

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Jur nad Hronom – Jur nad Hronom
PIC number:	926479205
Project name and acronym:	EU Together: Fostering Active Citizenship and Democratic Participation - Jur nad Hronom 2024, JNH 2024

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	101145989		
Event name:	EU Together: Fostering Active Citizenship and Democratic Participation - Jur nad Hronom 2024		
Type:	Opening ceremony, panel discussions, workshops, good practice sharing, world café session, cultural corner, interactive exhibition, survey, social and cultural activities, final conference		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia, Jur nad Hronom		
Date(s):	18/07/2024 – 21/07/2024		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.jurnadhronom.sk/podpora-aktivneho-obciansstva-a-demokratickej-ucasti-jur-nad-hronom-19-20-jul-2024.html">https://www.jurnadhronom.sk/podpora-aktivneho-obciansstva-a-demokratickej-ucasti-jur-nad-hronom-19-20-jul-2024.html</a> <a href="https://www.jurnadhronom.sk/download_file_f.php?id=2084950">https://www.jurnadhronom.sk/download_file_f.php?id=2084950</a>		
Participants			
Female:	365		
Male:	360		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Hungary]:	108		
From country 2 [Czech Republic]:	37		
From country 3 [Romania]:	40		
From country 4 [Croatia]:	40		
From country 5 [Slovakia]:	500		
Total number of participants:	725	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

Project "EU Together: Fostering Active Citizenship and Democratic Participation - Jur nad Hronom 2024" represented the cooperation of 6 partners from 5 countries. Through the event activities, the participants gain practical experience of the wealth and diversity of the common heritage of the Union and made them aware that these constitute the foundation for a common future. Project activities had been designed to promote peaceful relations between Europeans and to ensure their active participation at the local, national and the EU level. Our project created the place for reinforcing mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens; for encouraging cooperation between municipalities and the share the best practices; for understanding of the EU's benefits, for discovering and recognizing Europe's cultural heritage and to enhance the sense of belonging to the common European family; for exchanging of experience, information and culture of the partner municipalities; for promotion linguistic and culture diversity and for strengthening mutual understanding and tolerance among European citizens.

For participants were prepared interesting, educational, inspiring and entertainment activities.

**On 18/07/2024 was prepared below mentioned programme:**

**16:00 The opening ceremony** with the speech of the municipality mayor, the project partners and their role in the project had been introduced, the program of the event was presented. The history of cooperation, project and its aims had been introduced.

**20:00 Multicultural evening** with presentation of states and nationalities - each partner country had its own tent, where presented traditional dishes, costumes and introduced the country to other participants. In the evening there was a presentation of national dances and music.

**On 19/07/2024 could participants join:**

**All day trip "Following the tracks of our ancestors"** - Presentation of historical buildings, monuments, interesting facts. Introduction the facilities, locations that use natural resources and historical places in the region (for example: Natural resources in Levice district: mineral water "Slatina" is one of the oldest bottled mineral waters in Slovakia. The first mentions of the spring of this mineral water date back to the first half of the 18th century, the first detailed analysis was even carried out in 1802-1803. It comes from a spring located in the village of the same name, Slatina.) Historic Places, for example Jur nad Hronom Catholic Church (17th century church); Folk house, "Duba" (family house of the 19th-20th centuries); The mansion of Dobóov Levice; Synagogue Levice;- Holocaust Museum, Sered'.

**18:00 – 20:00 The evening dedicated to the theme of solidarity:**

**Panel discussion on the theme: "Solidarity and European Integration"** - discussion started with speech of European integration expert who presented address on solidarity and EU values. Next invited experts, including academics, policymakers and civil society representatives discussed the importance of solidarity and European integration. Topics included also the historical context of European integration, the role of solidarity in strengthening the EU and the challenges and opportunities for further integration.

**Interactive Workshops** with aim to engage participants in meaningful discussions and activities. The themes had been:

Building bridges - promoting solidarity across EU member states

Youth engagement - fostering solidarity among young citizens

Solidarity beyond borders - supporting actions in non-EU countries

**Good Practice Sharing:** Invited representatives from organizations and initiatives that have successfully promoted solidarity and EU values shared their experiences and best practices.

**On 20/07/2024 took place:**

**10:00 – 13:00 Time dedicated to discussions on the theme: "The Future of the EU"**

**Presentation on the theme: "Importance of fostering a sense of belonging to the EU"** - invited politician introduced the topic of citizens' engagement, Euroscepticism and importance of fostering a sense of belonging to the EU"

**Panel discussions on the themes:**

a) Vision for Europe - citizens' perspectives - citizens from different countries shared their visions for Europe, their aspirations and their ideas for a better European future.

b) Challenging Euroscepticism - overcoming Misconceptions - invited experts and activists discussed Euroscepticism, its causes, and strategies to challenge and address misconceptions about the EU.

c) Actions for reinforcing social and political cohesion - discussion with policymakers, civil society representatives, academics on concrete actions that the EU could take to reinforce social and political cohesion and increase citizens' sense of belonging to Europe.

**World Café Sessions** - sessions where participants could engage in small-group discussions on specific topics related to the EU (such as Climate change and environmental sustainability, Euroscepticism, Economic disparities, War in Ukraine, Migration and refugee crisis, Democratic deficit and governance, Geopolitical shifts and external challenges) and its future.

**15:00 – 17:00 Workshop on the theme:** "Voluntarism as a one of the way of expressing solidarity" - activity focused on how to practice solidarity and to devote a period of live to helping others. Presentation about positive aspects of voluntarism, given examples how to join not only in the local but also in the international level, presentation the European Solidarity Corps as a one of the tools how to put the core EU value of solidarity into practice and contribute to reinforcing cohesion within European society. Experienced volunteers shared their stories, challenges, and lessons learned from their volunteering experiences. Various local and international organizations, non-profits organisations, and community groups presented their volunteer opportunities. Participants learned about different causes, projects, and initiatives and had the chance to sign up for volunteering roles on the spot.

**20:00 – 22:00 Cultural corner:** Presentation of cultural traditions, traditional clothing - folk costumes and folk music of individual participants focused on learning about cultures, traditions and customs of the peoples living in EU. Participants had been given opportunity to raise awareness on the richness of the cultural and linguistic environment in Europe and promote mutual understanding and tolerance, thereby contributing to the development of a respectful, dynamic and multifaceted European identity.

**All day activities:**

**Interactive exhibition** - presentation of successful projects realised by the financial support of the EU funds that have positively impacted citizens' lives and helped to raise the quality of life.

**Creative Workshop** - the participants could express their ideas, hopes and concerns through various forms, such as painting, drawing, creative writing, etc. This workshop provided a platform for participants to communicate their vision for Europe in a unique and engaging way.

**Survey** focused to find out insights and perspectives on solidarity and European integration. Survey included both open-ended questions to allow participants to share their thoughts and suggestions in their own words, as well as closed-ended questions with options for participants to select their preferences or opinions.

**On 21/07/2023 10:00 – 12:00 took place Final conference** with the presentation of achieved results, evaluation of the program activities, presentation of the survey results, introduction of the potential topics for the future cooperation. Short speeches of the participants had been presented in order to confront the project outputs with the opinions and expectations of the citizens. The EU values and town twinning cooperation was supported by the public speech of each partners representatives.

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