

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	101091089 - Municipality of Janíky
PIC number:	904993608
Project name and acronym:	All of us Can Shape the EU Future – Janíky 2023 – JAN2023

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
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Type:	Opening ceremony, Formal meeting of representatives of the partner towns, Exhibition, question & answer session, Workshop, Discussion, Presentation, Public discuss forum, Panel Discussion, Survey, Cultural and social activities, Final conference		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia, municipality of Janíky		
Date(s):	18/08/2023 – 20/08/2023		
Website(s) (if any):	www.janiky.sk		
Participants			
Female:	267		
Male:	260		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Slovakia]:	350		
From country 2 [Czech republic]:	60		
From country 3 [Hungary]:	90		
From country 3 [Slovenia]:	20		
From country 3 [Serbia]:	7		
Total number of participants:	527	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The main goal of the project was to encourage citizens of the European Union in active participation on the EU affairs by strengthening the principles of democracy, openness and active cooperation with			

the local authorities, and to promote solidarity, cohesiveness, the respect based on different cultural principles. Through the project activities the EU citizens had been supported in active participation, civic engagement and volunteering. The activities such as workshops, presentations, discussions have been prepared to encourage participants to become active creators of the EU future, feel and influence on its future and feel to be a co-responsible member. The aim was to raise understanding of the current problems of the EU, the meaning of the EU policies, and the role of the citizens, municipalities as a representatives of EU policies on the lowest level of enforcement and dissemination as well as to raise awareness of the importance of reinforcing the European integration process based on solidarity and common values. All activities had been carried out on the basis of volunteering as a one of ways of presentation the active form of volunteering at local level and community development. We had also took account the equal opportunities principle's application, representation of all ages, the disadvantaged and the elderly.

For participants were prepared interesting, educational, inspiring and entertainment activities.

#### **On 18/08/2023 took place:**

**16:00 Opening ceremony** – the mayors, representatives of partners and citizens had been welcomed. The program of the event was presented. The activity kicked up the idea of cooperation in EU environment, focused participants on topics of the project and started the process of feeling involved into event and planned topics. Participants could realise the purpose of the event itself, the objectives (why the project is implemented), they obtained basic information about the course of the event, types of activities, the topics.

**19:00 Formal meeting of representatives** of the partner towns in order to agree future cooperation projects, presentation of local activities, cooperation of EU projects, sharing of practical issues of project implementation. The aim was to point out the importance of cooperation in common projects and the important role of representatives twinning towns in active cooperation on international, national, regional and local level. The partnership of twinning towns was presented as the way of active support of EU principles.

**20:00 Exhibition** of amateur artists from "Žitný ostrov" - the largest river island in Europe and also the largest drinking water reservoir in Central Europe.

#### **On 19/08/2023 took place:**

9:00 – 12:00 Morning series of activities focused on the theme: The need of solidarity:

- **question & answer session on the theme "what does solidarity mean within the EU"** focused on discussion the topic of solidarity and to assess existing solidary mechanisms inside the EU. Outcome of this activity is raised awareness of importance of solidarity between the EU citizens, solidarity across borders between the Member States, and solidarity through support actions inside and outside the Union as a shared value which creates cohesion and responds to societal challenges.

- **Workshop „Volunteering“** as one of the solidarity mechanism inside the EU - presentation of an active form of volunteering at local level, community development, presentation of the "European Corps of Solidarity" as a one of the tools how to put the core EU value of solidarity into practice. Through this activity the young participants got knowledge of positive aspects, benefits, experiences and possibilities of voluntarism, increased the interest in volunteering especially in younger generation. They got a different view on volunteering activities: the tool for raising level of competencies related to the labour market and the way of development of the communities.

- **Discussion on the theme "Combating stigmatisation of migrants"** - presenting views and suggestions on this topic, exchange of experience, debate on how to increase solidarity, cohesion, how to fight xenophobia,

- **Presentation on the theme "My start in a foreign country"** presentation of narratives of people who had to leave their home countries, their own experiences of living in a foreign country. Participants could deal with prejudices, stereotypes and raise the level of tolerance in the context of a changing EU (migration wave, ethnic and religious diversity of the population). Through the stories of people, the topic became more personal. Activity had been aimed to promote tolerance to multiculturalism and difference.

**13:00 Formal meeting of the partner representatives** – focused on opportunities to cooperate with the expansion of topics related to the life of young people and greater involvement of citizens in social life as well as the promotion of life in a common, united Europe. Formal meeting brought possibility to set up the fields of future cooperation in citizenship projects (as the twinning towns are in cooperation on various fields).

#### **14:00 – 17:00 Cultural and social activities:**

- football competition for senior men

- competition in cooking traditional dishes of individual partner municipalities

Outcome of this activity is deepening the partnership between the municipality and its partner municipality, civil society, organizations; increasing the awareness of a European identity based on common values, history and culture, linguistic and culture diversity.

**16:00 - Public discuss forum: The Europe we want to live"** - active participation of the EU citizens on presentation their views, ideas about the future of the EU. Through this activity the participants had been encouraged to become active creators of the future EU, feel and influence on its future and feel to be a co-responsible member. They received a practical perspective on how to influence things, why it matters to them and why EU citizens really care about it. The understanding of the current problems of the EU, the meaning of the EU policies and the role of the EU citizens increased.

**17:00 – 20:00 Afternoon focused on the theme: "Active citizenship" including various activities:**

- **Active citizens I** - interactive workshop + model meeting of the municipality council - introduction of opportunities for active participation on the local level.

- **Active citizens II** – The next step is **model meeting** of the municipality council (representatives of partner cities) where citizens will present their problems and its solutions.

- **Active Citizens III** – interactive workshop focused on introduction of civic participation tools in terms of their possible use by citizens (the Conference on the Future of Europe, Debating Europe, The Citizens Dialogue) including the European Parliament elections in 2024 as one of the possible way actively participate in the EU decision-making process and active participation of European citizens in public life.

- **Presentation with discussion "We self-governments"** - sharing views on active citizen participation. Presentation of examples of good practice.

Citizens learned how to communicate towards self-government (the choice of arguments, practicality, eternity, reflection of community problems). Representatives of local governments realised the importance of their role in promoting participation, creation the conditions for active citizenship, as well as the use of citizen support tools (meeting with citizens, targeting citizens for cooperation, supporting local initiatives, etc.). Through this activity the participants received information how to use the tools for active participations at EU level.

**21:00 Cultural evening: We are all Europeans** – focused on presentation of differences or proximity cultures, customs and habits of the people living in the EU. Outcome of this activity is enhancing people's understanding of nationalities and their origins. Increasing sensitivity on diversity. Increasing tolerance to differences. Within the activity had been presented the migration history of the different nations, which reveals the roots of the nations, the common history, but also the differences of the nations in the EU. Citizens got more information which are the basis for understanding the differences.

**On 20/08/2023 took place :**

**10:00 - Panel Discussion: How the COVID-19 pandemic influenced our lives** – focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the everyday life of municipality citizens. The participants could discuss how it all affected the citizens' view of the leadership of the municipality, the state, as well as the European Union. The objectives and the meaning of the restrictions adopted by individual member states. In the same time the participants had opportunity to express what they heard, read, saw in related to the COVID-19 pandemic, consequently they could evaluate what is fact, truth, what sources are certified, etc. They had opportunity to combat with disinformation and hoaxes.

**11:00 Lecture** of firefighters on prevention and using of technology in interventions

**14:00 Final conference associated with recovery of event, presentation of the research results,** understanding of addressed issues.

**All days activities:**

**Activity for children: Within the Funny World** (sport and funny activities and attractions) will be the Presentation on the theme "We want to know the EU" - the series of activities with the aim to acquire basic knowledge about the EU, presentation of individual member states, basic information (dominance, language, customs, history, traditional meals). Puzzle - EU states, map of Europe, Quiz about the EU - participating countries.

During the whole event the survey had been run. Survey was focused on find out participants' attitudes what they would like the future EU looks like. The questionnaire itself consisted of 5 questions from the areas of self-sufficiency, security, cultural diversity, citizenship and the common currency.

Project activities had been designed so that the participants receive useful information about the Union, its diversity, policies, the reason for its creation, goals, values. Our project supported and provided opportunity to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at local and the Union level. The participants could gain practical experience how to become active citizens, to be interested about the policy making process and to be active creators of the EU future.

Information about the project has been published on the websites:

<https://www.janiky.sk/sk/udalosti/kalendar-podujati/buducnost-eu-mozeme-formovat-vsetci-all-of-us-can-shape-the-eu-future-az-eu-jovojet-mindanyian-alakithatjuk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100005792865936>

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