

The project « BECOME VOLUNTEER at fire brigades or other initiatives for a successful Europe» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

**Applicable to the Sub-programme: Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation,
Action: 2.1: Town Twinning**

Participation: The project allowed the meeting for 195 invited international participants. Participants were the following: 45 from Comuna Frumoasa (Romania), 45 from Opcina Bilje (Croatia), 20 from Markotabödöge Község Önkormányzata (Hungary), 45 from Kóny Község Önkormányzata (Hungary), 40 from KRAJEVNA SKUPNOST ZITKOVCI (Slovenia), plus 450 from the municipality of Lúč na Ostrove (Slovakia).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Lúč na Ostrove (Slovakia)**, from **21/07/2017 to 23/07/2017**.

Short description:

On 21th of July 2017, the following activities were implemented:

8:00 – 23:00 Technological and organizational activities linked with cultural events, workshops, conference
10:00 – 16:00 Arrival of the guests, assistance in the transport of the participants and their accommodation
16:00 – 18:30 Welcome session- „A EUROPEAN MUNICIPALITY and VOLUNTARISM“- 6 presentations of the project partners about themselves
19:00 – 19:30 Photo exhibition opening on the topic “Volunteerism in Central Europe”, photos were collected by the 6 project partners in their homeland
19:35 – 20:15 Children’s drawings exhibition opening on the topic “We are the future of the EU”, drawings were made by the children of the 6 project partners in their homeland about their eyes see the EU
21:30 – 23:00 “Traditions in Central Europe”- cultural program. Cultural representatives of the local culture from the twinning towns introduced themselves.

On 22th of July 2017, the following activities were implemented:

8:00 – 03:00 Technological and organizational activities linked with cultural events, workshops, conference
9:30 – 11:00 Workshop with open debate forum character on the topic “Debate on the future of Europe”. Debate where citizens were invited to take part.
10:00 – 17:00 EU info-tent- spreading information about EU by presentation materials, by using questionnaires and video-reports on VOLUNTARISM,EUROSCEPTICISM and THE FUTURE OF EUROPE
10:00 – 17:00 Partners’ info-tent- offering information about the 5 foreign partner municipalities
10:30 – 13:00 Opening of the exhibition of the technical equipments of the local volunteer fire brigade and presentation show of the fire brigades from the region of Lúč na Ostrove and district of Dunajská Streda
13:00 – 14:00 Workshop with open debate forum character on the topic “Understanding and Debating Euroscepticism”. Debate where citizens were invited to take part, to express themselves.
14:30 – 16:30 Conference on the topic “VOLUNTARISM and ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP in THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION” involving experts and different representatives from the partner municipalities
18:00 – 24:00 “Colourful Danube Region” cultural program. Cultural representatives of host municipality and Danube region introduced themselves.

On 23th of July 2017 the following activities were implemented:

09:00 – 14:00 Technological and organizational activities linked with closing of the events, preparation of the planting of trees, departure of the participants of the event

9:30 – 10:30 Planting of the “EU VOLUNTARISM TREES”, every partner planted 1 piece what will remember us that everyone can help and connect to different communities in the EU what makes the EU a better place