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| Europe for Citizens |
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We had 6 events within the project’s framework:

Event No1.:

**Participation:** the event made possible the meeting of 200 citizens:

100 persons Ajak, Hungary

25 persons Farkaslaka, Romania

25 persons Aheloy, Bulgaria

25 persons Hyzne, Poland

25 persons Tiszacsernyő, Slovakia

Location/Date: Ajak, Hungary 7-9 August 2015

Detailed description: the topic of the event is Debate and discussion: Students from the participating countries give a presentation on an EU wide topic followed by a discussion and debate it. The method gives students to improve their communication and rhetorical skills. Age group 14-23 yrs.

Venue: House of Culture, Hungary

Description: Each country delegates a 10 person team. the presentations are given in English that may be accompanied by other creative techniques (PowerPoint, music, singing etc.). A presentation is about 20 minutes long.

The teams processed a theme from the EU parliament’s agenda: gave an objective overview of the topic followed by their opinion. Other teams reacted to it, expressing their own views and asking questions. The topics were listed by 13 July via email to avoid duplication of topics and allowing sufficient time for preparation.

Suggested topics: The Ukrainian-Russian war after the annexation of the Crimean peninsula, the European energy safety strategy, Climate change, Illegal migration etc. Topics may have been chosen from the European parliament’s website

The following topics were debated:

Bulgaria, Aheloy – Migration with a difference

Hungary, Ajak – Free movement of goods within the EU

Romania, Farkaslaka – Is the new black green?

Poland, Hyzne – Tobacco products under control

Slovakia, Tiszacsernyő – The aspects of the monetary union, price stability

Event No 2.:

**Participation** the event made possible the meeting of 90 citizens:

20 persons Ajak, Hungary

20 persons Farkaslaka, Romania

15 persons Aheloy, Bulgaria

20 persons Hyzne, Poland

15 persons Tiszacsernyő, Slovakia

Location/Date: Farkaslaka, Romania, 4 September 2015.

 Detailed description: The topic of the event was the renewable energy

Conference on renewable energies: technological advancements and possible use of renewable energies with an emphasis on EU funding possibilities and a particular interest in local traditions of charcoal making. The participants detailed their achievements and plans and stressed that increased awareness is needed to conserve our natural heritage.

In Farkaslaka charcoal making is a long tradition. Still in the 1960’s about 60% of the local population made its living from this labour intensive work. Over the years the settlement received a lot of critique as this was considered destructive. At this event locals tried to prove the contrary: new technologies were developed by the locals in the past 5 years, that participants could visit. The manager of the new facility as part of the conference described how emission is reduced and the by-product gasses are cleaned and used for generating electricity.

Event No 3.:

**Participation** the event made possible the meeting of 140 citizens:

55 persons Ajak, Hungary

20 persons Farkaslaka, Romania

20 persons Aheloy, Bulgaria

30 persons Hyzne, Poland

15 persons Tiszacsernyő, Slovakia

Location/Date: Ajak Hungary, 12 February 2016.

Detailed description: Drawing and essay contest

We advertised a drawing and essay contest titled “The youth’s thoughts on the everyday life of the European Union” and “Equal opportunities in the European job market” for the age group of 14-23. The call was open from 10 August 2015 to 31 January 2016 followed by an exhibition and reading on 6 February 2016. The jury was delegated from the participating countries. The works were used as part of our communication.

Location: Tamási Áron School

Event No 4.:

**Participation** the event made possible the meeting of 120 citizens:

45 persons Ajak, Hungary

15 persons Farkaslaka, Romania

30 persons Aheloy, Bulgaria

15 persons Hyzne, Poland

15 persons Tiszacsernyő, Slovakia

Location/Date: Aheloy, Bulgária, 24-25 June 2016.

Detailed description:

**Voluntary action:** We organized an environmental protection action for volunteers where we created pictorial tableaus that formed the ‘Path of Europe’ in Aheloy’s cultural centre. Pictures, drawings, objects helped us to gain knowledge on the environmental decision making of the union. Volunteering offers an outstanding opportunity for participants to take part in the life of various communities while gaining new skills and making new friends. Through the European Voluntary Service participants contribute to local communities not only in the EU but also in other continents, placements are open to all between 18-30 years. Volunteers receive no salaries but receive full refund of their costs.

Event No 5.:

**Participation** the event made possible the meeting of 120 citizens:

30 persons Ajak, Hungary

20 persons Farkaslaka, Romania

20 persons Aheloy, Bulgaria

35 persons Hyzne, Poland

15 persons Tiszacsernyő, Slovakia

Location/Date: Hyzne, Poland, 2-3 July 2016.

Detailed description:

European remembrance, European history: within the framework of the 14th Władysław Sikorski Day we organised a Cycling Competition and Tour ,followed by a visit to the birthplace of General Władysław Sikorski and WW2 military exhibition.

Event No 6.:

**Participation:** the event made possible the meeting of 123 citizens:

43 persons Ajak, Hungary

20 persons Farkaslaka, Romania

15 persons Aheloy, Bulgaria

20 persons Hyzne, Poland

25 persons Tiszacsernyő, Slovakia

Location/Date: Tiszacsernyő, Slovakia, 29-30 July 2016.

Detailed description:

Walking lecture: Current security issues in the Schengen zone and the advantages of EU citizenship. While walking along the border facts and corresponding security issues were presented and discussed, the everyday work of Slovakian border police was demonstrated. The Schengen treaty is part of the first and third pillar of the EU that allows the abolition of inner border patrols and common protection of the outside borders. Not all member states are part of the treaty and there are non-EU members too.