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

Participation: The project involved 1140 citizens, notably 1000 participants from the host city of Slavkov u Brna (**Czech Republic**), 45 participants from the city of Slawkow (**Poland**), 40 participants from the city of Pag (**Croatia**), 40 participants from the city of Lehnice (**Slovakia**) and 15 participants from the city of Darney (**France**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Slavkov u Brna (**Czech Republic**), from 01/06/2017 to 04/06/2017

Short description:

The day of 01/06/2017 the program began with an unofficial program at the Manor Yard, where a theatre performance was held for the home participants as well as several guests, who visited the event in the evening of the first day. This was an informal beginning of the project implementation

The day of 02/06/2017 was dedicated to learning about the basic principles of the partnership - the European Union and Friendship. "Europe is all we need" was an interactive lecture on the EU. Within this lecture, the possibilities offered by the EU within the common labour market were presented to young people. They got to know the notions of free movement of people, services, the opportunity to work / stay in any EU country. These basic themes helped develop the educational level of young people in terms of their future. During the day, the main groups of guests came from abroad - from Slovakia, France, Poland and Croatia. Consequently, foreign guests were gradually involved in the prepared activities. Throughout the day, entertaining program was prepared for children and young people in the park of the manor house. Late afternoon was devoted to the Meeting at the Tree of Reconciliation. This activity not only officially opened the event, but mainly symbolically joined the participants from five different countries. The tree of reconciliation symbolizes the initiative to overcome barriers and boundaries between people and nations. The evening program was connected with social activities and debates between the participants. It was about providing space for mutual acquaintance, overcoming language barriers, and creating new friendships.

The day of 03/06/2017 was dedicated to important aspects of the partnership. Throughout the day, learning about traditions in crafts and cultures of the individual partners took place. In the square, participants could learn about traditional crafts, products, but also music, singing, dancing, and the talents of participants from the home region and partner municipalities. As a result, the aspect of knowledge, friendship and intercultural exchange was developed. The aspect of knowledge of the European Union as a connecting element among nations was presented at the information stall. It focused on providing promotional materials about the EU, its functioning and policies. Participants could pick up printed promotional materials in different languages to increase their knowledge of the EU. The aspect of the official partnership was developed in the framework of negotiations of delegations in the town hall. Within this activity, new directions of cooperation development have been at the forefront, and the partnership was symbolically united with the placement of objects typical of the individual partner towns into the box of friendship. Volunteering also played an important role in the project. During the day, presentations of non-profit and interest organizations took place. Volunteering was presented here as a form of assistance, free and voluntary work. The theme of migration and refugee crisis was also included in the morning. Within the joint debate, Czech volunteers presented their experiences of refugee camps, how they helped migrants. Participants thus had the opportunity to identify the real effects of the migration crisis from first-hand. The debate was also supported by an exhibition of photographs with refugee theme. The afternoon brought together seniors as part of the social program. Seniors were also given the opportunity to get to know each other, to have fun and to exchange experiences. The evening program was devoted to modern culture and reinforcing friendships.

The day of 04/06/2017 was dedicated as a farewell day. The participants had the last opportunity to establish new contacts. The program was more relaxed, it included a tour of the town and the manor house and other attractions. In this way, foreign participants were given the opportunity to learn the history of the home town, which is famous for the Battle of three Emperors in 1805. In the afternoon, the Holy Mass was held to provide space for spirituality and devotion from the previous busy days. The project ended with a joint lunch and a summary of the project.