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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 1150 citizens, notably 970 participants from the town of Kráľová pri Senci (**Slovakia**), 45 participants from the town of Sinteu (Nová Huta) (**Romania**), 45 participants from the town of Dobré Pole (**Czech Republic**), 45 participants from the town of Vísky (**Czech Republic**), 45 participants from the town of Kisbajom (**Hungary**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Kráľová pri Senci (**Slovakia**), from 06/09/2019 to 08/09/2019

Short description:

The day of 06/09/2019 was dedicated to the past and the future. At the same time, project focused on the presentation of the host village, its surroundings, nature and traditions. The first day program had an official and unofficial part. The official part was focused on two lectures connected with the discussion. The first was devoted to the theme of the First and Second World War. The historian presented the causes and consequences of both wars on Europe and the world in the context of what has changed. The participants then discussed the topic. The second theme of the day was devoted to the future of Europe. It was about getting citizens' views on the future of the EU, about the consequences of the EP elections and what awaits us in the coming years. The unofficial part of the program introduced foreign participants to the host village and its surroundings. Here they got to know the life of the locals, their traditions. Through this activity we managed to create a friendly atmosphere and maintain it throughout the project.

The day of 07/09/2019 was dedicated to education the participants on various EU matters. The topics of the day included migration, Euroscepticism and the first EP election. The lecture on topics important to the EU was in the spirit of presenting the current issues that are troubling the EU. Participants had the opportunity to see how they perceived these topics in the EU and were able to express their views on the issues. We provided these lectures with promotional materials that stayed available throughout the whole event. Promotional materials also helped us disseminate the information to passive citizens who do not plan to take part in the activities. The project also dealt with the topic of volunteering. During the workshop, volunteering and volunteer organizations from partner municipalities were presented and young volunteer firefighters presented their activities. The project also included demonstrations of gastronomic traditions. In the afternoon, children came to the fore. First, an entertainment program was prepared for them. They then drew pictures on EU themes - the first idea that comes to mind linked to the EU. An exhibition was established from the drawings. A fun and informative activity was getting to know the EU countries. For all generations, this activity has taught participants about the typical features of individual EU countries. In the late afternoon, we focused on the individual cultures of the four participating nations.

The day of 08/09/2019 was dedicated to the culture, traditions and intergenerational solidarity. The day began with a traditional holy mass followed by a traditional market. It was a presentation of traditions preserved for generations. The language school was an activity that brought people from different countries together. Participants learned basic vocabulary in the languages of the nations present. The Folk Workshop for Children and Youth presented the culture and traditions of the four nations to young people. Workshop drew their attention to preserving traditions. The workshop was connected with performances on the main stage. The seniors have been involved in learning about the EU. They were presented with their rights and opportunities that they could use within the EU. The project ended with a closing ceremony.