

**The project «Celebrate the cooperation and build new plans for the EU!»
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Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

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

Participation:

The project involved 287 citizens, notably 40 participants from the city of Čičarovce - Patrónus (**Slovakia**), 10 participants from the city of Nijmegen - Stichting Neeka Euope (**Netherlands**), 7 participants from the city of Tornjös - Ady Endre Művelődési Egyesület (**Serbia**), 50 participants from the city of Debraď (**Slovakia**), 60 participants from the city of Valea lui Mihai – Asociatio Pro Valea (**Romania**), 120 participants from the city of Nyírgyulaj – Szabolcsi Fiatalok a Vidékért Egyesület (**Hungary**).

Location/ Dates:

The event took place in **Nyírgyulaj, Hungary**, from 07/06/2019 to 09/06/2019.

Short description:

The international meeting lasted for three days and we also involved our foreign participants actively. After the arrival of each team on Friday, we opened the event ceremoniously and presented the detailed program, which was free for the residents of the region. We visited Nyírgyulaj our hospitality settlement together, so we got to know its history and cultural values (churches and other monuments). We got to know each other in the afternoon - some of our partners provided information about their activities and results through verbal and image presentations. A conversation focused on the White Paper later, bringing a lively exchange of views on the future of the EU. We got to know the partners from a new aspect in the evening, in the frame of a cultural program – those who were able to, contributed to the mood with their own musical production.

The intention to preserve and develop health was dominated in several programs on Saturday, so our participants could do sport and exercise together in the morning. The staff of the Red Cross also joined us and provided free blood pressure and blood glucose measurements and health advice. There was also a very interesting presentation about the relationship between family and career building presented by them.

The teams could prepare their meals together, creating a good opportunity for the teams to mix and develop new relationships and friendships. A number of games and skill tasks were waiting for the younger ones: they could match their skills on the field of motion and they could also enjoy their creativity during crafts.

The office of the Europe Direct also accepted our invitation and brought many interesting and important information material to our event. Those who were interested were given precise answers to their questions and the younger ones were entertained with European-themed games and quizzes. Our Dutch partner came with a donation, which was handed over to the subsidized organization: they brought food packages and toys and utensils that the kids were very pleased.

Several civilian organizations also presented what did they deal with it, so the program was also featured with tourism games and social economy shows. We also dealt with the topic of hungaricums and cultural heritage in a playful form. There was a joint volunteer program: dozens of rose flowers were planted with our partners at our site. We presented the essence and objectives of the EU Aid Volunteers initiative in the frame of a discussion. Later the instruments and vocals took over the role again, which was a good opportunity for common evening entertainment.

We visited Nyíregyháza on Sunday with those who were interested, where we got to know the built heritage of the town and then we visited the local animal park. The partnership agreements were signed after we returned back, in which we agreed to support each other and to plan and submit joint projects. We discussed which of the programs they liked the best, who and what suggested to be improved, what were the mistakes that should have been avoided in the future. After lunch, we said good-bye to our guests with small gifts, who then travelled home.

