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**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"**

**Participation:** The project involved 800 citizens, notably 620 participants from Madarski Culturni Central, NEPKER. Subotica (Serbia), 44 participants from CENTRUL CULTURAL LIVIU REBREANU AIUD (Aiud, Romania), 50 participants from Hungarians Heritage Foundation (Százhalombatta, Hungary), 42 participants Kyjovske Slovaccko v pohybu (Czech Republic) and 44 participants from ECCLESIA ZDRUZENIE (Velke Kosihy, Slovakia)

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place Subotica, Serbia, from 9/10/2015 to 11/10/2015.

**Short description:**

The international meeting of Subotica took place between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015, on which, 5 EU countries represented themselves. During the meeting, the participants wanted to reflect on those current issues that define the everyday of the citizens in order to take part in the development of a better, more successful EU along new ideas. The thematic days summarized each activity in a well-considered frame: offered opportunity for the active role take, exchange of experience and knowledge at international level, as well as, forming opinions between nations and demonstration of cultural diversity.

The deployment of traditions, presentation of diversity, national characteristics, served the presentation of the unique cultural circles, thus demonstrating for the participants, what is the real open, multi-cultural and unique Europe looks like. Creativity was also given space, which is one of the principal values of the region and gives its interest. Thanks to the intensive communication and effective channels of communication, the news of the event spread through the wide general public, so all of the programs became available for all ages in the spirit of equality, offering space for the talent to flourish, giving space not only for the young age to unfold themselves.

The strengthening of the idea of EU's role take was given space in the program by various activities. As the basis of the functioning of the Népkör is volunteering, its social value and importance was presented by practical examples. The issue of volunteering was successfully promoted in Europe by sharing of own and the partner's experiences and exchanging views.

The visitors attended the following programs during the three-day event:

**2015.10.9.**

Day of traditions

Opening – Nepker 145!!! Festive interactive compilation about the jubilee organization, detailed description of its volunteer and cultural activities

History of the partners in the form of pictures and objects – the show provides insights into recent periods, the partners get to know each other's past, present and future plans more closely

Program presenting traditional cultural elements with the participation of the partners Competition of folk culture for groups and individuals

From traditions of a hundred kinds to multiculturalism – thought-provoking discussion raising questions, about regional cultural peculiarities of past and present, their place and their role in today's Europe

Dance house accompanied by folk music

**2015.10.10.**

Day of creativity

Workshop: common preparation of the multi-coloured Europe-chain, which symbolizes the relationships connecting the partners, creative manual occupations for children and adults

Europe of many colors and tastes- photo exhibition of some parts of Europe, its typical cuisine and drinks.

Taste it! – International tasting of traditional dishes and modern cuisine products

Workshop: ways of supporting talented and creative young people in the EU in the countries of the participants, comparison of national and international opportunities, developing partnerships.

Tradition-net: an illustrative presentation of the partners in relation to autumn traditions, demonstration of the traditional work tools (harvest, earthworks).

Together for the diversity of Europe! – Cooperation concert with the participation of the partners, all age groups and a variety of genres are represented.

Visual message to the EU – preparation of common posters, billboards, generational activities increasing cooperation and tolerance of the participants. These will be made into an electronic media assembly, transferring the ideas to the wide world.

Public forum on strengthening civil engagement – list of good examples, introduction of well-known civil personalities, questions and answers on the opportunities and importance of civic participation.

**2015.10.11.**

Day of the European Union

Festive church workshop

Joint discussion and exchange of opinions: evaluation of the period since EU accession, subjective discussions on the position of Serbia, visions for the future – who will be the new members? What will be the fate of the euro zone? and similar, current topics

Our town through European eyes – unusual sightseeing: visiting of sites that played a prominent role in history, learning of the famous Suboticians (Danilo Kis – RS writer, Dezső Kosztolányi – HU writer Franjo Vujkov – HR politician)