

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Europe for us, we for Europe! Acronym: Europe
Participant:	Municipality of Bzince pod Javorinou
PIC number:	898366374

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Europe for us, we for Europe!
Type:	A three-day international event
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Country: Slovakia City: Bzince pod Javorinou
Date(s):	20.05.2022 – 22.05.2022
Website(s) (if any):	https://obecbzince.sk/citizens-equality-rights-and-values-cerv/
Participants	
Female:	693
Male:	682
Non-binary:	1
From country Slovakia:	Obec Bzince pod Javorinou – 1 034 participants
From country Czech Republic:	Obec Babice – 40 participants
From country Czech Republic:	Obec Boršice u Blatnice - 46 participants
From country Slovakia:	Obec Žiar - 41 participants
From country Belgium:	Gemeentelijk Murgesticomit� KLT - 35 participants
From country Slovakia:	Mesto Star� Tur� - 38 participants
From country Czech Republic:	M�sto Kunovice - 41 participants
From country Slovakia:	Obec Lubina - 50 participants
From country Czech Republic:	Obec Boršice - 50 participants

Total number of participants:	1375	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Our goal was to actively devote ourselves to citizens so that we could achieve the mentioned aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to bring the EU closer to all its citizens, to show its values, which it contributes to the member states and beyond - presentation of multiculturalism and preservation of cultural heritage - to "kick" interest in participating in current European topics - to understand the natural aspects affecting human life - to adopt some basic principles that are predicted to strengthen personality development - to learn to perceive people from other ethnic groups - form one's own judgment about volunteering, which is important for the life of society in an international context - understand the causes of migration and the migrants themselves <p>Our strategy was to ensure the strengthening of international partnership between municipalities and to address topics that surround the lives of citizens. We preferred to present the sense of volunteerism and solidarity, the positives of migration, the senselessness of discriminatory behavior and the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on local communities.</p> <p>The significant impact that the project left behind was related to active European citizenship, which influenced a better future for Europe. This project did not support any elements of discrimination in the active involvement of citizens. We tried to have as many citizens as possible from each partner municipality and the surrounding regions to participate in the event, and that was another important influence. We think that without raising public awareness of topics in our program, the situation in the EU would not have changed in a more ambitious way.</p> <p>The first day of the event brought a great deal of volunteerism. We brought the meaning of volunteerism to the citizens and its impact on the volunteers and the people who were helped. On 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 voluntary fire brigades operating in the village of Bzince pod Javorinou also presented themselves. The volunteers offered their best practices to the citizens, and foreign volunteers also actively communicated with them, because a large number of volunteer organizations operate at our partners. For the youngest generation, it was a great experience when the fire brigade volunteers showed the technique of extinguishing with both new and old equipment (the old equipment was 100 years old). We then moved on to an interview with a specialist about pandemic measures, strict restrictions on individual and collective freedom. We discussed 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, with the participants through a discussion and workshop, which were led by professional specialists and health professionals also joined the discussion. We ended the first day with folklore performances by dancers and singers as an approach to the culture of nations.</p> <p>On Saturday, May 21, 2022, we woke up with multigenerational yoga. After that, we devoted ourselves to playing games for multigenerational teams, which were of a diverse nature. The knowledge games were about our EU. The presentation of folk crafts as a support for multiculturalism, the eventuality of education through culture and also crafts were particularly authoritative for the preservation of cultural heritage. After the cultural insert, we moved on to discrimination - equality, which is a fundamental value of the EU, and the Union's anti-discrimination legislation is among the most sophisticated in the world. For the participants, this day brought new knowledge and reflections on the fact that discrimination in the world is a big negative for society and awareness of how the EU tries to fight against this negative aspect. In the afternoon, the participants had the opportunity to taste real traditional Bzince doughnuts from 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. After this cultural activity, we returned to the history of the EU, when we reminded the citizens of the year 2000 - the Charter of Fundamental Human Rights of the EU and the year 1957 - Rome Treaty focused on equality: Equal pay for women and men for equal work. We ended the day with performances by singing groups.</p>			

On the last day of the event, the participants went to the church of St. Michael for Sunday mass. We started this day with awareness of the EU, we focused specifically on Eurosceptics. Next, we moved on to the integration of senior citizens and people from third countries into local communities. The professional seminar explained how changes are increasing in developed countries, which are reflected in changes in the area of social cohesion. With the spread of globalization and the application of the principle of subsidiarity, the importance of transnational structures is also growing. Identity, cohesion and solidarity cease to be a matter of the predominantly national state. However, with the growing diversity of society, especially the diversity of family forms, the danger of society's disintegration is growing and the processes of social exclusion are deepening. Therefore, society should review their previous approaches to the integration of society. This day also brought gastronomy and activities for children. Effective advice and tips on how to implement an enviro household helped citizens to realize the importance of saving our common environment. The activity "The future is about us!" was devoted to discussions with citizens about the ideas of the future in the EU. The program also included a lecture on migration. 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.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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