

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Băile Tuşnad
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Sustainable tourism for sustainable EUrope		
Type:	Conference - Event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Romania, Băile Tuşnad		
Date(s):	21-23 June 2024.		
Website(s) (if any):	https://projecttusnad.eu		
Participants			
Female:	252		
Male:	252		
Non-binary:	6		
From country 1 Hungary:	240		
From country 2 Slovakia:	20		
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Total number of participants:	510	From total number of countries:	3
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The event brought together delegations from Hungary, Slovakia and Romania, namely from Jászkarajenő, Jánoshalma, Bicske, Harkány and Pered, with the purpose of sharing their own cultural values in order to get acquainted with each other and to get aware of the importance of maintaining their own values for the multiculturalism of Europe. Through this process everyone had the opportunity to get aware of the cultural differences and to accept them more easily, to eliminate prejudices and stereotypes and of course, to develop tolerance and empathy. This was obtained through various activities, including folk song and folk night, cooking contest and exposition of local products. During the tourism exhibition, the settlements presented their tourist assets through various photos, brochures, and</p>			

publications. They also offered samples of their unique products, including jams, honey puffs, fruits, etc.

The diversity of European heritage was also tackled through the presentation of the touristic attractions, especially buildings, monuments of each participating locality. In this way, the participants learnt to value the endowments of each settlement and they got aware of the fact that they should actively contribute to their preservation for future generations.

During the project, the participants also tackled those problems which affect the European Union and their communities, including Euroscepticism, Ukrainian war, migration, economic issues.

About Euroscepticism: we talked about the fact that EU should communicate more efficiently about its policies, measures. Local communities should offer possibility to its members to talk about their concerns about the EU and to give them answers to their questions. Making visible the achievements made with the help of the EU is also a footstep towards the elimination of this phenomena. Misinformation should be also stopped.

About war and migration: we spoke about how the EU provided financial aid and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine, and also refugee assistance. It is also important that the EU worked on diversifying the energy resources for obtaining energy security. The EU also carries out programs to offer support to the Ukrainian civil society.

We emphasized the fact that the participants, as European citizens, have to engage in contributing to solving these issues, for example by initiating actions, programs, decisions regarding these problems, thus developing their sense of responsibility and devotion.

We contributed to the development of their European awareness, through presenting them the past, present, mission and principles of the European Union. For this purpose, a presentation titled *EU – Why was it created? was made*, followed by a roundtable discussion. Participants shared their opinions and knowledge, gaining a better understanding of the EU's mission, the functioning of its institutions, and the significance of belonging to the Union, while developing their European awareness.

We prepared a presentation and interactive activities for young visitors about the opportunities offered by the European Solidarity Corps (ESC), allowing the younger generation to learn about different forms of volunteering. Furthermore, young people had the chance to formulate ideas and suggestions through non-formal activities on how they could contribute to solving their settlement's problems and better appreciating its values. In this way, they developed their civic consciousness and became more active European citizens, with some already indicating their desire to assist as local volunteers at other events.

The event was a great opportunity for the citizens and the representative institution and NGOs of the participating localities to establish friendships and cooperations. We also spoke about our intention to continue present project in the framework of the CERV program, but also about future applications and collaborations for developing our settlements.

The meeting offered the chance for touristic information exchange which will contribute in the future to the development of our localities in the touristic and economic sphere of the EU.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2021	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	01.06.2022	Consolidation, formatting and layout changes. Tags added.