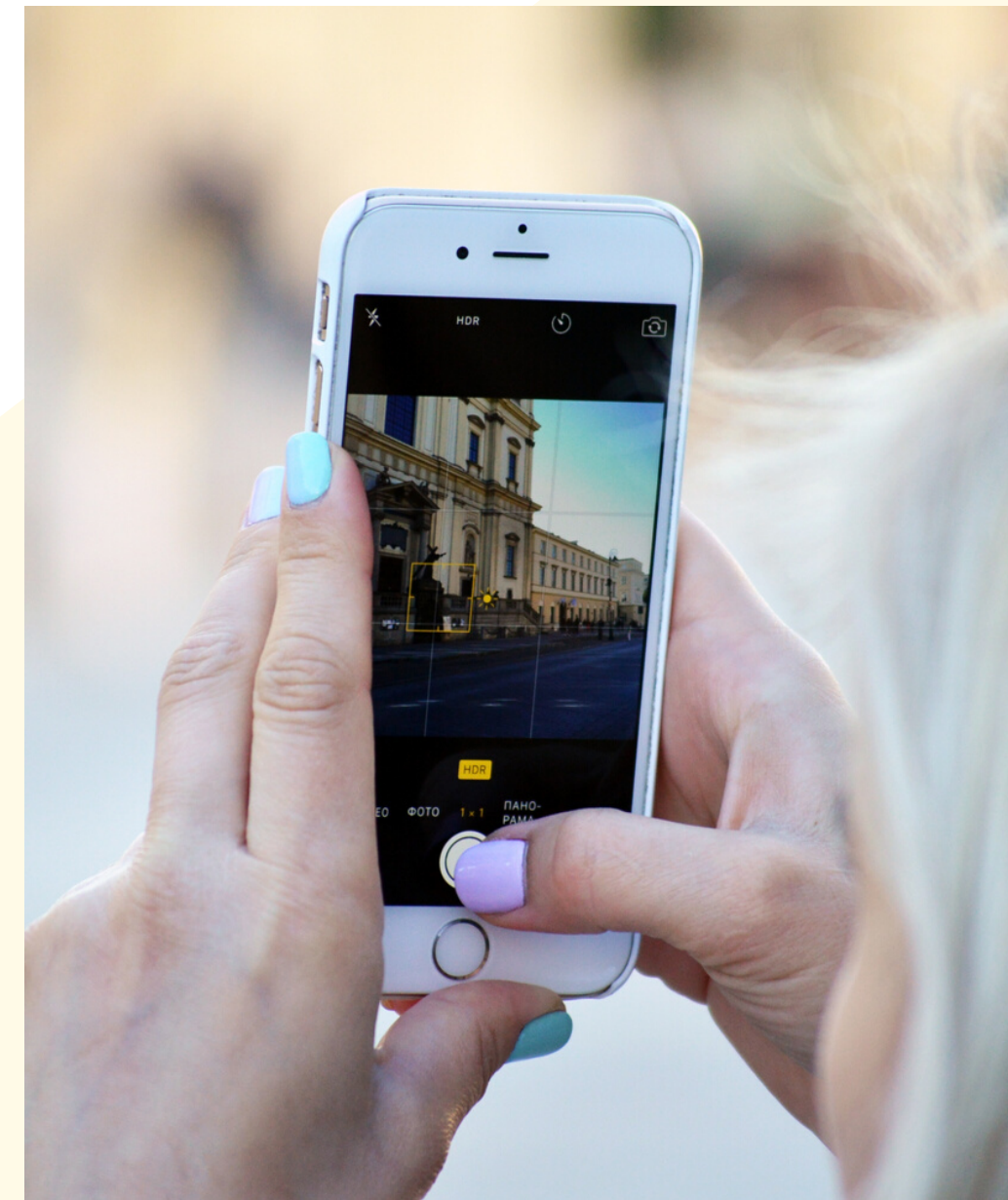
- European Union and Community policies
- Migrants Crisis
- Debunking and commentary on key current news.



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