



EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – Kostolné Kračany – Kost. Kračany
PIC number:	936808929
Project name and acronym:	<i>Promoting the Value of Diversity via Town Twinning</i> — Value of Diversity

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Town Twinning and Municipality Days 2023
Type:	public event
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Slovakia – the municipality of Kostolné Kračany
Date(s):	16 th of June – 18 th of June, 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.kostolnekracany.sk/obec-2/value-of-diversity/
Participants	
Female:	106
Male:	81
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Slovakia]:	42 (18 from Kostolné Kračany and 24 from other Slovakian settlements)
From country 2 [Hungary]:	88 overall (of which Karcsa – 26, Rábapatona – 58, and 4 from other Hungarian settlements)
From country 3 [Romania]:	36 from Comuna Sancaiui
From country 4 [Serbia]:	21 from Stara Moravica
Total number of participants:	187
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The three-day long event which took place in the days of 16th – 18th of June was organised in Kostolné Kračany with the participation of its twin municipalities, specifically Rábapatona (HU), Karcsa (HU), Comuna Sancaiui (or Kalotaszentkirály in Hungarian, RO) and Stara Moravica (or Bácskossuthfalva in Hungarian, SRB). It aimed at nurturing mutual relations between the municipalities and their citizens,</p>	

discussing topics related to their future in the EU, cooperation and development opportunities, as well as informing the general public regarding EU values and principles.

1st day – 16th of June, 2023

The invited delegations have arrived to Kostolné Kračany around 3pm. The mayor and the municipality's representatives have welcomed the guests from abroad and provided their accommodation to them. Afterwards, the event was officially opened with speeches addressing the meaning of the event itself, as well as the relations between the twin municipalities. A Holy Mass took place in the local church and the statues of St. Lazarus and St. Elizabeth near the church were blessed by the pastor. The attendees laid wreaths at the mentioned monuments in the churchyard. Following the church procession, each partner has introduced themselves and presented their activities. Information brochures were distributed among the participating municipalities and an informal, free discussion took place regarding their results and experiences in the past period. The day has ended with a joint dinner with cultural programme and wine tasting, during which further discussions regarding the municipalities' and countries' current situation in the EU were carried out, addressing ideas for improvement as well.

2nd day – 17th of June, 2023

A joint lunch in the municipal house started the second day of the event. The participating delegations have discussed their struggles and achievements in a relaxed surrounding. Afterwards, a commemorative plaque (Bartal) was placed at the municipal house. The event continued with setting up a Europe Direct information stand at the local football pitch, and a workshop discussing the main issues and problems concerning the future of the EU, possible solutions, legal possibilities and obstacles. The following topics were addressed in detail: Good practices, success stories and experiences related to the project activities of twin municipalities, What have we achieved and where are we going?, What can we do to strengthen our sense of belonging to the EU?, Future visions for a common Europe. The event was enriched by a cultural programme series at the local football field, where concerts and performances for peaceful coexistence took place. These were opened after 3pm, with performers such as folklore groups (Alsó Pintő, folk songs from Stara Moravica, Felszeg Gyöngye from Sancraiu), singers and music bands (Áron Bergendi, László Attila, TNT, Fenyő Miklós, Retrock Party Band and DJ Newik), dance groups (Kán-Kán from Karcza, Belly dancers from Rábapatona). A bouncy castle, various games and other attractions were available for children, to keep the event engaging for them alike.

3rd day – 18th of June, 2023

Sunday,. i.e. the final day of the event included a walk around the area with the twin municipality representatives, a shared lunch, and a final discussion with the partners regarding their expectations for future twin municipality cooperation initiatives.

The event has reached many people, and outside of the partner municipalities it was visited by the residents of other Hungarian (for example Kistarcsa, Sárospatak) and Slovak (Amadeho Kračany, Šipošovské Kračany, Vydrany, Vieska, Dunajská Streda, Veľké Dvorníky., Topoľníky, etc.) settlements as well.

In regards to twin municipalities from abroad (Karcza, Rábapatona, Comuna Sancraiu), 120 international participants were present. Other than those, more international participants attended from Serbia (Stara Moravica – Associated partner), Russia (7 people) and Ukraine (17 people). After three days, the event had approx. 1000 participants overall (see the prepared photographs), however, from the hosting municipality (Kostolné Kračany) only the main representatives were asked to sign the attendance sheet.

Further information and materials related to the event are available on the above inserted website.

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