

The project « Kisebbségek identitása és integrációja művészeti eszközökkel - Konferencia- és fesztiválsorozat a jó gyakorlatok bemutatására » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

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Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"
Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"**

Four events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 263 citizens, including

26 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**),

26 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**),

27 participants from the city of Nagyecsed (**Hungary**),

184 participants from the city of Oravița, Reșița, Răcășdia, Sokol, Gârnic and Greoni (**Romania**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Oravița (Romania) from 19/07/2015 to 21/07/2015.

Short description: The foreign participants arrived to Oravița on the 19/07/2015.

On the first day of the event (20/07/2015) welcome speeches were held, the project and the partner organizations were introduced in the town hall. The mayor of Oravița, Ursu Dumitru, the mayor of Nagyecsed, Lajos Kovács, the mayor of Fil'akovo, Mgr. Attila Agócs, PhD, the representative of the municipality of Zamość, Krzysztof Rusztyn, the representatives of the partner organizations (Vazdune Cherbaja Rising Stars Romani Women's Association – Szilvia Erősné Balogh, OZ INFO ROM – Zoltán Horváth, Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu – Krzysztof Bruzgul), the representatives of the local organisations and citizens took part in the event. In the afternoon an outdoor cultural festival was held, the performers made a parade wearing their traditional costumes.

On the second day of the event (21/07/2015) a conference for the professionals was held in the town hall. The presenters introduced the situation of Roma in Romania and good practices of the partner countries. The following presentations were held:

- Ramona Stangu (Romania), Municipality of Oravița, roma expert: Situation of Roma people in Romania
- Furugh Swizer (Hungary), Unity in Diversity Foundation director, sociologist, psychologist: Your Story – Education of children through mothers' development
- Jan Balaz (Slovakia), County Association of Roma Initiatives (CARI), programme assistant: Inclusion programs implemented within the CARI
- Krzysztof Bruzgul (Poland), Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu, co-worker: Introduction of Voluntary Centre in Zamość
- Daniel Grebeldinger (Romania) Asociata Nevo Parudimos, project manager: Festival of the ethnic communities from Banat

The participants of the event have visited the Mihai Eminescu Theatre, which is the oldest theatre building in Romania.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 316 citizens, including

26 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**),

22 participants from the city of Oravița (**Romania**),

62 participants from the city of Nagyecsed (**Hungary**),

202 participants from the city of Fil'akovo, Bratislava, Detva, Poltár, Kokava nad Rimavicou, Hnúšťa, Rimavská Sobota, Banská Bystrica, Sečovce, Lučenec, Zvolen, Rožňava (**Slovakia**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Fil'akovo (Slovakia) from 13/082015 to 15/08/2015.

Short description: The foreign participants arrived to Fil'akovo on the 13/08/2015.

On the first day of the event (14/08/2015) the participants visited the Castle of Somoskő. In the afternoon a conference for the professionals was held. Mgr. Peter Pollák, PhD, Commissioner for Roma Affairs of the Slovak Republic, the mayor of Fil'akovo, Mgr. Attila Agócs, PhD, the mayor of Nagyecsed, Lajos Kovács, the representative of the municipality of Zamość, Sylwia Niemczuk, the representative of the municipality of Oravița, Constantin Comănoaia, the representatives of the partner organizations (Vazdune Cherhaja Rising Stars Romani Women's Association – Szilvia Erősné Balogh, OZ INFO ROM – Zoltán Horváth, Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu – Andrzej Smyk, Asociata Nevo Parudinos – Antinia Claudia Iovanovici), the representative of the local organisations and citizens took part in the event.

The following presentations were held:

- Mgr. Peter Pollák, PhD. (Slovakia), Commissioner for Roma Affairs of the Slovak Republic: Situation of the Roma in Slovakia
- Lajos Kovács (Hungary), Mayor of Nagyecsed: Public Employment in Nagyecsed
- Ábel Ravasz (Slovakia), Publicus Slovakia, leading analyst: The power of local communities: small steps to make it work
- Claudiu Muresan (Romania) Asociata Nevo Parudimos, co-worker: Festival of the ethnic communities from Banat
- Andrzej Smyk (Poland), Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu, member: Introduction of Voluntary Centre in Zamość

After the presentations, the participants discussed the situation of the minorities during the workshops:

- Black and White: The Image of Living Together in the Press (János Vasík, editor at Patria Radio) – analysing the media appearances about the burn of the Castle of Krásna Hôrka and playing related situation games
- Your Story project and toy library (Furugh Switzer) – introduction of the methods

During the second day of the event (on the 15/08) the participants visited the tourist attractions of the town. In the afternoon we organized a folk dance event (dance lessons) and hand crafting activities for the citizens, and the outdoor cultural festival was held.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 253 citizens, including

23 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**),

21 participants from the city of Oravița (**Romania**),

32 participants from the city of Nagyecsed (**Hungary**), and

177 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zamość (Poland) from 28/082015 to 30/08/2015.

Short description: The foreign participants arrived to Zamość on the 28/08/2015.

On the first day of the event (29/08/2015) the mayor of the city, Andrzej Wnuk opened the cultural festival on the stage in the main square of the city. After that the local and foreign performers made a parade wearing their traditional costumes. In the afternoon folk dances and songs were performed on the stage and a large concert closed the event.

After the opening ceremony the professionals took part in the conference in the town hall. The conference was opened by the vice mayor Magdalena Dołgan. The representatives of the municipality and the local institutes (family care center, Grabowiec local cultural center, cultural institutions of Lubelskie Region), the representatives of the partner organisations and towns (the mayor of Fil'akovo, Mgr. Attila Agócs, PhD, the mayor of Nagyecsed, Lajos Kovács, the representative of the municipality of Zamość, Sylwia Niemczuk, the representative of the municipality of Oravița, Constantin Comănoaia, the representatives of the partner organizations: Vazdune Cherhaja Rising Stars Romani Women's Association – Szilvia Erősné Balogh, OZ INFO ROM – Zoltán Horvát, Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu – Andrzej Smyk, Asociata Nevo Parudinos – Daniel Grebeldinger) took part of the event.

The presentations introduced the situation of the Roma people in the Lubelskie Region and good practices from the partner countries:

- Ewa Koper (Poland), Majdanek National Museum, historian: Roma extermination in Bełżec death camp
- Agnieszka Caban (Poland), editor, cultural studies expert: Roma people in Lubelskie region – Cultural heritage of social problem

- Halina Rycak (Poland), daily centre for family care, social worker: Situation of Roma people in Zamość, living conditions of Roma people from social workers' perspective.
- Interview with Andrzej Kaznowski and Vanessa Kaznowska (Roma citizens of Zamość)
- Elemer Szentpetery (Hungary), president of Association Co-Efficient, 'Tanoda' Programme in Hungary
- Nistor Iorga (Romania), Asociatia Nevo Parudimos, project manager: 'Second Chance, a new Chance' Educational opportunities

On the second day of the event (30/08/2015) the partners took part in workshops in the voluntary centre of the Polish partner:

- Puppet workshop (Janina Lachowska theatre expert of 'Drukarnia wyobraźni' Association): the participants acted the tale 'Red Riding Hood'. The main aim of the workshop was to show the theatrical methods in the work with local society and minorities.
- Partner workshop (Daniel Grebeldinger, Asociatia Nevo PARudimos): The main aim of the workshop was to present effective methods of the cooperation between partners on international level.
- Roma dancing workshop (Szilvia Erősné Balogh, Vazdune Cherhaja Rising Stars Roma Women's Association): The main aim of the workshop was to present the dance as an integrative method in the work with minorities.

In the afternoon the participants visited the tourist attractions of the town.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 370 citizens, including

22 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**),

109 participants from the city of Oravița, Reșița, Răcășdia, Teregova, Cărașeu, Culciu Mare, Arad, Berveni, Arud, Oradea (**Romania**),

20 participants from the city of Zamość (**Poland**) and

151 participants from the city of Nagyecsed (**Hungary**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Nagyecsed (Hungary) from 16/09/2015 to 19/09/2015.

Short description: The foreign participants arrived to Nagyecsed on the 16/09/2015.

On the first day of the event (17/09/2015) we organized a conference for the professionals in the cultural centre of Nagyecsed.

The mayor of Nagyecsed, Lajos Kovács, the co-workers of the municipality, the representatives of the local NGOs and institutes (Vazdune Cherhaja Rising Stars Roma Women's Association, Social Care Service Centre of Szatmár Sub-region, Il. Rákóczi Ferenc Cultural Centre and Library, Free Dance Primary Art School, Kindergarten of Nagyecsed, Türr István Training and Research Institute, Hit Gyülekezete Szeretetszolgálat, Living Stones Foundation, Hungarian Maltese Charity Service, Nurse Service), the programme manager organization of 'Europe for citizens' Tempus Public Foundation, the representatives of the project partners and towns: the mayor of Fil'akovo, Mgr. Attila Agócs, PhD, the representative of the municipality of Zamość, Marta Derkacz-Turczyn, the representative of the municipality of Oravița, Constantin Comănoaia, the representatives of the partner organizations: OZ INFO ROM – Zoltán Horváth, Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu – Krzysztof Bruzgul, Asociatia Nevo Parudimos – Daniel Grebeldinger and the local citizens took part in the event.

The following presentations were held:

- Lajos, Kovács (Hungary,) mayor of Nagyecsed: Welcome speech
- Introduction of the partner towns
- István Bölcsik PhD (Hungary), notary of Nagyecsed: Situation of Roma in Nagyecsed
- Ilona Fodorné Papp (Hungary), leader of Social Care Service Centre of Szatmár Sub-region: Social inclusion in Nagyecsed with support of EU grants
- Petra Kovács (Hungary), music and art therapist: The opportunities of the music therapy
- Nistor Iorga (Romania), Asociatia Nevo Parudimos, project manager: Employment route passes through training
- Bc. Štefan Bako (Slovakia), Civic Association Ad Hoc, vice president: FIL'AKOVO Lesson Learnt
- Krzysztof Bruzgul (Poland) Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu, co-worker: Activities of the Roma non-governmental organizations

In the afternoon the participants took part in workshops:

- Music therapy (Petra Kovács): the opportunities of the active music therapy

- Situation of Roma communities (Daniel Grebeldinger, Asotiatia Nevo Parudimos): impacts of the prejudices in the life of Roma, processing the theme with training methods
- The relationship of the minorities and the mainstream society (Štefan Bako, Civic Association Ad Hoc): processing the theme with brainstorming
- Stereotypes (Krzysztof Bruzgul, Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu): processing the theme with training methods

The participants visited the tourist attractions of Mátészalka and an exhibition of Stonawski Tamás painter in the Community Centre of Nagyecsed.

On the second day of the event (18/09/2015) partner workshops were held:

- Consultation about town twinning agreements (Szentpétery Elemér, Együttható Egyesület): explore the cooperation opportunities
- Identity: construction or reality? (Mgr. Attila Agócs, PhD, mayor of Fil'akovo): presentation and discussion about the identity and similarities of the four partner countries
- Stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination (Daniel Grebeldinger, Asotiatia Nevo Parudimos): presentation and processing the theme with training methods
- Volunteering (Krzysztof Bruzgul (Stowarzyszenie Zamojskie Centrum Wolontariatu): the story of a volunteer's career, processing the opportunities and benefits of volunteering with training methods

The guests visited the tourist attractions of Nagyecsed.

On the third day of the event (19/09/2015) an outdoor cultural festival was held. The participants made a parade in the town wearing their traditional costumes. Sándor Lajos, the member of the Hungarian Parliament opened the program. Lajos Kovács, the mayor of Nagyecsed gave memorial plaques to the partner organisations and towns of the KIDIN project, and to the representatives of Nagyecsed's twin towns in Romania, Bervenii and Ardu. The local and national artist entertained the audience with traditional dances and music. During the festival the participants could visit an exhibition in the Berey József Institute of Local History "Memories of the Reformed Parish of Nagyecsed". Hand craft activities, gastronomic attractions and playground enriched the programs.

Other activities

In each country one dissemination workshop was realized with the participation of the local citizens and professionals, in order to introduce our experiences, results and the good practices that have been identified during the project.

24/09/2015 Fil'akovo, Slovakia (31 participants)

08/10/2015 Nagyecsed, Hungary (24 participants)

22/10/2015 Zamość, Poland (27 participants)

27/11/2015 Oravița, Romania (27 participants)

More information about the project: <http://kidinproject.blogspot.co.at/>