

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:	[2]		
Event name:	[Citizens meeting]		
Type:	[workshop, seminar, conference]		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Romania] [Mihaileni]		
Date(s):	[28.09.2023-01.10.2023]		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	150		
Male:	150		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Romania – Comuna Mihaileni]:	125 (62 female, 63 male, 0 non-binary)		
From country 2 [Slovakia – Gabcikovo]:	175 (88 female, 87 male, 0 non-binary)		
Total number of participants:	300	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 main activity of the project was held in Romania, Comuna Mihaileni between 28th September - 1th October 2023.

The major aim of the event was the active involvement of EU citizens in setting up a common response to multiple challenges and articulate a new vision of the future, and thereby restore the public faith in the European project. Event topics were designed so as to increase awareness about the EU's common policies, the values and rights of EU citizens created by it, and to develop knowledge about the opportunities offered by the EU, encouraging their citizens to participate in the democratic life of the EU. The event's program was established together by the partners, in cooperation with volunteers and NGOs from partner localities. Being the developer and the host of the event, ABMCSG had the following tasks: coordinating logistics, organizing and implementing the event in compliance with the proposed program.

The program was divided in three main parts, and 3 meetings were held during the implementation period. The first meeting was held between 5-11th of May in Gabčíkovo (SK), the second between 25-29th of May in Mihaileni (RO), and the third, the closing event also in Mihaileni between 28th of September – 1th of October.

Programme of the second meeting, held between 25-29th of May in Mihaileni (RO)

- round table discussion (local achievements of the EU and possible disadvantages; presentation of achievements, daily life, problems and perspectives; understanding the challenges of the European Union, Euroscepticism, tolerance)
- thematic trip to Miercure Ciuc, Odorheiu Secuiesc, Mini Transilvania Park in Băile Szejké, the memorial house of the writer Tamási Áron in Lupeni
- pilgrimage to Șumuleu Ciuc, religious service
- round table discussion: exchange of experience (the historical past, differences and similarities, solidarity, tolerance, multiculturalism, cultural and religious diversity, the role of the Roma population)
- festival of folk dances and songs with the participation of local performers
- Workshop: topics addressed: the rural economy in the critical period, the revival of solidarity, possibilities for EU funding, possibilities to cooperate with farmers, associations, entrepreneurs, cultural institutions from twinned localities
- Presentation of traditional outdoor games, workshop for making traditional wooden toys

Programme of citizens meeting closing event held between 28th of September – 1th October

Day 1 program of the twinning event: – 28th of September 2023:

Discussion, debate on:

- Local good practices and disadvantages of the integration in the different areas
- Trends and future in rural areas – communities and quality of life and the local level of Euroscepticism

Every participant presented the local achievements of EU and possible disadvantages in the frame of a 15 min. short presentation. An invited expert presented the relevant parts of the White paper on the future of Europe. This way participants got an insight on each other's local life, achievements, problems, state and perspectives and understanding the challenges faced the EU in the last years, the reasons of Euroscepticism

Day 2 program – 29th of September 2023:

A thematic excursion was organized with the topic of heritage protection and minorities. The multicolored Transylvania was a perfect place to promote intercultural dialogue with the help of its heritage, this way the thematic excursion had a strong intercultural aspect: visiting Romanian, Hungarian and Roma settlements as well as the heritage of Jews, Armenians and Germans. The excursion served as a good opportunity to aware the public on the importance of tangible and intangible cultural elements (dances, legends, folklore).

Day 3 program – 30th of September 2023:

Competition and roundtable debate:

- I know Europe – (work and study) experiences from other countries (EURES, ERASMUS+ etc.)
- Education and development

Young age groups and educators participated on this activity. A short competition was organized to introduce the topic and share knowledge on the topic. The experiences were discussed in a moderated way, in order to share knowledge and encourage the participation in different programs.

During the event an open-air exhibition was reachable for participants. The exhibition focused on illustrating the intangible and tangible achievements financed by EU funds. Before-after pictures from all of the regions demonstrating the role of Europe, including the presentation of possible disadvantages. Similarities and differences in problems, as well as good practices were emphasized and interpreted in every domain (infrastructure, nature, heritage, agriculture, economy, community etc.).

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-contex-restart/>

Gabcikovo – 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).