

**The project « On New Roads - Let's Live and Travel Safely in Europe!»
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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 780 citizens, notably 60 participants from the city of Valea lui Mihai (**Romania**), 88 participants from the city of Lancut (**Poland**), 12 participants from the organisation Fotoklub Sala (**Slovakia**), 14 participants from the organisation Spica (**Slovakia**), 6 participants from the city of Gulbene (**Latvia**), 600 participants from the city of Balmazújváros (**Hungary**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Balmazújváros, Hungary**, from 13/06/2019 to 15/06/2019.

Short description:

13.06.

The official program started at 18:00 o'clock, with the mayor's greeting, then the partners presented themselves with pictures, short films and narratives. Then an EU roundtable discussion started at 20:00 o'clock, realized jointly with the Europe Direct office from Debrecen. Zsuzsa Komódi and her two foreign volunteers were talking with the participants about the European Voluntary Service. This is how we learned, in which destination -countries can we be volunteers and what are its conditions. Contacting and development of friendship were on the scene in the rest of the evening.

14.06.

An interactive, astonishing and very instructive program began from 9:00 o'clock, focusing mainly on younger generation and accident safety was its driving force. Representatives of several organizations were involved in the presentation of - especially bad – examples: personal experiences were represented by the firefighter, police officer, ambulance and judge – namely, those who cooperate in the process of saving lives and justice in traffic accidents. An international forum analysed the topic of road safety from 10:30 o'clock. Here our international partners were given space as well to compare where and how the bodies, trainings and responsibilities for safe transport work. Then a joint lunch began in a pleasant atmosphere, introducing the traditional flavours of the region. An exhibition of the partner organization from Slovakia took place after lunch, where the audience could enjoy the photographs of various European countries.

Several programs met the needs of the bikers (but not only theirs) in the afternoon. Stunt riding competition began and they visited Tiszacsege with a joint tour from 16:00 o'clock. Later they took part in a joint parade in the city. It should be emphasized that the safety of the spectators and the direct participants was a high priority for both the tour and parade, which was taken care of by a number of police officers, besides the organizer's staff. Concerts began in the evening creating a good opportunity for common entertainment and conversation.

15.06.

The festival continued on Saturday in the frame of which the partners presented themselves to the public in the morning. Thus not only those directly involved in the meeting could meet the foreigners, but all the participants of the event. A variety of musical programs provided a pleasant atmosphere and young talents from the country also appeared, highlighting the international character of the event by playing the Ode of Joy. Every generation was addressed by the accident and health program, which provided a wide range of good advice and information to the participants. The little ones were able to spend their time interesting in a variety of traffic simulators, in a folk game park, a jumping castle. The EU Direct was also present again, which helped to inform the citizens about the EU with information material. Those could be found at several points as well and the smallest ones were eager to join in the creative activities like colouring country flags. The wheel of the European countries had a great success, by which the flag of each country had to be attached to the names of the member states - in this activity, more family members were involved usually, because the adults helped the smaller ones to identify each country. Our guests visited the Hortobágy National Park in the afternoon in the frame of a joint excursion as well, which is on the list of the UNESCO World Heritage List. New concerts and musical productions waited for the participants in the evening.

The gift-giving, discussing the joint experiences and the farewell were left for the next day.



