

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - SUKOSD NAGYKOZSEGI ONKORMANYZAT (Sükösd)
PIC number:	938387022
Project name and acronym:	Education and culture for citizens — Educulture

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Town twinning meeting
Type:	conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Hungary, Sükösd
Date(s):	28.07.2023, 29.07.2023, 30.07.2023.
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.sukosd.hu/?module=news&action=getfile&fid=154141
Participants	
Female:	80
Male:	35
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 - Romania:	38
From country 2 - Croatia:	27
From country 3 - Slovakia:	50
Total number of participants:	115
From total number of countries:	3
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

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One strand directly addressed the cultural and linguistic diversity of the Europe, while the second strand tackled the future of Europe and the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the local communities in the aspect of education system.

On the first day, after the arrival of guests from invited towns they introduced themselves and their view about actual happenings in EU, on the joint Kick-off meeting. Key issues, topics were being discussed and the agenda of upcoming day. Participants were been asked to bring with them craftsman made products what is special to their tradition and culture, and these were been exposed on the Street exhibition fair. Each country (town) have its own stand where can present to visitors their best known and characteristic products and/or services. This way local visitors and citizens got in touch with each other, got to know the culture of the European guests, thus, beside building tolerance, they could develop a common European future based on democratic foundations. Due to its mass program, it gathered people of different nationalities and different languages together, we promoted the intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and pointed out the richness of nations.

On the second day a workshop is organized on topic lower education system at national and EU level. Participants were: pedagogues, teachers, psychologists, sociologists, representatives of parents, decision makers and lawyers who led debate on existing education system in some countries and its comparison. Themes were about programs, children, financing, treatment of the disadvantaged, Roma education and culture. This subprogram directly encouraged cooperation between stakeholders and the exchange of best practices, and reinforced mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens.

The next activity, the Conference served also these objectives, tackled the future of Europe and the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the local communities in the aspect of education system. In addition to the key experts mention above, in this activity were present municipal leaders, regional and national parliamentarians. Similarly, citizens and decision-makers from the hosts. Themes were the teaching method in the pandemic or other elementary crisis, on-line education system pro and contra, utilization of gender equality and non-discrimination principles, rights and responsibilities among staffs and students. Conference promoted equality among attendees, created forward-looking and constructive improvements and solutions within particular lower education systems.

At the end of the day, members of the delegations attended a traditional cultural presentation to familiarize the partners with each other's cultural characteristics. Similar to the Street exhibition fair this intersection of languages and cultures also promoted exchange between citizens, mutual understanding and fostered friendships and point out European cultural values.

On the morning of the third day, the results of the workshop and the conference were further processed as part of a closing event. Influences were gathered, and been summarized. Delegation members composed a list of proposed suggestion or ideas what action could be taken to strengthen the commitment to and the faith in the future of the European Union.

IMPACT:

Bringing together people from different European countries, foster communication and debate on equal level can be considered as the first fundamental objective of the project. Members of the delegations could participate on activities, introduce their views, ideas as well as cultural heritages in a form of performances or goods.

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Improved quality and efficiency of education, promoted equity, social cohesion and active citizenship will be the mid- and long term effect of the event. Exchanged best practices and experiences, lessons learned will lead to mutual understanding and create cooperation and friendships among citizens from different countries. Another long-term dimension is embodied in the way people think. The aim is to communicate the outcome of the meeting to a broader audience on positive thinking about the future of EU democracy, because this is the only way to achieve the desired effect: strengthen the welfare society and increasing sense of belonging to the EU. These goals can be achieved with the help of individual interest protection organizations and civil initiatives. Building from the bottom up, the project will deliver results in the medium and long term.

Target group, participants went home after the TT event with a reinforced belief in the EU, which they are passing on to the citizens of their communities, thus spreading the need for equally cooperation.



**Citizens, Equality, Rights
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AGENDA

Location: Sükösd, Hungary

Day 1. (28.07.2023.)

- 16:00 – 17:00** Receiving and registering participants
17:10 – 19:00 **Kick-off meeting**
20:00 **Opening of the Street exhibition fair**

Day 2. (29.07.2023.)

- 08:30 – 09:00** Registration
09:00 – 10:30 **Workshop:** Lower education system at national and EU level
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 **Workshop (continues):** Lower education system at national and EU level,
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30 **Conference:** future of Europe and the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the local communities in the aspect of education system,
19:00 **Performances - Cultural programs**

Day 3. (30.07.2023.)

- 09:30 – 10:00** Registration

10:00 – 12:00 Evaluations, summarization, Program closing

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break









