

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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 Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	What is the European Union? Acronym: What is the EU?
Participant:	Municipality of Kajal
PIC number:	930802592

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	What is the European Union?
Type:	A three-day international event
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Country: Slovakia City: Kajal
Date(s):	15.07.2022-17.07.2022
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.kajal.sk/udalosti/spravy/what-is-the-european-union-117sk.html">https://www.kajal.sk/udalosti/spravy/what-is-the-european-union-117sk.html</a> <a href="https://www.kajal.sk/obec-2/projekty/what-is-the-european-union-120sk.html">https://www.kajal.sk/obec-2/projekty/what-is-the-european-union-120sk.html</a>
Participants	
Female:	541
Male:	540
Non-binary:	0
From country Slovakia:	Obec Kajal– 900 participants
From country Hungary:	Municipality of Szászvár– 50 participants
From country Czech Republic:	Municipality of Brno – Černovice - 51 participants
From country Romania:	Municipality of COMUNA SINTEU- 40 participants
From country Belgium:	Municipality of Kasterlee- 40 participants
Total number of participants:	1081
From total number of countries:	4
Description	

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The goal of the project resulted from the main idea behind the founding of the European Union - the idea of unifying the peoples living on the old continent. Our interest was the meeting of a community of nations that are in solidarity with each other, respect each other, inspire, help each other and get to know each other through their residents. We created an event that united nations, municipalities and citizens themselves, who are equal without any discriminatory elements. The aim of the presented project was to reflect a new story for Europe, focus on citizens, promote equality, orient to the future, which was more attractive especially for the younger generation. The outputs of the project were based on the results of consultations with citizens and led to discussions about concrete ways to create a more democratic Union.

The specific objectives of the project were:

- support the exchange of information between citizens of different countries,
- to give citizens the opportunity to discover the cultural diversity of the European Union and to understand that European values and cultural heritage represent the basis of a common future,
- guarantee peaceful relations between Europeans and ensure their active participation at the local level,
- to strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between European citizens,
- strengthen cooperation between municipalities and promote the exchange of best practices,
- support good local governance and strengthen the role of local and regional governments in the European integration process.

As part of the introduction of the second of the series of events, one of the basic pillars of European citizenship – volunteering was introduced to citizens. Citizens participated in the activities not only passively and were not just recipients of information, but took part in them actively, too. In addition, within the framework of best practices, they were able to contact organizations that work voluntarily in various fields. Since European citizenship was an important element in strengthening and securing the process of European integration, the European Commission continued to support the involvement of European citizens in all aspects of the life of their communities and thus enables them to participate in building an increasingly interconnected Europe.

Second day of the event: By focusing on intercultural dialogue, we sought to create connections and common ground between the participating cultures, communities and people by promoting understanding and interaction between different cultural traditions. Presentation of intercultural dialogue was a challenge for all Europeans, so that they discovered the prosperity of our rich cultural heritage and gained knowledge from different cultural traditions. By presenting intercultural dialogue, the event helped prevent conflicts and marginalization of citizens based on cultural identity. The project thus contributed to the development of a respectable, dynamic and diverse European identity. We believed that diversity is undoubtedly one of our greatest strengths, as it can foster creativity and innovation, which are long-term drivers of economic growth and employment.

Third day: Solidarity has always been taken as a common value that creates cohesion and responds to social challenges. We often perceive migration through a negative lens, which is conveyed to us. We are often not aware of the reasons for the actions of given migrants. The topic was discussed from the social, economic and political aspects. The presented project fully supported diversity, tolerance and respect for common values.

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