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

Participation: The project involved 130 citizens, notably 20 participants from the city of **Farkaslaka/Lupeni (Romania)**, 17 participants from the city of **Cieszanów (Poland)**, 19 participants from the city of **Ajak (Hungary)**, and 74 participants from the city of **Aheloy (Bulgaria)**.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Aheloy (Bulgaria)**, from 15/09/2019 to 19/09/2019

Short description:

The day of 15/09/2019 was dedicated to

A group of foreign guests (3 persons) *arrived* from Hungary. Program preparation meeting with the hosts.

The day of 16/09/2019 was dedicated to

8.30- 11.00 Attendance at the solemn *opening ceremony* of Hristo Botev Elementary School in Aheloy. Discussion and exchange of views on the impact of EU programs and integration processes in Eastern European countries with the participation of Mayor of Aheloy, Deputy Mayor of Pomorie Municipality, Heads of the School and the Kindergarten, members of the foreign guest delegation.

During the day, delegations from the towns of Ajak, Cieszanów and Farkaslaka/Lupeni *arrived*, hosted by the host, to stay at the Marina Cape Resort.

The day of 17/09/2019 was dedicated to

9.00-11.00: **Conference** on current EU issues. Trends and prospects for youth in Eastern European partner countries. Current issues as regards the life of young Bulgarian people in the EU. Situation following the 2019 EU Parliamentary elections.

Positive thinking of young people and Euroscepticism. Conversation with participants. (English-Bulgarian-Polish-Hungarian translation for each group.) *Lecturers:* MP Asya Peeva - Member of the Committee on Education and Culture in the National Assembly, MP Galya Zhelyazkova - Member of the Commission for Youth and Sport in the National Assembly, Yancho Iliev - Deputy Mayor of Pomorie Municipality, Ivan Georgiev - Mayor of Aheloy, Lehel Kovacs - Mayor of Farkaslaka/Lupeni.

11.00 Group participation in the 'grubbing-up' ceremony to launch a new building section of the local 'Temenuga' Nursery, welcoming speeches from superiors.

Afternoon: Mutual introduction and joint exchange of experiences of local and foreign young people on European issues affecting young people. Young people from the participating municipalities and their accompanying teachers presented their views. Distribution of the meeting's t-shirt and project folder to all participants.

Optional program: Visiting Aheloy Beach.

Evening: Communal dinner followed by a cultural program: the Aheloy school and young girls from the city of Ajak presented their pom-pom costume dance; a joint music program, conversations.

The day of 18/09/2019 was dedicated to

9.00-12.00 **Workshop:** Open-stage program for young lecturers led by a moderator (Miklós Marián, Hungary). Presentation of prepared thematic materials: presentation and evaluation of answers to defined questions. Topics: EU achievements to date; lessons from history; arguments and actions to strengthen European consciousness; benefits of the EU; the challenge of Euroscepticism; development of a democratic Union. Presentation of visual demonstration assemblies (ppt) on the aims and ideas of young people in each city. Development of a joint resolution (Memorandum) entitled 'A Europe of young people'.

Theme leaders: Zsuzsanna Ragány teacher (Ajak), Anna Pajaczkowska teacher (Cieszanow), Bertalan Csaba project manager (Farkaslaka/Lupeni), Ivan Georgiev jun. (Aheloy). Supervisors: Mayor Ivan Georgiev (Aheloy) and Mayor Lehel Kovács (Farkaslaka/Lupeni).

14.00-18.00 Group trip to UNESCO World Heritage Site Nessebar. Visiting the tourist attractions of the region with a tour guide.

Common *evening program* at Marina Cape. Handing over gifts to the delegations.

The day of 19/09/2019 was dedicated to

Closing Discussions: Reviewing and summarizing the results of the meeting as part of a shared breakfast.

Discussions about partnerships, planning further partnership and project collaborations.

Delegations return home.