

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Citizens' engagement and participation Acronym: CITIZENS
Participant:	Municipality of Bulhary
PIC number:	938888706

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Citizens' engagement and participation
Type:	A two-day international event
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Country: Czech republic City: Bulhary
Date(s):	12.08.2022-13.08.2022
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.bulhary.cz/projekty-eu/citizens-engagement-and-participation/
Participants	
Female:	430
Male:	420
Non-binary:	0
From country Czech Republic:	Obec Bulhary – 652 participants
From country Slovakia:	Municipality of Bodza– 50 participants
From country Slovakia:	Municipality of Smolenice- 50 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Bakonysarkany- 49 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Dabronc - 49 participants
Total number of participants:	850
From total number of countries:	2
Description	

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The project followed up on the acquired knowledge, insights and experience of the target group from previous events. The project was an expression of the efforts of the countries of the European region. It was in our interest to create a space for cooperation in several areas of common interest within the framework of pan-European integration. The highest interest was the democratic development of all parts of Europe. We have contributed to building a European security architecture based on effective, functionally complementary and mutually reinforcing cooperation and coordination within existing European and transatlantic institutions. In order to preserve and support cultural cohesion, mutual transmission of values in the area of culture, education, science and information exchange has been intensified. All activities implemented within the project were aimed at strengthening stability in the European region. The participating partners took their mutual cooperation as a challenge for themselves and its success as the best proof of their ability to integrate as best as possible into structures such as the EU!

The event reflected a new narrative for Europe, focused on citizens, promoting equality and looking to the future.

The specific objectives of the project were:

- exchange of information between citizens of different countries,
- the opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of the EU and to understand that European values and cultural heritage represent the basis of a common future,
- peaceful relations between Europeans and their active participation at the local level,
- mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens,
- cooperation between municipalities and exchange of best practices,
- supporting local administration and strengthening the role of local and regional governments in the European integration process.

Day 1: The event, with its diverse themes, contributed to overcoming national perceptions, strengthening mutual understanding and creating forums to discuss common solutions. Their goal was to raise awareness of the importance of strengthening the European integration process based on solidarity and common values. By drawing attention to intercultural dialogue, the event helped create connections and common ground between the participating cultures, communities and people by promoting understanding and interaction.

Day 2: During the second day, the project helped raise awareness of the richness of the cultural and linguistic environment in Europe and promoted mutual understanding and tolerance. By proposing various themes, the project contributed to the development of a respectable, dynamic and diverse European identity. Our project helped overcome stereotypes about migrants by deconstructing past and present processes of stigmatization. Through the environmental theme, the project was interested in increasing the rate of waste recovery with a focus on preparing it for reuse and recycling and promoting waste prevention.

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