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"Town Twinning Citizens' Meetings"

Participation: The project involved 229 citizens, notably 22 participants from the city of Senta, Serbia, 50 participants from the city of Gödöllő, Hungary, 25 participants from the city of Kranj, Slovenia, 53 participants from the city of Dunajska Streda, Slovakia, 29 participants from the city of Medijana, Serbia, and 50 participants from the city of Törökszentmiklós, Hungary.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Senta, Serbia, from 06/09/2013 to 08/09/2013

Short description:

The day of 06/09/2013 was dedicated to civil conference and workshop. The aim of the conference was to enable the representatives of twin towns coming to Senta to talk about their experiences with EU citizenship as an institution, and to outline all the associated rights and obligations. During the workshops, the participants discussed about the effects of local programs in stimulating active citizenship and developing EU awareness, as well as they determined several strategic steps for deepening their future cooperation.

The day of 06 and 07 09/2013 was dedicated to traditional folk program. The folk dance groups of the twin towns introduced their cultural values and traditions on the main stage standing in the square. In the course of the traditional program, the delegation of every participating twin town had a presentation of its traditions. Among the performers of the program, there were the dance group of the Stevan Sremac local history foundation from Senta, the Bazsarózsa women's choir and the Gyöngyvirág dance group of the István Móra cultural society from Kevi, the Jó Barátok tambura orchestra and the Véka band. The guest groups of the program were the Csallóközi folk dance group from Dunajská Streda, the folk dance group of the Ozara Academy tradition fostering association from Kranj and the Miklós folk dance group from Törökszentmiklós. Among the participants of the program in Saturday, there were women's choir and the tambura orchestra of the Endre Ady cultural association from Tornyos and the occasional big band of tambura orchestras from the Tisa Region. The guest groups of the program were the Gödöllő folk dance group from Gödöllő and the Aleksa cultural society from Niš. At the end of the program, the folk dance groups of the twin towns performed their jointly learnt program. The main attraction of the two days and of the entire meeting was the program that the participants learnt jointly during the two days of the meeting, and which was performed jointly at the end, thus symbolising the relatedness of different cultures, languages and nations.

The day of 06, 07 and 08 09/2013 was dedicated to introduce the twin towns. The participants, beside meeting each other and making new connections, presented a common motive – the European citizen, which participates in shaping his/her own fate over exercising his/her rights and promoting his/her interests both at the local and the European political scene. Citizens from the European twin towns presented to people from Serbia that is outside the EU what European citizenship means, what the associated rights and obligations are.