

**The project «Think jointly and act responsibly for our common future!»
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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 695 citizens, notably 60 participants from the city of Turistvandi Kozseg Onkormanyzata (**Hungary**), 40 participants from the city of Nagy Gyula es baratai - Nyíradony (**Hungary**), 45 participants from the city of Orasul Valea Lui Mihai (**Romania**), 40 participants from the city of Ady Endre Muvelodesi Egyesulet - Tornyos (**Serbia**), 10 participants from the city of Asociacion Jovenes Solidarian – Arenas de San Pedro (**Spain**) and 500 participants from the city of Izkovce (**Slovakia**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Izkovce, **Slovakia**, from 05/08/2016 to 07/08/2016.

Short description:

During the event, the following ideas and joint activities were dealt with:

Friday

The first day was given the title, Our small settlement in the big Europe. After the arrival of the guests was followed by the greeting of the mayor, then came the multi-language introduction of the participating groups. After that the detailed review of the competition and the clarifying of the course of the next few days took place. Those who were interested could take a walk together in the village and its surroundings as an optional program. The evening went on in the spirit of getting acquainted and making friends, which was made more interesting by an exciting activity. Our invited lecturer projected his facts and information, relating to the EU accession of Slovakia, on a large screen. The information relating to the previous and following period was told, which was later commented by the participating citizens during a lively international discussion. The instruments were taken out during the day already, which were brought by the groups themselves, so the representatives of each countries become acquainted with each other in cheerful mood, by playing music together.

Saturday

This is day had the title, The big Europe in our small settlement. The international nail stew cooking competition had started, in which, approx. 25 teams entered. After the solemn opening ceremony, a variety of programs were waiting the local and the regional population. An exhibition could be visited in the Europe-tent by those interested, which showed a picture of the differences between the eastern and western ends of Europe in the topic of migration, as well as the exchanges of views regarding to the free space changes, also took place here. The non-profit organizations of the region were also given an opportunity to introduce themselves, so the event provided an international possibility to them for getting acquainted beyond the usual cooperation. The representation of Europe Direct of Trebišov provided current and relevant information by publications, brochures and games, as well as the citizens discussed more important topics with each other by their control as follows: a new Serbian-Hungarian border, eastern border protection in the aspects of the Ukrainian-Russian war, assistance in the understanding of the idea of immigrant and refugee. The afternoon cultural program passed in the spirit of diversity and the variety of genres. The partners were also given space, so they could also present their own culture beside the locals. So the spectators heard authentic folk songs among others from Serbia, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia on stage, could met the Spanish flamenco and guitar music moreover the invited artists were singing operetta parts and songs as well. The meals of the cooking competition were evaluated by the expert jury and ranked the team of Valea Lui Mihai in the first place. During the evening pop concerts took place, the main attraction was the Dolly Roll. The joint fun lasted until midnight.

Sunday

The title of this day was, With, responsibility to one another, which was to welcome in more activities. Those interested could participate in a service during the morning in the local church, or rather get acquainted with the local flora and fauna and nature conservation activities implemented so far, on the nearby nature trail of bird protection. A conversation took part later led by the Eurodesk, which analyzed the topic of responsible civil attitude. Those rights and opportunities were also mentioned here, which mean a qualitative change not only for the young people compared to the previous periods, but the members of the older generation can profit from them as well. This was followed by a summary of the evaluation of the various elements of the event by the teams and the event was officially finished. The farewell and present giving to each other was followed by the setting out for home.