

The project «UFOS - United For Open Solidarity» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

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

Participation: The project involved **320** citizens, notably 140 participants from the city of Szirmabesenyo (**Hungary**), 30 participants from the city of Soriano nel Cimino(**Italy**), 30 participants from the city of Yeri (**Cyprus**), 30 participants from the city of Nasielsk (**Poland**), 30 participants from the city of Dobsice (**Czech Republic**), 30 participants from the city of Svodin (**Slovakia**), 30 participants from the city of Mellieha (**Malta**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Szirmabesenyo (**Hungary**), from **24/08/2022** to **31/08/2022**

Short description:

The day of 24/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Arrival and accomodation of the international delegations
- Lunch with typical local products
- Welcome speech by the Mayor of Szirmabesenyo
- Official Opening Session: programme of activities
- Tour of Szirmabesenyo
- Welcome party organized by local associations.

The day of 25/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Seminar "EC Programme and Europe 2030 Strategy"
- Presentation of the delegations "Best practices in the social sector"
- Cultural visit in local museums and visit to local associations
- Question time with volunteers and youth workers
- Typical dinner and folkloristic show organized by local cultural associations and volunteer organisations.

The day of 26/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Analysis of past crisis and their effect on the social and solidal tissue of Europe
- EU policies and the response of the EU to international crisis. Analysis of experiences from partner countries and perception of Eu ruling at local level
- Meeting in the city hall with the city counsellor for social affair and welfare
- Theme based visit to youth working association.

The day of 27/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Youth engagement to construct the Future of Europe–Strategies of the partners to promote social engagement of young people
- What if?-Imagine future crisis scenarios and possible actions with and without EU
- Problem solving: discussion of the activity and resolution of eventual conflicts
- Visit to national NGO's for international cooperation
- Multicultural dinner and integrational activities with the local community.

The day of 28/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Problem solving: Breaking down Greater EU Problems, how are they built and how to tackle them

- Study visit in a local Social Enterprise: participants will take active part in the work as job shadowing
- Typical dinner and show in Hungarian folkloristic costumes
- Guided tour in Budapest
- Guided tour of the Gipsy Neighborhood.
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The day of 29/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Seminar: EU policy-making. Funding and policies for the social and solidal sector (speeches by experts)
- Circle Time: exposing personal point of view and open debate on themes relevant for the delegations
- Tea time with PA and experts
- Concert by local city band
- Dinner organized by locals.

The day of 30/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Role Playing: Simulation of an emergency situation with Hungarian Voluntary Civil Protection
- Seminar "Solidarity after disasters at local and EU level: the role of civil society and volunteering- European Solidarity Corps"
- Study visit to local Voluntary Civil Protection structure-question time with volunteers
- Problem solving activities and results of the Role Playing.

The day of 31/08/2022 was dedicated to

- Introduction and speeches by the Mayors and national and EU PA
- UFOS PROJECT: results and achievements (speeches by participants)
- Open debate: fishbowl conversation and follow-up proposals Official Ceremony: Signature of the Partnership Agreement
- Gift Exchange
- Greetings and departure of delegations.