



EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - Obec Marcelová – Marcelová
PIC number:	938690535
Project name and acronym:	<i>Town Twinning for our Joint Future — Twinning our Future</i>

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Municipality Day Parade and Celebrations – A meeting for Our Joint Future
Type:	public event
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Slovakia – the municipality of Marcelová
Date(s):	9 th of June – 11 th of June, 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.marcelova.sk/twinning-our-future/
Participants	
Female:	276
Male:	126
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Slovakia]:	268
From country 2 [Hungary]:	126 (of which 50 from Badacsonytomaj and 76 from Vasad)
From country 3 [Romania]:	5 from Comuna Bixad
From country 4 [Poland]:	3 from Czempin
Total number of participants:	402
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The event was implemented as a three-day long series organised in Marcelová (SK), with the participation of delegations from the partner municipalities, including Badacsonytomaj (HU), Vasad (HU), Bixad (RO) and Czempin (PL), from the 9th of June until the 11th of June, 2023. It has focused on promoting EU values, mutual cooperation, raising awareness, deepening mutual tolerance and friendship and know-how transfer, while offering a cultural added value as well.</p> <p>1st day – 9th of June, 2023</p>	



The municipality day parade and celebrations bearing the title "A meeting for our joint future" began with welcoming the invited guests from abroad. Afterwards, an official event opening speech took place, during which the mayor of the municipality welcomed the guests and addressed the event itself, as well as the Programme, under which it was implemented (CERV). In addition, the representatives of the invited partner settlements introduced themselves and presented their current situation.

A EUROPE DIRECT information stand was set up in the culture house, introducing the informational materials of the twin municipalities and project opportunities to the participants. A joint workshop took place, in which the following topics were discussed by the participants: "The present and future of twin municipalities in the European Union", "Good practices, successes and experiences of the twin municipalities' EU project activities" and "What have we achieved since our last meeting and where are we heading?". Each participant has presented their insight on the mentioned topics, addressed their relationship with EU values, their citizens' approach toward those, and potential future cooperation opportunities were touched upon as well.

In order to efficiently combine the event's practical and professional approach with entertainment, concerts took place in the evening, featuring local artists such as Desperado, V-TECH and Groovehouse. The mayor has also addressed the topic of the project before the start of the concerts, in order to get the general public acquainted with it.

2nd day – 10th of June, 2023

Saturday started with a cooking competition and various contests for children to ensure their involvement as the region's next generation and future hope. The contests were organised in the local school yard, a multifunctional playground and football pitch. A friendly football tournament took place as well.

The delegation visited a wine cellar on the Old Hill, which has proven to be an opportunity for further productive conversation. In the afternoon hours, equestrians, local and foreign traditional groups, the delegations from abroad, children, majorettes and wine orders marched with musical accompaniment along the Main Street of the village to the open-air stage of the Culture House, to entertain the participants after the mayor's official speech. Traditional groups represented by all generations - starting with children up to seniors - performed folklore dances and songs, sharing their cultural heritage. Afterwards, wine orders were introduced and the consecration of a wine knight took place. The day ended with further concerts, including the performances of Essem, Kunu Márió, Opitz Barbi, 3+2 music bands and Herceg.

3rd day – 11th of June, 2023

The last day of the event involved an ecumenical holy service in the local church, followed by a final discussion with the twin municipalities' representatives. During the discussion, the event and mutual relationships were evaluated, and each partner's experience was shared.

The entire event has been accompanied by DJ performances, a flea market, a bouncy castle, a foam party, an archery demonstration, a series of creative workshops, firefighters' demonstrations, as well as drink and food stands with the involvement of local producers.

The event has been visited by the residents of the surrounding villages and towns alike (such as Komárno, Hurbanovo, Martovce, Kolárovo, Búč, Šahy, Želiezovce, Moča, etc.), as well as by the representatives of local minorities, including the Roma community. Proving event's success, citizens of additional municipalities from Hungary outside of the partnership have participated too, including Tapolca (HU), Pécs (HU), Kísapáti (HU) and Káptalantóti (HU). Participants outside of the project's consortium have covered their expenses individually, from their own costs. The event successfully involved different generations from the region, including children, students and seniors alike.

In light of the above, the project and the implemented event contributed to deepening mutual understanding and friendship between citizens and communities, social and cultural life has been revitalised after a period of struggle, the participants got acquainted with the meaning of being an EU citizen, with the EU's values and approaches, as well as their importance and reflection in our daily lives.

Further information and materials related to the event are available on the above inserted website. Photographs of the event are available here: <https://www.marcelova.sk/obec-2/fotogaleria-1/rok-2023/xxiv-den-obce-marcelova-xxiv-falunap-2387sk.html>



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