

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Trstice
PIC Number:	911108973
Project name and acronym:	Europe of the nations of freedom! Acronym : Freedom

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Europe of the nations of freedom!
Type:	A three-day international event
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	Country: Slovakia, City: Trstice
Date(s):	18.08.2023 -20.08.2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://trstice.sk/sk/aktuality/podujatia/2788-europe-of-the-nations-of-freedom-18th-20th-of-august-2023
Participants	
Female:	1100
Male:	1100
Non-binary:	0
From country: Slovakia: Trstice:	2030 participants
From country Czech republik Visky :	30 participants
From country Hungary: Hegyeshalom	140 participants
Total number of participants:	2200
From total number of countries:	3
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The project called "Europe of the nations of freedom!" was implemented in the municipality of Trstice (SR), which was the main organizer and coordinator of the event program. We implemented the project in cooperation with partner municipalities from the Czech Republic and Hungary, specifically from the municipalities of Visky and Hegyeshalom. The project responded to the needs of the inhabitants of the village of Trstice, who were missing cultural events during the COVID 19 pandemic. We divided the project into several units that directly affected current EU issues. Within the educational and informational activities, we emphasized the clarification of the following political initiatives:

- Action plan for European democracy
- The EU's strategic framework for equality
- Inclusion and participation of Roma
- The strategy to strengthen the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU
- Report on EU citizenship for 2020

The project activities that we implemented during the event corresponded with the challenge and goals of the CERV program of the European Commission (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values). The project essentially promoted the equality, rights and values of citizens of EU countries. We also fostered the exchange of information between people from different countries, strengthened mutual understanding and provided an opportunity to broaden the perspective and sense of belonging that was linked to the identity through the partnership of towns and municipalities.

The target group of the project was residents of EU countries, regardless of race, age, gender, skin color, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or social disadvantage. The organized event was mostly attended by citizens of Trstice municipality and citizens of the partner municipalities, or the surrounding regions of Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The project was aimed at all age groups, but above all we focused on the young generation. Children and youth were the key target groups that needed to be educated and led to become conscious and active individuals of our society - to shape a new story of the EU. Within the target group, we followed the basic principles and rules defined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We started the first day of the event, 18/08/2023, by welcoming the partner municipalities from the Czech Republic and Hungary. Subsequently, we continued to strengthen good friendly relations with partners in the form of a performance by the local Slovak brass band from the village of Trstice. The gastronomic competition in cooking the national dishes of the partner countries enriched us with the experience in cooking, which the citizens adapted into everyday life. Sports and interactive games for children provided space for the realization of children's creativity. The whole day was spent in the sense of brotherhood of nations, traditions and gender equality. We organized activities for all age categories with the aim of creating new friendly relationships.

On the second day of the event, 19/08/2023, we proceeded with a spiritual activity to get to know the historical beauties of the village of Trstice. After a tour of the church of St. Stefan, the chapel of the Virgin Mary and the monument of heroes, we organized a lecture on the 1st and 2nd St. war. Subsequently, we started with lectures on the EU Charter, drawing attention to the need for the inclusion of the Roma community in society and also to the equality of women in the workplace. We continued with a fun language puzzle for the kids and a soccer tournament. The local expert's seminar presented the acquired knowledge about the protection, treatment and vision of COVID-19 in society. The activity "You, too, be an active volunteer" together with the discussion drew attention to the need for belonging and volunteering as part of the development of friendly relations in society.

The last day, 20/08/2023, we started with a sports activity in the form of yoga at sunrise called "Get up with movement!". Subsequently, we organized creative workshops for the little ones. We started the lecture block with a lecture on environmental protection, a meeting of experts defining the meaning of EU membership and European citizenship. We ended the event by publicly thanking the project partners.

The project was focused on the needs of the target group, thanks to which we achieved the expected benefit and the fulfillment of the set goals. The target groups perceived the difference before and after the event. The activities of the project promoted gender equality, which excluded discrimination in the context of pointing to a different gender, age, race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or social disadvantage. The overall event consisting of individual outputs in the form of presentations, lectures, discussions, meetings and webinars can be considered the result of the project. The goal of organizing

the given event was to increase education and acquire friendly relations. A partnership cannot be joined without meaning and purpose. The given meaning was found in the reflection of the final monitoring of success from the point of view of the applicants. We believe that our Hungarian partners from the municipality of Hegyeshalom appreciated the date of the event. The timetable was built in such a way as to respond to an important holiday in Hungary, namely during the celebration of St. Stefan. With the event, we tried to unite the nations not only in a friendly and economic way, but also historically with the help of showing respect for their national history. All age categories of participants participated in the project in the same proportion. Creating a program with the aim of organizing the entire event led us to the idea that we are building a better society that will be educated, empathetic and able to express its own opinion. The event evoked the tendency to create innovations in interest and educational activities for society.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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