

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality Bzince pod Javorinou, Bzince pod Javorinou
PIC Number:	898366374
Project name and acronym:	In the embrace of solidarity and tolerance!, Project acronym: Solidarity, tolerance

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	In the embrace of solidarity and tolerance!
Type:	A three-day international event
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	Country: Slovakia, City: Bzince pod Javorinou
Date(s):	25.08.2023-27.08.2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://obecbzince.sk/obec/zivot-v-obci/town-twinning/
Participants	
Female:	810
Male:	800
Non-binary:	1
From country Slovakia – Bzince pod Javorinou:	1231 participants
From country Hungary Újrónafó :	30 participants
From country Czech Republic Babice:	84 participants
From country Czech Republic Boršice u Blatnice]:	30 participants
From country Slovakia Žiar:	40 participants
From country Slovakia Mesto Stará Turá:	40 participants
From country Czech Republic Kunovice:	95 participants
From country Slovakia Lubina:	50 participants

From country Czech Republic Boršice:	10 participants		
Total number of participants:	1610 participants	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Objectives of the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - presentation of the EU strategy for gender equality - encourage citizens to employ young people, presentation of programs for young people in which they can participate (preparation of the young generation for the future) - presentation of the EU action plan against racism for 2020-2025 - why it is important to integrate and accept the Roma in society - bring citizens closer to and clarify the importance of EU initiatives, projects and priorities to us citizens - presentation of the diversity of cultural traditions and customs and languages of the nations participating in the project - stimulate interest in participation in current European topics - future elections to the European Parliament - to adopt some basic principles that are predicted to strengthen personality development - to learn to perceive people from other ethnic groups - respect the basic rights of children - to expand interest in volunteering, which is important for the life of society in an international context - to strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens - support the exchange of information between citizens of different countries - promote equal rights for LGBTIQ persons <p>The project topics had a positive impact on the process of developing thinking, all the topics that were discussed during the event are also part of the everyday life of EU citizens. Multicultural education was included in the content of education with regard to the European cultural environment. The coexistence of members of different ethnic, national, religious and cultural origins has been a priority of the EU. Citizens of all ages have already been exposed to various cultural influences and have met members of other cultures in their lives. Therefore, it was necessary for citizens to be able to respect and support different cultures in their surroundings. The goal of multicultural education was the development of knowledge of various traditional and new cultures, the acceptance of cultural diversity and the development of tolerance and respect in relation to cultural differences. Introducing the true meaning of volunteering and solidarity as an important human factor that helps change people for the better. It was important to present experiences from this area. That's why we presented all the volunteer organizations that work with us and our partners. We also focused on children's rights. Children have the right to such protection and care as is necessary for their well-being. They were free to express their opinions at the event. All this was realized during a three-day event in the village of Bzince pod Javorinou.</p> <p>We started the first day with a heartfelt speech by the mayor of Bzince pod Javorinu. We welcomed our foreign guests and honored them with Slovak traditional customs. Subsequently, we introduced all the foreign municipalities to the domestic participants. After the opening ceremonies, we immediately started presenting the strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation of the Roma in EU countries. This EU strategic framework placed a strong emphasis on the diversity of the Roma. It advocated a cross-cutting approach, looking at how different aspects of identity can combine to exacerbate discrimination. This lecture was followed by a discussion and an address by a local Roma to the citizens about his life, bullying, alienation and how his life was able to change for the better over time thanks to the help of people. Then we presented various EU topics on gender equality, racism and children's rights. There was also a collection of clothes and various books, which were then distributed to socially weaker families, not only local but also foreign ones. We ended the early evening of this day with folklore performances and an evening meeting with the participants of the event.</p> <p>On Saturday, the second day of the event, we started with a group, pair exercise. After the exercise, the citizens enjoyed a traditional fair. The first lecture of the day was on the topic - Pillars of the Charter of Fundamental Human Rights in the EU - a new approved strategy, in addition, we explained to the citizens the basic questions about the Charter - What is the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU? Why do citizens need this charter? Since when has the Charter existed? In the afternoon, the participants had the opportunity to taste real</p>			

traditional Bzince doughnuts prepared by local seniors. Then they moved on to tour the memorial house of the famous Slovak writer Ľudmila Riznerová Podjavorinská, some of her book creations were presented to the citizens. An international gastronomic competition was also organized. After that, we devoted ourselves to the support of multiculturalism in the presentation of traditional crafts of 3 states. In addition to this activity, an intercultural dialogue was held with the participants. After the cultural insert, we moved on to discrimination, a lecture combined with a discussion. Equality, which is a fundamental value of the EU, and the Union's anti-discrimination legislation are among the most sophisticated in the world. This theme was more and more topical. Discrimination, alienation, racism is a big negative for society, the EU is trying to fight this negative aspect with various "tools" and it is not alone! After this activity, the participants learned a lot of information about migration and had a very interesting discussion about the elections to the European Parliament. We ended the day with performances by singing groups.

On the last day of the event, the participants went to the church of St. Michael for Sunday mass. We started this day with a large amount of volunteering. We brought to citizens the meaning of volunteering itself and its impact on volunteers and on the people to whom help is provided. This day, the local organization of the Union of Women of Slovakia - a women's movement with a long tradition, which is an independent non-governmental organization with a pan-Slovak scope - was presented. It is the successor organization of the Slovak Women's Union and until November 1997 it operated under the name Democratic Union of Women of Slovakia. The Slovak organization of the Union of Anti-fascist Fighters and 5 volunteer fire brigades operating in the village of Bzince pod Javorinou were also introduced. Local and foreign volunteers offered their best practices. Fire volunteers demonstrated firefighting techniques with both new and old equipment (the technique is 100 years old) and gave advice on how to behave in the forest, how to prevent a fire and how to behave when a fire breaks out.

The day also offered an activity/conversation with a specialist about pandemic measures, strict restrictions on individual and collective freedom, how this pandemic has affected people's thinking and lives. Other impacts of the pandemic on the life of local communities and their functioning, as well as forms of civic participation during the crisis caused by COVID19 we discussed with the participants through a discussion and a workshop, which was led by professional specialists, and health professionals also participated in the discussion. They also provided effective advice and tips to support the employment of young people. "The future is about us and for us!" was devoted to discussions with citizens about the ideas of the future in the EU. The program also included interactive games and the very important activity: Fight against misinformation. The partners ended the last day by discussing the possibilities of further cooperation, while the participants discussed their feelings and opinions on the joint international three-day event.

An important aspect of the project was that we managed to ensure awareness of the EU, its benefits, goals and progress, and the rights arising from European citizenship.

When implementing the project activities, gender equality was taken into account throughout its duration. All target groups had their place in the project: seniors, children, disabled residents, Roma communities and socially weaker families. Children could communicate with adults through activities and had the same right to express themselves as other citizens. The activities that we proposed as part of the program helped maintain non-discrimination even after the end of the event.

The long-term impact that the project left behind is related to active European citizenship, because the active involvement of citizens affects a better future for the EU. The impact of the project is also related to ensuring equal conditions for women in everyday life, and besides gender equality, equality is also important for marginalized groups and foreigners who are trying to integrate into society. We think we have succeeded in achieving a greater balance between work and personal life. We presented the EU's strategic framework for gender equality to citizens. The result for us and our partners was that, through the project, we were able to focus on topics that we consider important, and those topics were gender equality, human rights, volunteering, solidarity, the future of the EU, education about the EU and its history, non-discrimination and general education of the population.

The activities on the topic of COVID19 helped change the minds of Corona- virus skeptics about the measures that were introduced by the state during the pandemic period. The effect was reducing the level of mistrust towards the government and EU regulations. The introduction of volunteering helped create a need to help societies anywhere in the world. The advice and tips that citizens acquired during the event will be able to be used in their personal lives. We also pointed out the culture of the nations of Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary and the diversity of their languages. The priority was to have as many citizens as possible from each partner municipality and surrounding regions participate in the event. The

participants gained a sense of importance and active involvement.

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