



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values
Programme (CERV)



Kalonda Municipality (Slovakia)

Town Twinning project - Description

“Responsible for Europe” Project 101089954

The Municipality of Kalonda (Slovakia) promoted a Town Twinning titled “Responsible for Europe”.

The activities were held from 13 to 18 July 2023 in Slovakia with the participation of different European municipalities, 205 international participants took part in the meeting between citizens, divided among the various delegations: 65 from Jó Palócok Egyesülete (Hungary), 50 from Asociatia Davidvara Egyesulet (Romania), 2 from Qrendi Local Council (Malta), 31 from Hongaarse Federatie in Nederland (Nederland), 25 from Moving Europe (Italy), 14 from Arat-Koriten (Bulgaria) and 18 from Federacion de Asociacions Xuvenis para a Mobilidade Europea (Spain) with an equal distribution between males and females. The aim was to involve a total number of 303 direct participants and 180 indirectly involved in the organized activities.

During the event in Kalonda (Slovakia) we organized a Town Twinning Meeting with the signature of the Twinning Oath between the partner involved. The event was organized and conducted based on the priorities of the "Europe for Citizens" program. Coordination of administrative work, preparation of professional materials, organization of accommodation, meals, travel, lectures, cultural programs, workshops, civic programs, venues and publicity.

The municipal government and the staff of the village office carry out the majority of the coordination work, with the help of an organizing committee, which was joined by local entrepreneurs, civil associations, local volunteers and active local citizens. with organizations, securing the public areas and public buildings of the village, official cooperation in the implementation of the programs. Closing the project and preparing the EACEA report.

Brief Description of the target groups: The direct target group of the application was the residents of the participating partners, who take an active role in the implementation of the individual activities. We consider active involvement to be extremely important at such community events, because the

local governments, the democratic institutions that are closest to the citizens and the citizens also feel these institutions are closest to them, but we also considered it important to compile the program of the event along the set priorities, and define the resulting goals to strengthen tolerance and mutual understanding between the citizens of the settlements, respect for values, and encourage intercultural dialogue.

Project implementation working methods:

An outstanding part of the meeting is the presentation of the invited settlements and regions within the framework of the event. Presentations at professional forums and conversations at free programs enable the creation of future collaborations between individual civil organizations and institutions.

The partners included in the tender contribute to the implementation by organizing the assembly of the delegation for the event and joining the events by performing. When compiling the delegations, it is taken into account that all layers are included in the program, i.e. from the young to the elderly, and in accordance with the goals of the implementation, people who contribute to the discussion of the project's topic with their opinions and activities come to the meetings.

Forms of achieving the objectives included in the application: The essence of the meeting is to establish contact with the citizens of the settlement, and to institutionalize the establishment of contact, as well as to present the common regional values within the framework of the event, the purpose of which is a joint meeting and celebration of the citizens of the settlements. The joint event of our newly formed sister-city relations and our partners arising from our previous relations serves these goals.

We invited representatives of our partners to the sister settlement meeting. Some partners have already participated in the previous meeting organized by the settlement, so at the current meeting they will report on the experiences gained so far. The friendships formed during our previous sister settlement meeting are still active, several organizations and individuals are in direct contact with the citizens and organizations of our foreign sister settlement.

According to our plans, the mayors and representatives of civil organizations of the affected settlements will solemnly sign a cooperation agreement according to which they will advocate and support the organization and development of fraternal cooperative relations between all bodies, organizations, companies, associations and the residents operating and operating in the territory of their municipalities. In order to establish and strengthen institutional and individual relations, the signatories of the twinning agreement organize exchanges of experience and joint events, especially in the fields of education, culture, economy and community and social solidarity. The organizer and its international partners are preparing the current meeting in this spirit.