

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[1] - [COMUNA MIHAILENI] [2] - [GOBCIKOVO]
PIC number:	888761628 913340652
Project name and acronym:	[Strengthen fellowship to foster joint perspectives in the new European context] – [RESTART]

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[1]		
Event name:	[Citizens meeting]		
Type:	[workshop, seminar, conference]		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Slovakia] [Gabcikovo]		
Date(s):	[05.05.2023-11.05.2023]		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	30		
Male:	30		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Slovakia – Gabcikovo]:	60 (30 female, 30 male, 0 non-binary)		
From country 2 [[Romania – Comuna Mihaileni]:	40 (20 female, 20 male, 0 non-binary)		
Total number of participants:	100	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The general objective of the project was to give citizens the opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of the European Union and to make them aware that European values and cultural heritage constitute the foundation for a common future, to share good practices and foster the citizens the sense of belonging to the EU.</p>			

The project is also aimed at promoting language learning and lifelong learning. Partners exchanged innovative approaches between countries to share best practices across the whole linguistic and cultural sector.

The event aimed to bring together citizens and decision makers at local and national levels to exchange and share their experiences and results on all aspects of the linguistic and cultural sector. It also provided an interdisciplinary platform for policy makers, citizens and civil society representatives to present and discuss the most recent measures and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the field. Themes for the event revolved around the linkages between issues and policy responses in the field which support contemporary and innovative initiatives that engender experimentation and renewal in cultures, and provided opportunities for participants to actively engage in and reflect upon diversity.

The preparatory activity of the project was held in Gabčíkovo (SK).

Programme of the first meeting, held between 5-11th of May in Gabčíkovo (SK)

- visiting the fair of Slovak artisans: potters, bakers and pastry makers, beekeepers, jewelry makers, butchers, palinka and wine makers, makers of wooden toys and traditional textile and thread dolls. Traditional folk songs and dances were performed on stage.
- visiting the hydroelectric dam that has been in operation since 1992 and directs approximately 80% of the Danube's waters to a side channel and a reservoir
- walking along the Danube and visiting the local fishermen
- visit of the city and the tourist and sports sights, the football field, the renewed lighthouse, the park with plane trees,
- workshops: presentation of associations active in both localities, exchange of experiences and presentation of good practices; the debate on socio-cultural possibilities in the pre- and post-Covid19 period, the involvement of young people in the active life of the community through volunteering, the role of women in entrepreneurial life and on the labor market (special guest Rozalia Tothova, mayoress of Patice commune, Slovakia)
- firemen's parade, religious service, artistic event with local performers from Gabčíkovo
- visiting the Amade Laszlo General School in Gabčíkovo, presenting an artistic moment prepared by the students
- walking in the city with Slovak students, joint sports activities, exchange of experiences in the field of educational and leisure activities, workshops, after-school

The preparatory event's results:

- Developing stronger awareness of the values and opportunities of European citizenship and initiating joint citizen action in four countries on reinforcing the rights of EU citizens;
- Providing opportunities for stronger civic participation
- Strengthening the impact of citizen participation in the EU decision-making process with an accent on participation in the economic governance in the aftermath of the Eurozone crisis.
- How do policies that are made in Brussels affect us as individuals? How can we influence the design of EU policies? How can we make Europe a tangible experience for all its citizens? These and many more questions were addressed at conferences, panel discussions, and workshops in order to reveal Europe's diversity, its regions, its issues and problems, and the commitment of the people living here.
- Through the activities, project partners promoted public discourse in Europe by offering a forum for differing points of view while also identifying what we have in common. The main result was encouraging people to get actively involved and to think of themselves as citizens of the European Union.

Dissemination, communication and exploitation:

Social media presence :

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091902364861>

An information sheet about the project was published on partners website, as following:

Comuna Mihaileni - Romania:

<https://www.csikszentmihaly.ro/index.php/restart-strengthen-fellowship-to-foster-joint-perspectives-in-the-new-european-context-restart/>

Gabčíkovo – Slovakia

https://www.gabcikovo.sk/e_download.php?file=data/multipage/editor/editor-10-63-sk_1.pdf&original=restart.pdf

Also, in the frame of the project the following information and communication materials were made:

- Project brochure
- Project report summary
- Conclusions and recommendations
- Agenda of the event
- T-shirts with project logo

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