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

Participation: The project involved 582 citizens, notably 32 participants from the city of Pécsvárad (**Hungary**), 47 Dunaszekcső (**Hungary**), 34 participants from the city of Vísky (**Czech Republic**), 71 participants from the organization Rozeta (**Romania**), 28 participants from the organization Muvelodesi Kultur Egyesület (**Croatia**) and 370 participants from the city of Jur nad Hronom (**Slovakia**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Jur nad Hronom (**Slovakia**), from 29/06/2018 to 01/07/2018.

Short description:

The day of **29/06/2018** was dedicated to the official opening of the event and presentation of national cultural heritage. The mayor of Jur nad Hronom opened the event by welcoming the guests and introducing the goals and the program of the common project. The program continued by the presentation of traditional folk house and customs, to introduce the habits of Tekov region and tuning in for the next days. Several activities aimed on young people were prepared and the representatives of the twinning towns actively discussed about how to support young people in active participation on local communities and involve them more into the decision-making process. Young people from partners' countries took several training activities on how to more actively participate and communicate their needs to local representatives. The first day was ended by workshops and presentations of folk's traditions by dances, clothes and songs to point out the importance of coming back to roots and becoming aware of our history. The representatives of twinning towns had the opportunity to visit several places of Jur nad Hronom and could see the positive changes of environment financed by EU funds.

During the whole event there were information activities – to raise the information about EU, mobility programmes, and involving citizens into dialogue. Activities for the youngest Europeans (games and competitions) were running as well. During this day an exhibition of photography with the topic of migration was opened.

The day of **30/06/2018** was dedicated to discussions and presentation related to 2 topics: euro skepticism- what is it and how to deal with it (presenting positive aspects of EU) and the topic of migration. The presentation and discussion led by Mgr. Anton Frič brought information about "modern" migration. The migration in old historical times was introduced by Dr. habil. PhD. Lízka József. The guests mentioned the roots of "negative" aspects of migration topic and support attitudes of tolerance among nations. During this activity several stories of migrants were presented to point out on concrete examples, real stories and struggling of these people with prejudices and xenophobia. During the evening hours several movies were presented (dealing to the topic of migration).

Next part of the program introduced the results of the survey conducted during the event. The survey mapped the moods of participants in the field of added values of EU, fears of membership, and the values of EU in common life. The trends on EU level were introduced, the comparison between the local results and the EU mapping were discussed.

This day was dedicated to the presentation of participating cultures - each country could present its regions, craftworks, and traditional gastronomy and food production. The presentation of cultures continued by common parade across the village that showed traditional costumes, music and dances.

The day of **01/07/2018** was dedicated to the planning of the future cooperation and to the evaluation of the past event. The representatives of twinning towns attended ecumenical mass, and ceremony to commemorate the victims World War II. The last day of the event ended by official closing of the whole event and short public evaluation of the goals achieved.