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

Participation: The project involved 226 citizens, notably 63 participants from the City of Královsky Chlmeč (Slovakia), 63 participants from Municipiu Targu-Secuiesc (Romania), 26 participants from Stadtverwaltung Hildburghausen (Deutschland), and 74 participants from Kisvárda (Hungary).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Kisvárda (Hungary), from 08/09/2016 to 11/09/2016

Short description:

08/09/2016

The first day was dedicated to the Common European Values and the Community shaping role of the EU.

Tibor Leleszi, mayor of Kisvárda, held a welcome speech about the importance and care of intercultural and international connections and community shaping role of the EU. In the evening on a meet and greet event the participants had the chance to dissolve language barriers and build informal relationships.

09/09/2016

The second day was dedicated to the Cultural Diversity of the EU, Voluntary Activities and Solidarity with people in need.

In the morning the participant had the chance to take part on a work-shop, titled “Our Town”. Presenters introduced the Cultural, Natural and Architectural Values and Economy of their home towns. The participants gained deeper knowledge about the European Union and had an insight into the story of the town twinning relationships of their municipalities.

The next workshop’s title was “The Future of EU – EU in the Future. Voluntary activities for a better World” and was held by Dr Tibor Papp, Greek-Catholic cleric. In the first part he spoke about that the Christianity had a massive role in the forming of the European cultural area. After it the participants learnt about one of the most current topic of the nowadays EU: migration, from the perspective of the church doctrines. At that point we connected to the topic of voluntary activities and solidarity against the people in need: participants learnt about the history of the Karitász and the local Karitász group’s activity.

After it the members of the delegations visited local sights: Túristvándi, Szatmárcseke, Tarpa.

Foreign performer groups and local and foreign students visited the Zoo in Nyíregyháza, which is the most visited Zoo in the countryside and won the “Europe’s best Zoo” award in 2015.

In the evening the participants had fun on a night bathing.

10/09/2016

The third day was dedicated to the Acceptance of cultural and social diversity, Democratic values of EU, and Democratic Rights and Obligations.

To widen the knowledge of the participants about the EU they took part on a presentation titled “The values and future of the European Union, the effect of the EU on the society”. The participants visited all the fulfilled EU project in Kisvárda. As a result of the town leader’s meeting, the partners will be able to cooperate even more effectively in the future to generate international project that popularize European values.

During the day participants hosted local people: they offered their national foods, drinks and little souvenirs. Cultural groups entertained the audience with dance, songs and music on the Castle’s stage. The Domdrádi Rétközi Tradition Keeper Csúrdöngölő Association prepared with a folk dance program. Beside the local performers the wind instrument band of Hildburghausen, the “Brevisz” singer band of Munkács, the “Árvalányhaj” singer band of Královsky Chlmeč, the “Harmatfű” folk-dance band of Targu-Secuiesc and Drama Group of Královsky Chlmeč also stepped on the stage. The joyful and entertaining day was closed with successful Musical-Operetta Evening with contribution of many guest artists from Budapest.

11/09/2016

The day was dedicated to valuation of the past days and ceremonial close down of the Town Twinning Event.

The participants were asked to fill in a questionnaire where they could give feedback about their impressions and experiences.

After it the participants said thanks for the lovely and colorful programs for the organizers and travelled home.