

The project « Welcome in the world of cultures » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

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

Participation: The project brought together 1,035 citizens, of which 900 came from the home municipality of Nova Dedinka (Slovak Republic), 45 from the village of Velké Nemčice (Czech Republic), 45 from Marchegg (Austria) and 45 from the municipality of Szil (Hungary)

Place/date: the meeting was held in Nová Dedinka municipality (Slovak Republic) from 09/09/2016 to 10/09/2016

Brief description:

Each day offered a variety of different activities.

On **09/09/2016** the participants of the meeting focused their attention on ceremonial welcome of partners, on the exhibition associated with performances by local students and folk dance. Folk dances were accompanied by demonstrations of medieval combat or show of hawkers. The participants were transferred to the world of history, which created a beautiful artistic experience for each of them, regardless of age or nationality. We also devoted great attention to the common sitting of partner representatives and to the children's activities dedicated to learning about EU countries in a playful way.

The morning activities were beautifully combined with our main objective: to pull in participants into the world of EU and learning about cultures.

Through the activities mutual relations were consolidated not only between self-government employees but also between inhabitants of the different partner municipalities. The afternoon of the first day was dedicated to raising awareness of the EU through lecturers from European institutions, through promotional materials and brochures the correct information reached all participants of the event, regardless of age or nationality.

Space was also dedicated to performances and presentations of folk-ensembles from the partner municipalities.

We addressed not only culture and traditions but European issues as well, which should be disseminated among the participants of the event and also passed on from generation to generation. It is important to induce a will of participation in a more active way of life within society, to expand the horizons of knowledge of the EU. We should not close our eyes to the refugee crisis but to face this subject. The musical evening created a friendly atmosphere.

On **10/09/2016** the participants focused their attention on activities in the sphere of sport competences represented by the individual nations. They addressed pride concerning sport successes, introduced Olympic champions representing their nations. The sports theme was accompanied by a culinary competition performing flavours of the partner municipalities. Through the program a friendly atmosphere was created which strengthened existing and established new relationships within the partner municipalities.

The activities of the second day were devoted to the issue of information on the EU, through the development of basic information about the history and diversity of the EU till increasing knowledge about European citizenship and the rights and duties of citizens. We tried to evoke a feeling of proud Europeans in each participant, pointed out volunteering in order to make the viewers contemplate. Sympathy towards volunteering was strengthened through presentations of NGOs in the field of volunteering in their municipalities.

The second part of European themes focused on introducing the world of refugee crisis, of the lives of immigrants, their feelings and problems. It was very important to highlight the given issue since it was the European theme of 2016. The whole activity was reinforced by inviting of volunteers, who discussed about their life and what they really need.

The evening program was dedicated to laying wreaths in memory of fallen soldiers, to strengthening mutual cooperation and friendly relations. Issues of strengthening international cooperation and the possibility of adopting new partners were discussed, highlighting thus the power of partnerships. Production of memorabilia consolidated a great cultural experience for each participant, regardless of age or nationality.

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Rememberance"

... events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved ... citizens, including ... participants from the city of ... (**country**), ... participants from the city of ... (**country**) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in ... (**city, country**), from dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy

Short description: The aim of the event was

Event 2

Participation: The event involved ... citizens, including ... participants from the city of ... (**country**), ... participants from the city of ... (**country**) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in ... (**city, country**), from dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy

Short description: The aim of the event was

Event 3

Participation: The event involved ... citizens, including ... participants from the city of ... (**country**), ... participants from the city of ... (**country**) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in ... (**city, country**), from dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy

Short description: The aim of the event was

Event 4, 5 etc.