

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	Obec Milovice
<b>PIC Number:</b>	889654222
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Indicators of the quality of life of citizens in the EU! Project acronym: Quality of life

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	1
<b>Event name:</b>	Indicators of the quality of life of citizens in the EU!
<b>Type:</b>	A three-day international event
<b>In situ/online:</b>	<i>In situ</i>
<b>Location:</b>	Country: Czechia City: Milovice
<b>Date(s):</b>	07.07.2023 – 09.07.2023
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.obec-milovice.cz/projekty-eu/projekt-indicators-of-the-quality-of-life-of-citizens-in-the-eu/">https://www.obec-milovice.cz/projekty-eu/projekt-indicators-of-the-quality-of-life-of-citizens-in-the-eu/</a>
Participants	
Female:	305
Male:	295
Non-binary:	1
From country Czechia, Milovice:	390 participants
From country Hungary Onkentes Tuzolto Egyesulet Mosonszolnok :	65 participants
From country Slovakia, Jánovce :	73 participants
From country Czechia Milovice u Horic:	44 participants
From country Czechia Stará Ves:	28 participants
Total number of participants:	600 participants
From total number of countries:	3
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The project called "Indicators of the quality of life of citizens in the EU!" was an expression of the efforts of the countries of the European region, because the priority was to support cooperation with all countries. The subject of the project was an event aimed at citizens based on the approach of providing opportunities and space to express their expectations from the EU. We divided the project's objectives into several groups. The main goal for us was to ensure that citizens understand the Union, its history and diversity. Specific goals included strengthening the institution of citizenship and improving the conditions for democratic and, above all, civic participation at the EU level, developing an understanding of the policy-making processes at the EU level, and promoting opportunities for social intercultural exchange of information and development of volunteering at the EU level. We have led discussions on a common future for Europe and created solutions that counter Euroscepticism and discrimination. It was in our interest to create space for cooperation in several areas of common interest within the framework of pan-European integration.

During the first day of the event in Milovice, we focused on the reasons for the implementation of the event, the introduction of the importance of mutual international cooperation and the introduction of the participating countries and their statutory representatives. After the initial formalities, we moved on to interesting lectures that discussed topics such as discrimination, anti-Roma attitudes, which are an obstacle to efforts to improve the life opportunities and living standards of the Roma. Gender balance: In Central and Eastern Europe, women make up 52% of the population and up to 60% of successful university graduates. Even so, they reach leadership positions in smaller numbers than men. But the reason is not that they are not interested in advancement at work, the problem is still persistent gender inequality. After this topic, we moved on to the future of the EU through discussions, then to the benefits of European citizenship and the upcoming elections to the EU Parliament. We ended the day with cultural performances by artists.

The second day was full of various activities. We started with movement, which is the key to a healthy lifestyle. Not only movement, but a healthy environment is also a key to the quality life of our citizens, that's why we emphasized the priorities and functioning of the environmental management system in the EU. This day showed the right way to counter misinformation about the COVID19 pandemic, from its inception, through measures, recommendations and impacts. Also, the interview with the specialist was very beneficial for society. In the afternoon, children in folk costumes presented themselves and performed in front of the participating nations. We continued with the performances through the Milovčánek folklore group. Subsequently, activities were devoted to volunteering, volunteer organizations and procedures for becoming a volunteer and starting to help. We ended the day with an interesting board game where we learned a lot of information and had a chance to get to know each other better. We consider intercultural dialogue to be a very important activity, which is why we decided to end this day with it.

We started the last day with very current topics, which are children's rights, human rights, discrimination, racism, migration and the quality of education and training for the young generation. Attention was also paid to children, where we awakened their creative abilities and at the same time encouraged the desire to learn as much as possible about European topics. In the afternoon, we had a joint session with the participants tasting wonderful food, local specialties. We then focused on promoting the reduction of stigmatization of immigrants and minorities, on the bright side of accepting immigrants into society, so that society understands the benefits of successful integration of foreigners. We ended the day by presenting all the outputs of the project activities, saying goodbye to our partners and strengthening relations for the future.

#### Objectives:

- To increase the education and the perspective of citizens on the most current topics in the EU
- Start tackling racism and discrimination with full commitment
- To develop the ideas of European citizenship
- Defend the rights of children and Roma
- To involve citizens in the discussion about the future of the EU, to bring a feeling of not being afraid to speak out loud in front of others
- Involvement of participants of all generations in activities in the aspect of developing intercultural dialogue and solidarity
- Stimulating residents' interest in the EU and public policies
- Strengthening the partnership within the EU for the future

The presented project was in accordance with the highest ethical standards and values of the EU based on:

## Charter of Fundamental Human Rights Article 21 - Non-discrimination

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is also in accordance with the mentioned documents.

The presented project reflected on the needs of the target groups. In this case, the three-day event was a place where all citizens of all ages could freely join and participate in the activities. The activities that we proposed as part of the program helped maintain non-discrimination even after the end of the event.

The project was built on European themes in order to fulfill the priorities of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Program (CERV). As a result of the project, the participants were enriched with knowledge and insights that were new to them until now. The outputs that consisted in the implementation of professional activities will continue in the future. The applicant as well as the partners used the results of the project for their further activities.

### Achieved results:

- minimization of misinformation
- increasing the active European involvement of citizens
- creating international relations
- increasing solidarity in times of crisis (for example, the COVID19 pandemic)
- the number of new volunteers
- development of European citizenship
- decrease in discrimination, racism, xenophobia
- inclusion of Roma and support of children's rights

A concrete impact was achieved in that all EU issues and priorities were brought closer to the citizens. In this context, we showed how the EU positively and tangibly changes the lives of its citizens. During public discussions in the project, citizens could express their opinions on EU affairs, and by communicating with them, we proposed possible solutions for a common future and public policy actively.

The innovative aspect of this project was simple: creating space for solid foundations of international partnership based on demand from municipalities and residents. As part of the project, there were various activities that attracted attention and conveyed the required information in a playful and interesting way. It was an important complex of innovative aspects. The implementation of the project ensured the strengthening of cross-border cooperation between EU countries and the development of mutual trust and a demonstration of linguistic diversity. We provided residents with the opportunity to gain knowledge, experience and space for public expression. The results of the project will be used in the countries of Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. This ensured that the main idea of the project reached the largest possible target group. It goes without saying that within the target group we have ensured the application of the aspect of gender equality and any non-discrimination during the entire implementation of the project.

The direction of this project was manifested in activities aimed at informing the public about EU priorities, as well as in discussions on the most current topics at the moment. In this direction, the presentation of the EU, all its areas that it supports, its functioning, benefits and discussions on various topics were important. The program included topics such as the presentation of the EU, discussions on current EU problems, emphasis on solidarity, discrimination, racism and the role of young adolescents. These activities reflected the need to bring the EU closer to its citizens. In this respect, the project is an example for the future. The program activities supported the exchange of information between citizens from different countries, strengthened tolerance and gave citizens the opportunity to broaden their horizons and develop a sense of European belonging and identity through the event.

### HISTORY OF CHANGES

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