

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Keť, Keť
PIC number:	920373346
Project name and acronym:	We care about the EU future" – Keť 2024 - KET2024

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	101140082		
Event name:	We care about the EU future" - Keť 2024		
Type:	Opening ceremony, Formal meeting of representatives of the partner towns, discuss forum, workshops, presentations, informational stands, survey, social and cultural activities, final conference		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia – Municipality of Keť		
Date(s):	23/082024 – 25/08/2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.ket.sk/		
Participants			
Female:	270		
Male:	255		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Hungary]:	135		
From country 2 [Poland]:	45		
From country 3 [Romania]:	45		
From country 4 [Slovakia]:	300		
Total number of participants:	525	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
Project "We care about the EU future" - Keť 2024" represented the cooperation of 7 partners from 4 countries. Through the event activities, the participants had opportunities to understand, debate, exchange views, opinions and ideas on the topics such as solidarity and the EU future as well as to promote civic participation on common issues. Citizens had been given the opportunity to better understand and discuss what solidarity means for a political entity composed of nations like the EU, especially in times of crisis; what are the legal, political, economic and ethical limits of European			

solidarity. The participants had been also encouraged to discuss and actively participate in the democratic life at EU level and foster a sense of ownership for how the Union develops, how can their visions of the EU future come true. For participants were prepared interesting, educational, inspiring and entertainment activities.

On 23/08/2024 was prepared below mentioned programme:

Opening ceremony – the mayors, representatives of partners and citizens had been welcomed. The program of the event was presented. The history of cooperation, project and its aims were introduced. Representatives of the partners presented the point of view of the importance of cooperation, joining the town twinning into common activities and support the idea of linking member and associated countries of EU.

Formal meeting of representatives of the partner towns focused on future cooperation projects, presentation of local activities, cooperation of EU projects, sharing of practical issues of project implementation: administration, support, expertise in all phases: preparation, realization and evaluation of the projects, good practices had been presented: contribution to the development on local(regional) level, changes and process of learning in municipalities.

Cultural evening - focused on presentation and learning about cultures, traditions and customs of the peoples living in the EU, indicating the importance of respecting the diversity of the peoples living in the same Union, enhancing mutual understanding between European citizens, fostering intercultural dialogue.

On 24/08.2024 the participants could attend in:

Workshop on the theme "The need of solidarity" connected with discussion about what does the solidarity mean in the context of the EU and how it manifests itself in various areas, such as migration, the economic crisis, the war in Ukraine, etc. Presentation of initiatives and projects that support solidarity - Erasmus+ programs, civic initiatives and campaigns, volunteer projects, etc. Presentation of the European Solidarity Corps. Through this activity citizens had been given the opportunity to better understand and discuss what does solidarity mean for a political entity composed of nations like the EU, especially in times of crisis; what are the legal, political, economical and ethical limits of European solidarity. There had been opportunity to better understand and discuss the added value of EU's intervention in times of crisis and we also contributed to overcoming national perceptions of the crisis, by fostering mutual understanding of the situation.

Discuss Forum „How to help people from Ukraine“ - participants had opportunity to discuss about their views of this issues, how to increase the solidarity, cohesiveness, how to fight with xenophobia, how they can help the social and cultural integration of refugees. Activity included personal stories of some people from Ukraine. The aim was promotion intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding between compatriots and foreigners (immigrants) in order not only understand their concerns and fears but also to help dealing and overcome them. We promoted the fundamental values of the EU such as solidarity, cohesiveness, respecting different cultural principles.

Discuss forum “The Europe which I want” with presentation of the tools provided by the EU for the active participation on EU affairs: European Citizens Initiative, Debating Europe, Citizens Dialogue, European elections as one of the opportunities to make citizen's voice heard – participants presented their long-term vision of the EU, which would be more engaging for the younger generation, forward-looking and positive. The aim was encouraging participants to actively participate in the democratic life at EU level and foster a sense of ownership for how the Union develops, how can they visions of the EU future come true; to increase the knowledge about the possibilities of active participation of citizens in the democratic life of the Union, the fundamental rights of EU citizens and their role in civil society as well as increase the knowledge about connection between local and European decisions making process.

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There were prepared also all-day activities:

- football match
- presentation's stands - presentation of local and regional craftsmen
- Information stand - Examples of local and regional development
- presentation of local, regional gastronomy,
- competition in cooking traditional dishes of individual partner cities
- the EU stand "Benefits, Achievements and Opportunities" consisted of information related to the positive aspects of being part of the EU such as opportunities and benefits that are given to the EU citizens, the achievements of the EU, The ways of local (regional) development. The aim is to introduce the pluses of EU opportunities (projects, funds, partner cooperation) on local development; for young people - educational, work opportunities

- Survey aimed at finding out the participants' attitudes towards the functioning of the EU - whether they prefer greater integration or they are for a more flexible and decentralized approach.

On 25/08/2024 took place:

Saint mass

Final conference associated with recovery of event, research results, presentation and understanding of addressed issues - understanding the importance of active participation of EU citizens on EU affairs, EU democratic values, European citizen's rights, EU policy-making and opportunities how to increase knowledge in ordinary people with space for public debate, the importance of strengthen solidarity, cohesiveness and respect based on different cultural principles.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).