

The project «Múltunk ismerete közös jövőnk záloga» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

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

Participation:

The project involved 810 citizens, notably 70 participants from the city of Asociația Szentegyházi Huszár Egyesület - Vlahita (**Romania**), 70 participants from the city of Obec Debrad (**Slovakia**), 70 participants from the city of Aracs-95 polgárok egyesülete Torokbecse - Novi Bečej (**Serbia**), 600 participants from the city of "Általános Iskoláért" Alapítvány Hernádnémeti (**Hungary**).

Location/ Dates:

The event took place in **Hernádnémeti, Hungary**, from 28/07/2017 to 30/07/2017.

Short description:

Friday:

In the morning the partners arrived then were accommodated and had lunch. The official program started with the afternoon opening and welcoming speech, which was given by Attila Hódi, chairman of our foundation and Dr. Zsolt Orosz, mayor of Hernádnémeti. This was followed by the competition and also the project partners presentation as well. The exhibition was opened in the primary school's lobby at 15:00 and later followed by a public conference and workshop. The themes were related to migration and immigration. The phenomenon was approached in several ways by Mrs. Jánosné Madzin, Attila Hódi and Lajos Link. So we got information e.g. on current migration from first hand (the Serb partner intensively experienced the transition of the masses trying to reach the border) and the role of civilian organizations and volunteers were also outlined in this process. The day was closed by making friends with music, new friendships were emerged beside friendly conversations and music.

Saturday:

The program started at 9:30 when the International Civil Street was opened. The competition partners were given opportunity to make a thorough presentation and several other organizations (e.g.: Forrás Association, Aracs '95, Vidék Kincse Association) also represented themselves. Then the international outdoor cooking contest began, where each team produced a special food of their region. The evoking of the traditions and the entertainment were provided by the teams participating in the hussar show. The topic of solidarity was also on the agenda, which could be practiced as well: there was a continuous collection of donations for a Ukrainian school.

The accompanying programs offered an opportunity for the participants for sports as well and creativity was also given space during the craft and folk traditionalist sessions. Many people participated in the activities offered by the Europe Tent as well, both young and adult were involved in the solving of EU quizzes and exercises. Here people could have information about the procedures, institutional system regarding the Union and measures of the future as well.

The prepared meals served not only pleasure but their tasting served charitable aims as well. Folk dancing and folk songs had the main role during the cultural shows in the afternoon. Folk culture was brought closer in interactive form by the folk-tale performance. We discussed additional important issues in the evening, our topics were euro-skepticism, dialogue of cultures and tolerance. There were several opinions on these issues, so interesting lessons were drawn to the interested. The evening fun provided an excellent opportunity to deepen friendships and acquaintances.

Sunday:

The meeting's last day began with an ecumenical worship followed by the solemn signing of the Partnership Contracts, during which not only the signing of the declaration was made by the partners, but the joint concretization of the projects implemented in the future. The central topic of the afternoon public discussion was the European future, in which remarkable thoughts were given space again. The conversation was attended by younger and older people alike.

Later there was a wreath-lying ceremony at the sculpture of St. Ladislaus which brought our common roots and traditions closer to the participants again. At the same time, we recalled the spiritual greatness of the knight-king and then we showed our respect to him with the wreath. Then came the closing part of the program: after the short cultural program the teams said goodbye to each other, discussed the lessons of the recent days and also evaluated the whole program.