

The project « Stronger Europe through solidarity » will be 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 has involved 280 citizens, notably 30 participants from the municipality Dlha Ves (**Slovakia**), notably 40 participants from the municipality Kereki (**Hungary**), notably 50 participants from the municipality of Kokad (**Hungary**), notably 50 participants from the municipality of Újfehértó (**Hungary**), notably 40 participants from the Motvarjevci (**Slovenia**), notably 70 participants from the Cherechiu (**Romania**)

Location/ Dates: The event took place in municipality Cherechiu, Roumania, from 09/09/2016 to 11/09/2016

Short description:

Cherechiu Municipality had organized a town twinning meeting on the 9th, 10th and 11th of September, 2016. Participating twinned towns were Municipality of Cherechiu from Romania and Municipalities of Kokad, Kereki, Újfehértó from Hungary, DLHA VES from Slovakia and Municipality of Motvarjevci from Slovenia, a total of 280 participants, 210 are international guests. This event will bring back together the citizens from the twinned towns of Kokad, Kereki, Újfehértó from Hungary and DLHA VES from Slovakia.

During this event took place the official twinning of Cherechiu and Motvarjevci from Slovenia.

The project had contributed to general, specific objectives and priorities of the program. Each day has a theme related to an objective: "The cost of no Europe", "Unity through diversity and solidarity" and "Building together the Europe future".

The event encourages understanding and debating Euroscepticism by explaining the benefits of EU policies, acknowledging difficulties met and challenges ahead, as well as to put forward EU achievements and the cost of no Europe. All this will have raised awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the Union's aim that is to promote peace, its values and the wellbeing of people.

Also had encourage development of networks, volunteering and solidarity for combatting stigmatisation of "immigrants" and building counter narratives to foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding all this related to debates on the Future of Europe. The purpose of this event was to stimulate debates, reflections, volunteering and development of networks and encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at EU level.

They had been actively involved in the development and implementation of EU policies and had been encouraged to come up with new and exciting ideas on how to eliminate stigmatism, to increase solidarity and stimulate citizens to new forms of civic participation, also through voluntary actions encourage participants to involve in the future of EU.