

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Luc na Ostrove - Luc
PIC number:	913911691
Project name and acronym:	2024 – Chances for active, responsible and engaged citizens — 2024

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Event number:	1		
Event name:	2024 – Chances for active, responsible and engaged citizens		
Type:	Joint event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia, Luc na Ostrove		
Date(s):	21-23.07.2023		
Website(s) (if any):	www.lucnaostrove.sk		
Participants			
Female:	531		
Male:	464		
Non-binary:	2		
From country 1 [Hungary]:	105		
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	40		
From country 3 [Romania]:	50		
From country 4 [Slovakia]:	802		
Total number of participants:	997	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
July 21, 2023			
<p>The foreign guests arrived before lunch, and during the afternoon we were delighted by the young talents from our village with a cultural programme. This was followed by a walk together, during which the partners became better acquainted with the local history and landmarks (church, community centre, public spaces, etc.). After dinner together, we introduced ourselves to each other: the foreign delegations presented themselves in the</p>			

form of pictures and spoken word. Local voluntary organisations also presented themselves during this activity. The cultural programme was enriched by productions by citizens with disabilities and performances by pensioners.

In the later part of the evening, we had fun together and got to know each other.

July 22, 2023

The morning programme offered many opportunities for young and old to get involved. Children could take part in various games, competitions and craft activities. Voluntary organisations demonstrated their practical activities on the local sports field. Firefighters, hunters and the local cynology club presented themselves.

Later, a multi-generational gastronomic programme began, with many teams from home and abroad signing up. Not only traditional local dishes were cooked, but also typical dishes of the countries represented were prepared. In this way, the participants were able to familiarise themselves with the colourfulness of the Union.

Through the representation of Europe Direct, the participants received a lot of interesting and varied information about the EU. For example, study and volunteering opportunities for young people, tools to influence the work of the European Commission (public consultations, European citizens' initiatives, etc.).

The midday programme was also in the spirit of cultural diversity: many artists and groups performed on stage. They created a pleasant atmosphere for making new acquaintances and debating together.

The opening of the exhibition was also held on this day, which was made up of the works of citizens with disabilities. We also realized discussions on EU topics. We focused on the European Parliament elections that are coming up in 2024, the voter turnout percentages and the results achieved by the MEPs from the countries represented. There was also an exchange of views on the Slovak parliamentary elections, and we compared the different electoral systems in each country.

The second day of the project ended with concerts and street entertainment in a great atmosphere.

July 23, 2023

Those who were interested could attend a morning service, followed by a joint trip in the region. In this way, our partners from abroad became more thoroughly acquainted with the characteristic landscape of Slovakia, e.g. with a hydroelectric power plant in Gabčíkovo. After lunch we exchanged views on the presidential elections. A joint evaluation of the project followed - the partners summarised what they liked and what they liked less during the joint days. They also gave us suggestions for activities they would welcome in the future. After receiving small gifts, the teams said their goodbyes and returned home.

Testimonies:

We were honoured to be part of an event with such a rich programme. The implementation was of a very high standard, and the days were spent in a good atmosphere. – participant from Romania

The municipality has been involving disadvantaged people for years, which I am very happy about. Our family is also affected and it is good to see that there are people who promote the social integration of people with disabilities. The programme is made more interesting, more colourful and more human by such activities. I think it is important that they can get involved in everything that interests them. – participant from Slovakia

We are returning guests and always happy to come back. It's such a great place to talk, have fun and cook! We usually get involved in the cooking programme so we get to try new

foods and flavours. There are good concerts in the evening, and the thematic discussions complement the fun. – participant from Hungary

Every year there is something new at the event. We also love the traditional activities, like cooking together and going on trips. This time we have more focus on the elections, and we have been able to discuss this topic in a direct and understandable way. – participant from Slovenia

Participating municipalities from abroad:

Markotabödöge and Kóny from Hungary

Žitkovci from Slovenia

Frumoasa from Romania

One of our partners (Bilje from Croatia) was not attending the project.

Link to the Event Description Sheet:

<https://www.lucnaostrove.sk/obec/rodinne-dni-family-days-csaladi-napok-2023-2/>

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