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

Participation: The project involved 570 citizens, notably 400 participants from the city of Hegyeshalom (Hungary), 60 participants from the city of Ohrady (Slovakia), 60 participants from the city of Vísky (Czech Republic), 50 participants from the city of Ocland (Romania)

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Hegyeshalom, Hungary, from 09/07/2021 to 11/07/2021

Short description:

09/07/2021 After the ceremonial opening of the event and the speech of the statutory representatives, a presentation of the participating partners and partner organizations was prepared for the participants. The partners exchanged experiences regarding the drawing of subsidies in various areas, the subsidy drawing for the revitalization of the municipality, and last but not least, the opinion on their mutual cooperation. The introductory day was specially devoted to the topics of seniors. A joint discussion on the possibilities of active aging was prepared for them. The social evening created a pleasant atmosphere of strengthening partnerships through a cultural program.

10/07/2021 The beginning of the second day began with the motto "In a healthy body - a healthy spirit". In an entertaining way, it led the little ones to sports. Subsequently, the gastronomy of the participating nations was presented as part of the Local Specialties Market activity. After the presentation of traditional handicrafts and local specialties, European topics such as Solidarity and Migration - screening of a documentary film about the journey of migrants to Europe, a sample of photographs were discussed. This helped the participants to understand their actions. The central theme of the day was also the Citizens' Activity. Discussions were held on what partners could do for Europe. The activity in the participants stimulated civic engagement. Discussions were held between the representatives of the municipalities about the future of the partnership as well as with the citizens about the involvement of citizens in public affairs. EU themes also touched on current EU themes. Equally important was the environmental issue of activating citizens to separate waste.

11/07/2021 The main topic of the Final Day was volunteering, motivating young people to volunteer. Within the project, the non-profit organizations of the participating partners and their amazing activities were presented. The participants also learned about the possibility of becoming a volunteer and in which areas it is possible to selflessly help. In addition, the activities were dedicated to the cultural program, gastronomy and at the end of the event the official separation of the partners with the promise of an early meeting.