

The project “All that connects: language, culture and European citizenship” - Cultural dialogue and civic actions in town twinning partnership was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

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

Participation: The project involved 218 citizens, notably 135 participants from the city of Újhartyán (Hungary), 83 participants from the city of Stadt Freiberg Am Neckar (Germany) etc.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Újhartyán, Hungary from 03/07/2014 to 06/07/2014

Short description:

The day of 03/07/2014 was dedicated to cultural and institutional welcome activities, and the evening is for music and dance, introducing the gastronomy of Újhartyán

The day of 04/07/2014 was dedicated to business roundtable networkings and presentations,

The day of 05/07/2014 was dedicated to understanding local and regional history, swabian event

The day of 06/07/2014 was dedicated to emphasizing town twinning relationship - local civic actions - Memorial Day of Újhartyán

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "*Networks of Towns*"

Measure 2.3 "*Civil Society Projects*"

Strand 1 – "*European Remembrance*"

5 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 130 citizens, including 83 participants from the city of Stadt Freiberg am Neckar (Germany), 47 participants from the city of Újhartyán (Hungary) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Újhartyán (Hungary), Diamond Horse Park, Institutions, from 03/07/2014 to 03/07/2014

Short description: The aim of the event was an overall view about Ujhartyan's cultural background, presenting historical sites, local government institutions, capacities, NGOs in the city. The tour gave a great overview about versatiled carachteristics of the city, including some cultural, traditional activitiy, german ethnicity spots, and the Diamond Horse Park - where traditional folkore event was held to the guests, and they could meet local horse keepers, see their handmade clothing, handcrafts, leather accessories as well. This program also included our traditions to understand multicultural faces of Ujhartyan, focusing on german ethnicity. Creating global view about our European status, introducing civic and local actions for premium quality of cultural life in all meaning.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 170 citizens, including 83 participants from the city of Stadt am Freiberg Neckar (Germany), 87 participants from the city of Újhartyán (Hungary) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Újhartyán (Hungary), in a Restaurant and Conference room, from 03/07/2014 to 03/07/2014

Short description: The aim of the event was exchanging our cultural values in several levels, and giving the opportunity to our individuals and locals to get on stage, making new cultural relationships. The cities had a specific challenge to see a whole variety of all the fascinating talents from both countries. The Band with wind instruments of Ujhartyan City, the chore and dance group of elderly people performed on stage, meanwhile traditional german ethnicity food has been served to the guests of Freiberg am Neckar. Cultural talks, cultural dimensions has been opened from the town twinning partners. The evaluation of cultural values with wide range of local food, wine, and historical habits has been presented at this event containing traditional group games and fun factors as well.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 100 citizens, including 83 participants from the city of Stadt am Freiberg Neckar (Germany), 17 participants from the city of Újhartyán (Hungary) etc.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Újhartyán (Hungary), then in the cities Baja and Hajós also in Hungary from 04/07/2014 to 04/07/2014

Short description: The aim of the event was to create activities for the European levels of making business networking. Creating new town twinning business challenges as well and we also had discussion about the EU decision-making and policies in the European Union, and see how the EU helping the SME sector. Talks about SME charta, how does the charta helping the attendance and cooperation of SMEs, in Europe opportunities of legal entites to gain funds / grants from the EU, understanding the role model of promoting bodies from the EU, like European Comission, and Funding Bodies. We also visited a german business man lives in Hungary in the town of Baja and generated a roundtable talk with local SMEs, and entites want to get in touch in business options in Germany and in Hungary. Drafted a business cooperation between hungarian entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs in Freiburg am Neckar. Visited a winemaker family business in Hajós, as our partner Freiberg am Neckar is a wine-growing village as well.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 150 citizens, including 83 participants from the city of Stadt am Freiberg (Germany), 67 citizens from the city Újhartyán, (Hungary)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Újhartyán (Hungary), Historical spots in Ujhartyan, then a trip around Budapest from 05/07/2014 to 05/07/2017

Short description: The concept of this day was to have a wider aspects of cultural and historical spots in Ujhartyan. Will visited the renovated church, cemetary and local historical presentations and also an exhibition opened to our guests. In the afternoon there was a quick trip to the capital city - Budapest, to see the regional and capital level of living in the central region of Hungary, and also represented the transport options of this region. Finishing the day a Swabian dinner with all gastronomical hidden treasures.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 1500 citizens, including 83 participants from the city of Stadt am Freiberg (Germany), 1417 citizens from the city Újhartyán, (Hungary)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Újhartyán (Hungary), New memorial and historical square in Újhartyán, streets from 06/07/2014 to 06/07/2017

Short description: The concept of this day was to share and to connect our religious connections. Our final day started with a Holy Mass, to bring blessings for all of us. As this Day was the Memorial Day of the City of Újhartyán, all the locals, families, communities, participated in the activities. The New historical memorial has been formally opened, and a central square in the city where locals can and enjoy community atmosphere. We also had a Town twinning meeting to emphasize our cooperation, new topics will be opened. The Memorial Day of the City of Ujhartyán activated more than 1000 of people living in our town, around, citizens, communities, elderly and young people as well. This day was an open day for everyone, and they could participate on the town twinnig meeting, got a clear vision about cooperating in local and regional level in the European Union.