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

**Participation:** the project allowed the meeting with the participation of 1180 citizens, of whom 60 were from Kyjovske Slovaccko v pohybu, Kyjov, town of Czech Republic, 60 people of "Destinus" -Udruzenje za omladinu, Kanjiza (Serbia), 60 people from Hungary Kulturno Drustvo Arany Janos, Kopacevo (Croatia) and 1000 people from Alfa Public, Slovakia.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Komoča** country, from **02/08/2018 to 04/08/2018**

**Short description:**

On the **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018** the central topic of the event was the European Union, cognition and getting to know and the action against euro-scepticism. The guests arrived from Serbia, Croatia and the Czech Republic in the afternoon hours. After having occupied their accommodation, a brief introduction and a common lunch were held. In the afternoon, there were several program points not only for the foreign guests, but also for those arriving from the settlement and the region. The newcomers could register in the event in a non-traditional way, as the arrivals indicated their participation in this international meeting by their handprint. The introduction of the partners took place in the civic-municipal tent supplemented by the program "Europe for the civil sphere", whereby the partners and the delegates of other civil organisations exchanged ideas and suggested exchanges of views on the problems facing Europe, on their own project experiences and on EU-funded projects. In the framework of the "EU Culture" program, a lecture was also held, which was focusing on the ethnic minority, the Roma culture, in Slovakia and the surrounding countries. There was an experience report of a young participant, who spent a few months abroad as a participant in the Erasmus grant program for learning. Discussions, dialogues and debates were available to anyone. The evening hours were spent with the opportunities to get acquainted and building friendships, which was deepened in a dance house.

On **3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**, the main themes were solidarity, volunteering, tolerance and assistance. In the morning hours, the representatives of the international civil society from the region and the representatives of the municipalities of Komoča and the neighbouring municipalities presented themselves. The program provided an opportunity to learn more about community priorities and plans. In the afternoon hours, Fokhagymácska and the non-governmental organisation of the volunteer firefighters presented their annual work through good examples like solidarity, volunteering, and selfless help. Other local and regional NGOs were also involved, as these priorities are also present in the strategic programs of the organizations. Europe Direct provided information on the knowledge about the European Union, novelties and new programs, and besides conversations professional briefings they promoted the aspirations and priorities by interactive workshops. Collecting was organized for the needy refugee camps and orphanages. With the help of a historian, the participants came closer to the migration topic and tried to understand this phenomenon that should be solved across Europe. In connection with this topic, a conversation was also proposed and a film screening also took place. The participants could prepare their own list of wishes about what they would like to see from Europe, with particular regard to the member states of the European Union. Film screening took place, especially with regard to the Roma minority. During the day, there were playful quizzes and children's programs that attracted everyone from the young age to the elderly. The deepening of friendships was supported by the early evening folklore dancing which was co-ordinated by a popular folklore dancing couple.

On the **4<sup>th</sup> August 2018**, the main topic was the encounter of cultures, gastronomy and affinity. Around these topics, such programs were prepared which helped foster inter-generational work, understanding and sharing experiences. The gastronomic competition, which enlivened the gastronomic habits of different landscapes and cultures, set not only young people but also adults in motion. During cooking friendships were created or occasionally the existing friendships were deepened. During the international gastronomic program, the world of different landscapes, cultures, peoples' customs and tastes was introduced. The light-hearted gastronomic program was complemented by children's and youth programs. The rest of the day featured traditional folk groups and folk ensembles, who faithfully guard the sustaining folk traditions. In the evening hours there was the evaluation and a pop music concert.