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

**Participation:** the project brought together 880 people, of which 700 came from the local municipality, Kostolné Kračany (Slovak Republic), 70 were from Rabapatona (Hungary), 60 from Stara Moravica municipality (Serbia) and 50 were from Sâncraiu municipality (Romania)

**Location/ Dates:** the meeting was held in the municipality of Kostolné Kračany (Slovak Republic) from 17/06/2016 to 19/06/2016

## **Short description:**

On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the participants focused attention on the presentation of the local action group, starting by the introduction of its members to the tourist attractions of the region. Just through the given activity we pointed out the local people's pride of their region, to the importance of its constant promotion and visibility in the wide neighbourhood.

The initial activities of the event were also designed for the welcome of all the participants together. This was served by the exhibition of works of art and the performances of local children during which a friendly atmosphere was created among the participants. Through the sitting of representatives from each of the partner municipalities the current cooperation and other themes of possible cooperation were discussed.

The participants also got acquainted with the history and activities of the EU thanks to lectures led by lecturers. This is a significant impact for the project, because throughout its implementation European values were presented. Under the supervision of experienced lecturers quality knowledge transfer to the individual participants was ensured. The lecturers were available during the three days. Educational activities were alternated by sports activities to create a pleasant atmosphere. The musical evening created a friendly relaxed atmosphere, which was a beautiful finish of the first day of the event.

On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the participants of the meeting focused attention on insights into the present of the EU, highlighted the importance of helping less developed countries and the wide exposure of local associations. We devoted sufficient attention alongside the theme of the EU to volunteering as well, which we need to remember. We wanted to promote a sense of significance of volunteering in every single participant. At the sitting with volunteers who have returned from less developed countries, through conversations about their way of life, about education and working life and insights into their free time activities we came to their fair day experiences and the fact that it is necessary to change the thinking and attitude of people and first and foremost, everyone should start by themselves.

The afternoon of the second day included varied activities starting by volunteering through the introduction of the individual partner municipalities to the evening entertainment. By creating activities specially designed for everyone regardless of age or nationality we indicated the importance of cohesion within the partnership. The evening was full of cultural experiences in the form of music and dance performed by the groups of individual partner municipalities.

On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the participants focused their attention on diverse activities, making the day dynamic and full of expectations. The last day, we devoted our attention and laid importance not only on the Holy Mass associated with the remembrance act for the fallen soldiers but also onto gastronomy in the form of unveiling traditions of the partner municipalities. We have not forgotten the children, in the form of an interesting and engaging educational program about the EU in a playful way. It was very important to expand their horizons and knowledge of the EU in a playful way, because children are our future generation.

The afternoon program was held in the spirit of reflections on further competencies in the EU. The end of the program was devoted to debates, thanks to which the enjoyment of the three-day event in each participant was reinforced. For the youngest children a language corner was prepared. The guests were leaving home full of impressions and enthusiasm with the desire to continue the partnership meetings in the future. This way our main goals of the project have been fulfilled.

## Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns" Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects" Strand 1 – "European Rememberance"

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Event 4, 5 etc.

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