LETTER OF INTENTIONS

With a goal of developing of our municipalities and districts, empowering relations with citizens from our communities, increasing their participation and making more open, tolerant and inclusive societies, we, the undersigned representatives of municipalities and districts, on behalf of institutions we represent, and gathered by the initiative of NGO Libero within TranslatEU project which is supported by Europe for Citizens programme of the European Union, acknowledge that:

- European Union and EU integration process of the Balkan countries are highly important for future development of our local communities;
- European Union represents a set of values which aim to empower local government and strengthen relation between citizens and local institutions through increased citizens participation and e-democracy;
- International cooperation contributes to the exchange of ideas and good practices, and empowers mobility of youth, thus contributes to the promotion of interculturalism and European citizenship;
- Local institutions are the closest level of governing to the citizens, and therefore have a big responsibility in bringing closer rights, duties and benefits of EU citizenship to them;
- Citizens, especially youth, are generally skeptical about benefits from living in EU/from EU integration due to lack of information;
- There is a lack of mobility and volunteering opportunities for young people in the local communities;

Therefore, we commit to the following:

- Closer and long lasting cooperation between our institutions in developing local communities through exchange of good idea and practices;
- Cooperation on mobility projects for young people which aim to promote interculturalism, European citizenship and volunteering;
- Joint actions in promoting EU citizenship to the citizens and explaining rights and duties from being a part of EU, especially with young people;
- Empowering citizens participation in the life of local communities through the means of new technologies as well as their participation in decision making;

In Belgrade,

10th of December 2017

Representative of Vračar Municipality

of the City of Belgrade

Representative of Brčko District

Representative of the City of Ljubliana

Representative of the Butel Municipality

of the City of Skopje