

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Multiculturality, solidarity, cohesion, better future = European Union Acronym: European Union
<b>Participant:</b>	Municipality of Nesvady
<b>PIC number:</b>	896081636

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	1
<b>Event name:</b>	Multiculturality, solidarity, cohesion, better future = European Union
<b>Type:</b>	A three-day international event
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In situ
<b>Location:</b>	Country: Slovakia City: Nesvady
<b>Date(s):</b>	09.09.2022-11.09.2022
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.nesvady.sk/mesto/projekty/projekty-financovane-eu-a-sr/multikultura-solidarita-sudrznost-lepsia-buducnost-euopska-unia-1104sk.html">https://www.nesvady.sk/mesto/projekty/projekty-financovane-eu-a-sr/multikultura-solidarita-sudrznost-lepsia-buducnost-euopska-unia-1104sk.html</a>
Participants	
Female:	1122
Male:	1086
Non-binary:	1
From country Slovakia:	Mesto Nesvady – 2000 participants
From country Hungary:	Rém– 35 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Nagyigmánd - 30 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Felsőszentiván - 40 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Kiskőrös - 35 participants
From country Czech Republic:	Municipality of Bulhary- 38 participants

From country Czech Republic:	Municipality of Vacenovice – 30 participants		
Total number of participants:	2208	From total number of countries:	2
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Strategic goal of the project:</p> <p>Expand and strengthen cross-border cooperation between municipalities and their citizens based on the support of cultural and educational activities for adolescents, seniors, children and self-governments. One of the main goals was to minimize persistent Euroscepticism, highlight the values of traditions, history and strengthen intercultural dialogue. The project also included topics such as solidarity, volunteering, discrimination and the dissemination of examples of good practice among public authorities.</p> <p>Sub-goals: international cooperation, communication, culture, traditions, reflecting on the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on local communities</p> <p>The strategic goal and sub-goals reflected and fulfilled the priorities and goals of the EU and the CERV program. The project focused on topics that were essential for a better future for citizens, for ensuring peaceful relations between nations and their active participation at the local level, getting rid of prevailing discrimination and strengthening mutual tolerance in all its aspects.</p> <p>The project expressed its values: educational, cultural, informational, sports and gastronomic. We approached the participants in such a way as to contribute to two-way communication and the dissemination of interesting ideas about the presented project and the EU without any discrimination. During the activities, the participating nations got to know each other. We guided all participants to our chosen topics in the project. The benefit of the project was cultural cooperation in a cross-border space having a concrete impact on improving the quality of life in the partner municipalities. In the aspect of cross-border cooperation, social problems were solved through cultural dialogue, the benefit was the transfer of culture and education. By getting to know each other, getting to know the culture of the other partner municipalities, and through close cooperation, the residents have united into one whole, regardless of state borders. The needs of the project depended on the needs of the target group. By meeting the participants, a space for greater tolerance and understanding was created. The project was built precisely on culture, traditions, history of the EU and the common values of tolerance, democracy, solidarity, and the fight against growing prejudices. By bringing these elements to the fore through the activities, the project's contribution to building a common identity was highlighted. The understanding of the need for a common European future was reflected in a change in thinking about the EU, and consequently a sense of ownership of the EU was promoted. One of the needs was to focus on highlighting the advantages and achievements of the EU and, on the contrary, to get rid of criticism of the EU, because all these aspects affect the everyday life of citizens. The project was also a practical expression of its benefits. The cultural and linguistic diversity of the EU was highlighted by the presentation of culture, gastronomic traditions and languages of all participants.</p> <p>We started the event by introducing each partner in their native language, thus eliminating the language barrier. Intercultural dialogue was oriented towards racial, ethnic and religious tolerance, cultural pluralism, social belonging, cooperation, perception of otherness as a challenge to mutual familiarisation, understanding and overcoming prejudices. This was followed by activities focused on discrimination, gender equality, volunteering and communicative activity with the participants on the topic "What do we know about our EU?". In the evening a familiarisation activity took place in the form of sitting by music, where participants could freely communicate and observe individual nations from a historical and contemporary point of view, the connection between languages and cultures. The risk of the project caused by the language barrier was low, because all three nations, Slovaks, Czechs, and Hungarians, were very close to each other, and the municipal employees and participants speak at least two languages.</p> <p>We started the second day with morning exercise, because morning exercise is one of the best ways to maintain energy throughout the day. Thanks to it, our body and mind better managed the activities during the day. By increasing our energy, we got rid of the feeling of exhaustion and were in the right mood for the whole course of other activities. Topics such as the future of the EU, violence, migration were widely presented. By introducing the Voluntary Fire Brigade, the participants learned everything about the activities that the firefighters perform and we also appealed to the topic "Gender equality in access to employment" because the fire brigade has a total of 34 members, including 5 women, which means that discrimination in this direction is not recognized and it must be talked about in public. The "Children and Europe" activity was designed to stimulate the interest of the younger generation. We ended the second day with a theatrical performance of Csemadok. During the event, disinfectants were provided to the participants, and medical personnel and volunteers were present at the site if</p>			

needed.

We started the last day with a solemn holy mass. We discussed topics related to the COVID19 pandemic with volunteers and health professionals. We paid special attention to children and seniors. The gastronomic activity also enlivened the day with interesting dishes and the presentation of national cuisines. A visit to the House of Folk Traditions brought history from the 1920s - 1930s. The EU-themed activity brought to light the need for youth to participate in public matters. The representatives of the participating municipalities exchanged know-how on the implementation of European projects and agreed on even stronger cooperation in the future.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).