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

Participation: The project involved 712 citizens, notably 40 participants from the city of Obec Izkovce (**Slovakia**), 29 participants from the city of Mesto Tornala (**Slovakia**), 40 participants from the city of Nyíradony Város Önkormányzata (**Hungary**), 21 participants from the city of Nyírábrány Nagyközségi Önkormányzat (**Hungary**), 15 participants from the city of Esztár Község Önkormányzata (**Hungary**), 30 participants from the city of Vámospércs Város Önkormányzata (**Hungary**), 12 participants from the city of Ady Endre Művelődési Egyesület, Tornjos (**Serbia**), 5 participants from the city of Lycée polyvalent de Taaone, Pirae (**France**), 520 participants from the city of Valea lui Mihai – Asociația Pro Valea (**Romania**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Valea lui Mihai, Romania**, from 17/05/2018 to 20/05/2018.

Short description:

05.17.2018:

We had been dealing with a number of EU topics in the local main high school during the day: a small exhibition was opened from the photographs entered for the CedefopPhotoAward International Competition, students presented a member country of each through drawings, presentations and cultural habits and we also presented the opportunities offered by Erasmus+. A pet exhibition was also opened during the morning and in the evening a choir-meeting was held, so visitors could know the group-singing culture of each country.

05.18.2018:

We also made the represented countries possible to get acquainted and measure their strength by the sport, a youth football tournament took place in the morning and the old boys measured their skills in the afternoon. The Prizes of the Award of Excellence was awarded during the ceremonial meeting of the local government, by which we reward those citizens who do outstandingly lot for the settlement and the population. We opened the event ceremoniously, with the presence of the representatives of the foreign groups, on the main square of the city in the afternoon. This was followed by a standing reception for the invited guests. Domonkos Józsa organist gave a one-hour classical music concert after which, a light music concerts began in mixed styles. We thought on each participant, so everybody could choose their own taste of pop, rock, gypsy and disco music. The star guest was the legendary Beatrice group, with its front-man Nagy Feró in the lead.

05.19.2018:

The participants could join further sports - on this day chess and handball were on but in the afternoon there was a fun-faced run for young boys called "Wood-foal". We organized a national motocross championship race, which also had a great interest. The photo exhibition of Imola Krizsan was opened during the morning with the title Bye, London!. The talented photographer has recorded the time she spent here, mostly on black and white footage, which provided a good opportunity for the visitors to talk about the unity of the union and the phenomenon of the brexit as well. We welcomed the golden-weddings in the community center, 17 elderly couples in number. Those who had creativity could match their skills in the asphalt drawing competition and a horse show was held on the sports track. There was a large - scale folk dance gala at the main stage at the afternoon - a flashmob was organized here as well so the audience could also join the common dance. Typical dances of several regions were shown on the stage with live accompaniment (Kalotaszeg, Felcsík, Szatmár, Sóvidék, etc.). The conversation with Gyula Winkler (EP representative) dissected more serious, but very interesting topics. He informed the participants about the changes regarding the EU budget, migration preventive measures (e.g.: enhancing and making Frontex more efficient) and opportunities in citizens' initiatives (such as Minority Safe Pack) from first hand. The Móka Theater group tricked many and different concerts closed the day in the evening - Playtime, Lola and Zoltán Bereczky.

05.20.2018:

A large cooking contest was on this day, with 28 teams. Tunning show, playhouse and an archery show also waited the visitors. The culture fans could attend a book presentation and student-stage performance. The performance of Floarea Barcăului folk dance group impressed the guests in the afternoon and there was a series of concerts on the evening that was closed by the closing ceremony and fireworks.

