

The project “Solidarity in rural areas” was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved **246** citizens, notably **79** participants from the VASKUT NAGYKOZSEGI ONKORMANYZAT (**Hungary**), **17** participants from Lunca de Jos (**Romania**), **35** participants from UDRUZENJE GRADJANA OSTORKA (**Serbia**), **30** participants from Panonija EGTS (**Croatia**), **24** participants from Selbsverwaltung Velka Paka (**Slovakia**), **17** participants from Selbstverwaltung Mutlangen (**Germany**), **27** participants from Obec Matuskovo (**Slovakia**) and **17** participants from Marktgemeinde Türkheim (**Germany**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 10/09/2021 to 12/09/2021

Short description:

The day of 10/09/2021 was dedicated to Kick off Meeting.

The day of 11/09/2021 was dedicated to Workshops, Conference, Maze, Children's maze and Stands presenting rural treasures.

The day of 12/09/2021 was dedicated to Maze, Children's maze, Stands presenting rural treasures and Closing conference.

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

7 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 10/09/2021 to 10/09/2021

Short description: In the afternoon of the first day, the members of the delegation involved in the project introduced themselves. Young members of town twinning groups presented to the audience and other participants their own rural communities, solidarity policies and development potentials.

Event 2

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 11/09/2021 to 11/09/2021

Short description: On the second day, we organized 3 workshops, where the members of the delegations discussed the European Union's solidarity policy together with the participating citizens, civilians, decision-makers and economic representatives, the role of the Union in the development of rural areas and the lives of their people, the impact of the global crisis caused by the coronavirus on Europe's rural areas and the lives of its citizens.

Event 3

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 11/09/2021 to 11/09/2021

Short description: The conference summarized the results of the workshops, on a common platform, which also disseminated to EU decision-makers. This brought the idea of European Union solidarity closer to rural people, they felt important, which had an impact on public thinking, especially in the small town environment from which delegations came to the twin town meeting.

Event 4

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 11/09/2021 to 12/09/2021

Short description: On the second and third days, a stylized maze was set up on the main square. Players received multilingual questions and information about the European Union's solidarity policy in the maze (20 information panels and 10 questions panels in total). The game was supervised by appointed and trained animators chosen by the delegations.

Event 5

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 11/09/2021 to 12/09/2021

Short description: In addition to the adult maze, there was also a mini maze for children with a playhouse, where they can get information about the European Union in a playful way. This also encouraged families with small children to attend, who would otherwise, not have come to the event. The project thus reached a wider audience than the direct participants.

Event 6

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 11/09/2021 to 12/09/2021

Short description: Around the maze, each delegation presented at a stand the local "treasures" characteristic to their region (municipality, civilians, economic representatives, rural producers, youth groups, etc.) and possible improvements, which were realized with possible EU funding.

Event 7

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vaskút, Hungary, from 12/09/2021 to 12/09/2021

Short description: The closing conference took place on day 3, where members of the delegations took stock of the previous day's events and responded to the impact of EU solidarity policy on rural development and the lives of citizens, and how these small rural settlements contributed / could contribute to the development of the European Union after the coronavirus.