

SHARING**Second international event of the SHARING project in Plœuc-L'Hermitage, France**

From 10 to 14 March 2025, the municipality of Plœuc-L'Hermitage hosted second international event of the Interreg Europe Programme 2021-2027 project "Sharing goals, actions and resources for the mutual benefit of our communities", acronym "SHARING". It brought project partners and their representatives from Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration (Romania), Municipality of Ploec-L'Hermitage (France), Public Institution for the Development of the Medimurje County REDEA (Croatia), Smiltene Municipality (Latvia), Regional Development Agency South-West Oltenia (Romania).

On the first working day, the delegation was welcomed at the Saint-Brieuc Innovation Centre, where they were briefed on the policy document "Regional Revitalisation Plan 2022-2027". Representatives from all stakeholders (Saint-Brieuc municipality, Quintin municipality, Plœuc-L'Hermitage municipality and Saint-Brieuc Bay agglomeration) participated in the presentations and informed the SHARING project stakeholders about the processes, tasks regulated and defined by the above-mentioned policy document. The importance of supporting the promotion of entrepreneurship and the replenishment of housing using existing resources was highlighted.

At the end of the day, the delegation visited the Côtes-d'Armor European Union (EU) Centre, where representatives of the EU Centre informed the audience about the Centre's duties, tasks and the importance of cooperation between EU countries. Information was also provided on the document "Saint-Brieuc-Armor Agglomeration European Policy 2024 - 2026".

The second working day started with a meeting of the project working group at L'hermitage-Lorge Town Hall. Then, the project partners and their representatives presented examples of good practices being implemented in the project partner's home country or municipality. The representative of Smiltene municipality also presented the e-services website of the neighbouring Cēsis municipality, stressing that digitisation and simplification of municipal services will increase their accessibility for citizens.

The working day ended in Dinan, where we met with representatives of the Dinan agglomeration and gained knowledge about the various political processes in the above-mentioned territory, as well as had the opportunity to observe various EU projects in various stages of implementation in the territory of the city.

The third and final day started with a reception by the Mayor of Ploelec-L'Hermitages, during which municipal staff briefed the audience on its services, tasks, projects implemented and under way. Some of them were presented to the delegation, such as Epi'Mobile, a mobile social grocery store that offers practical solutions to bring positive change to the daily lives of local communities and TartoutGo, electric cars that can be rented for a small rental fee to residents and visitors alike. The project also visited the local library, which is very popular in Brittany with both young people and seniors, and talked to library staff about how to work together to increase access to services.

The project aims to improve existing policy documents to make local authorities, partners or their target group stronger by sharing experiences, resources and tools, pooling knowledge to obtain good practices that face the same challenges, especially given the rapid development of technology and the need to adapt to the digital transformation. Smiltene municipality will focus more on new technologies that can contribute to the development of municipal and institutional processes, making them more efficient and community-friendly.

The total budget of the project is EUR 184 100, including EUR 147 280 or 80% of the programme funding. State budget grant - EUR 18 410, Smiltene Municipality co-financing - EUR 18 410.

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