

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Obec Balog nad Iplom
PIC number:	938848451
Project name and acronym:	Let's meet again after the Covid 19 outbreak! - MEETAGAIN

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	MEETAGAIN
Type:	Lecture, workshops, discussion forum, cultural and accompanying programmes
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Obec Balog nad Iplom - Slovakia
Date(s):	01-03/08/2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://balognadiplom.sk/sk/kultura/stretneme-sa-znova-po-pandemii-covid-19-kategoria.html
Participants	
Female:	480
Male:	450
Non-binary:	0
From country 1: Veresegyház Város Önkormányzata - Hungary	115
From country 2: Budakeszi Város Önkormányzata - Hungary	45
From country 3: Pákozd Nagyközség Önkormányzata - Hungary	45
From country 4: COMUNA PLAIESII DE JOS - Romania	25

From country 5: Balog nad Ipľom Slovakia	700		
Total number of participants:	930	From total number of countries:	3

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The main goal of our project, "Let's meet again after the Covid-19 outbreak!", was to promote democracy, cooperation, and shared values in Europe through active local and international participation. It also aimed to promote mutual understanding of each other's cultures, showcase good practices, and plan for our future in the EU, solidarity, and problem-solving in the context of the pandemic. In addition to the traditional church history theme, this year's event also included activities presenting other topics. An important part of the project was to expand knowledge about the EU, promote communication between generations and nations, and strengthen tolerance and solidarity. We examined the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the daily life of local communities in a conference, as well as the functioning of communities and forms of civic engagement during the Covid-19 crisis.

The project presented the process of cooperation with project partners by showcasing good practices. We brought together citizens of different ages as part of the project activities with the aim of helping them understand each other's social and political problems and discuss how local civil society organizations helped to resolve the pandemic situation.

The individual activities encouraged solidarity and volunteerism among the project participants.

During the implementation of the project, we made sure that the results of the project reached as many people as possible in each participating country. Representatives from three countries participated in the project: three partners from Hungary, one partner from Romania, and the applicant partner from Slovakia. Unfortunately, our Polish partner withdrew from the project in the last week, so more people from the town of Veresegyház attended the event.

The following activities were carried out as part of the project:

Date of the event: 01-03/08/2025

01/08/2025 - Friday - Day of friendship, solidarity and volunteering
Arrival of guests, accommodation, mayor's greeting
Introduction of twin towns - workshop - presentations - good practices of the operation of local governments, exchange of experience.
Attention-grabbing lecture for citizens of all ages - "Should we be afraid of new epidemics" - post-epidemic depression and its prevention - Medical advice.
Discussion on the impact of COVID 19 on local communities - Seniors Club, the social and psychological impact of the pandemic on the elderly.
Presentation of the work of the communities as a call for civic engagement - workshop for civic activists (scouts, hunting club, retirement club, music school, choir, parish volunteers)
EUCINEMA – film presentation of twin towns

02/08/2025 - Saturday - Day of culture and gastronomy
Selfie-point - registration with a photo for the event
EU DIRECT – information tent about the EU, preparation of a questionnaire with the participants about the EU (evaluation divided by gender)
Presentation of international gastronomic traditions - preparation of pork belly delicacies on an open fire, project partners also prepare their traditional dishes. Prizes for the best dishes.
The beauties of nature along the Ipoly river - an exhibition of the works of the local art school
EU4CHILDRENS – children's programs, folk games, puppet theatre, fairy-tale games, crafts, with Polish, Transylvanian, Hungarian and Slovak folk tales.
Colourful folklore – a colourful folklore program presenting the traditions and folk costumes of the folklore groups of the region and sister settlements
Serious music concerts in the local church with renowned performers
EUPOP ROCK – light music and rock music concerts with international performers

03/08/2025 Sunday – Day of historical commemorations and togetherness

Historical commemoration of the II. World War about the refugee soldiers from Katyn, Poland, laying a wreath at the local memorial.

The opening ceremony of the Holy Crown celebration on the main square, followed by the presentation of an authentic copy of the Hungarian royal Holy Crown to the participants, and its transport in a ceremonial procession with a 30-horse escort to the chapel, where there will be a festive service in honor of the Holy Crown.

Festive lunch with the guests, followed by the closing speech of the event.

Dissemination of project results:

Publications and posters, press releases, advertisements, promotional materials:

- project website - subpage on the website of the Balog nad Iplom
- presentation of the project on the website of the project partners
- Facebook event
- a summary film about the events of the project
- Interviews with the female participants of the event - entitled "How did I experience confinement during the epidemic?"
- posters with detailed program of the event
- molino and rollup - with project title and project logos
- promotional items mixed with project logo
- press appearances in local, regional, and national newspapers, online media
- EU-tent – Europe Direct office tent - information about the EU, filling out questionnaires about the epidemic situation.

Summary:

We organised a discussion forum on tolerance and solidarity, analysing the consequences of pandemic COVID 19, organise panel discussion, workshops and organise cultural and youth events, organising accompanying programmes, producing and distributing a leaflet presenting the project partners, disseminating the project.

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