

**The project «Let's enter the period of 2021-2027 together, responsibly, in cooperation - II. Town Twinning at Janíky» was 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 involved 419 citizens, notably 37 participants from the city of Tormafölde (**Hungary**), 17 participants from the city of Totovo Selo (**Serbia**), 15 participants from the city of Lendava (**Slovenia**), 60 participants from the city of Farád (**Hungary**), 60 participants from the city of Mutěnice (**Czech Republic**) and 230 participants from the city of Janíky (**Slovakia**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Janíky, Slovakia**, from 20/08/2021 to 22/08/2021.

**Short description:**

20.08.2021.

The foreign guests were welcomed in the early afternoon and then were led to their lodging. The joint programs started at 16:00, in which they participated yet after that. We received new information about the environmental protection and the European Union in the form of conversations. The program of József Nagy former Member of the European Parliament, and Minister of the Environment, did not allow him to come to us unfortunately, but our other two speakers also offered a very meaningful program. Lajos Tuba gave a presentation on the water protection of Žitný Ostrov, the development and possibilities of water tourism, this was followed by Zuzana Szabóová from the Europe Direct office in Komárno. She reviewed the formation and functioning of the EU and answered questions that had been raised in a less formal setting, in smaller groups. Partnership acquaintances and introductions took place, followed by joint entertainment for the rest of the evening.

21.08.2021.

Local Non-Governmental Organizations and voluntary organizations were given the opportunity to introduce themselves during the morning. Several different programs awaited the children and families: a playground, bouncy castle, EU-themed painters, and other puzzles. The fans of gastronomy were able to enter the goulash cooking competition, by which the characteristic flavours of each region were presented by the participating teams. A fire show was held later, one of the aims of which was to arouse interest in volunteering. The Europe Direct has been given space once again, promoting a number of employment and travel opportunities in the EU through a number of publications.

The program was enriched by a number of cultural elements, in which the partners also took an active part in the afternoon. Local and regional cultural associations, such as the Janíky Song Circle or the Sunshine of Lehnice, a dance group for pensioners, also performed on stage. A concert for children entertained the younger age group, followed by a hip-hop dance performance in the name of diversity. Later, popular hits and entertainers provided a good atmosphere. The joint fun lasted until late at night.

22.08.2021.

The Sunday program began with a local history lecture, which allowed participants to learn about Janíky's formation and major historical milestones. There could be a lot of such kind of information heard that is rarely mentioned anyway. The troops then visited the local memorial sites (churches and stone crosses that can be found in Janíky) to get to know another face of the host municipality. The teams set out in the early afternoon, but even before that, they gave brief feedback to the organizers about the event, and a few new ideas and suggestions were made.