

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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PROJECT	
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	GREEN EUROPE, GREENER FUTURE AND ACTIVE CITIZEN Acronym: GREEN
<b>Participant:</b>	Municipality of Lehnice
<b>PIC number:</b>	920348708

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<b>Event number:</b>	1
<b>Event name:</b>	GREEN EUROPE, GREENER FUTURE AND ACTIVE CITIZEN
<b>Type:</b>	A three-day international event
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In situ
<b>Location:</b>	Country: Slovakia City: Lehnice
<b>Date(s):</b>	20.05.2022 – 22.05.2022
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.obeclehnice.sk/urad-2/projekty/green-europe-greener-future-and-active-citizen/">https://www.obeclehnice.sk/urad-2/projekty/green-europe-greener-future-and-active-citizen/</a>
Participants	
Female:	518
Male:	516
Non-binary:	1
From country Slovakia:	Obec Lehnice – 820 participants
From country Czech Republic:	MESTO SLAVKOV U BRNA– 57 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Lengyeltóti Város Önkormányzata- 55 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Repcelak Varos Önkormanyzata- 55 participants
From country Romania:	Municipality of Medgyes- 47 participants
From country Serbia:	Municipality of Torda- 38 participants
Total number of participants:	1034
From total number of countries:	4

**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The presented project was a manifestation of the efforts of the countries of the European region to cooperate in several areas of common interest within the framework of pan-European integration. The project reflected on current events in Europe - the growth of anti-European sentiments, intolerance and nationalism. This situation was in contrast to the values that we and our partner organizations share. It was in our interest to unite people/nations. As we already have experience with the previous "Europe for Citizens" program, we knew that this was the way to go. The way was to create an event that brings together partners from different EU countries and thus create a space for the exchange of information between people of different nationalities, to strengthen mutual understanding and tolerance and to give people the opportunity to broaden their perspective and develop feelings of European belonging and identity. The result of this joint effort of ours was the implementation of the presented project.

The main idea of the project was very pro-European. Our intention was to show that Europe and specifically the European Union is a safe association where democracy, tolerance, solidarity reigns and common European citizenship develops. The topic of the project was closely related not only to current events and the need to respond to them, but also to the activities of the partner organizations themselves. These were represented by self-governments, but also by organizations of the non-profit sector. They bring together citizens, enthusiasts, volunteers and want to create permanent cooperation in the EU area.

Objectives of the project:

- support the exchange of information between citizens of different countries,
- to give citizens the opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of the European Union and to understand that European values and cultural heritage represent the basis of a common future,
- to support the active participation of Europeans at the local as well as the European level,
- strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens,
- strengthen cooperation between municipalities and the exchange of best practices.

The activities of the first day were devoted to the topic: Increasing awareness of the richness of the cultural and linguistic environment in Europe. The program contributed to the promotion of intercultural dialogue by bringing together people of different nationalities and languages, giving them the opportunity to participate in joint activities. Awareness of the richness of the cultural and linguistic environment in Europe has been raised and mutual understanding and tolerance have been promoted, thereby contributing to the development of a respectful, dynamic and diverse European identity and to respect for common values, democracy and fundamental rights.

The activities of the second day were on the topic: Raising awareness of the importance of strengthening the European integration process on the basis of solidarity. We are aware that the European Union is based on solidarity: solidarity between citizens, cross-border solidarity between member states and solidarity through support measures within and outside the Union. Solidarity is a common value that creates cohesion and responds to social challenges. Projects of the partner towns contribute to overcoming perceptions at the national level by promoting mutual understanding and creating a space where participants discuss joint solutions constructively. Their goal was to raise awareness of the importance of strengthening the European integration process based on solidarity and common values.

The final day was devoted to the topic: Strengthening the sense of European belonging by supporting the debate on the future of Europe. The project gave citizens the opportunity to express what kind of Europe they want. Discussions supported within the project were based on specific successes of the European Union and on the knowledge gained from the past. Such discussions should also take into account current trends and allow participants to address Euro-scepticism by proposing possible measures that the European Union could take to promote a sense of belonging to Europe, understanding the benefits of the European Union and strengthening the EU's social and political cohesion. The partner municipalities motivated and encouraged each other to respond to the goals of the Conference on the Future of Europe. Furthermore, the discussions fostered a culture of democratic exchange of information in which the views of all participants were equally valued, regardless of their gender, age or ethnic origin.

**HISTORY OF CHANGES**

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

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