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

**Participation:** The project involved 250 citizens, notably 40 participants from the city of Bácsalmás (**Hungary**), 35 participants from the city of Borszék (**Romania**), 35 participants from the city of Backnang (**Germany**), 35 participants from the city of Gizalki (**Poland**), 35 participants from the city of Nagymegyér (**Slovakia**), 35 participants from the city of Bajmok (**Serbia**), 35 participants from the city of Bezdán (**Serbia**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Bácsalmás (**Hungary**), from 05/08/2015 to 10/08/2015

**Short description:**

The day of 05/08/2015 was dedicated to welcome the delegations of twinning towns by the mayor and the organizer team of Bácsalmás. After having taken accommodation, members of delegations were welcomed officially on a dinner by the mayor, who highlighted the importance of the town-twinning and the program of the coming days.

The day of 06/08/2015 was started with a workshop, which team was "2015 is the European Year of Development", the delegation discussed the possibilities of EU development cooperation, developed new programs for the economic and civilian areas. During the day they got to know Bácsalmás local historical monuments, participated on a memorial wall inauguration and on an art exhibition opening ceremony, which art works were made on the bácsalmási international artists' colony, having been this week. During a festive dinner they confirmed the town-twinning contracts, highlighting Bajmok, with whom Bácsalmás has been twin for 10 years. Closing the day, guests were able to participate in a theatre performance of Bezdán.

The day of 07/08/2015 was started with a workshop, which team was "The importance and maintaining of public safety of EU". The delegation discussed the EU's public security policy, exchanging good practice methods and have developed common programs. During the day the high school groups of twinning towns' were participated in a competition "Who knows more about the European Union?". Then the elementary school teams of twinning towns' made together a collage "Kaleidoscope of Europe" from art works of a drawing competition "Freedom and equality of opportunity in Europe". The day ended with cultural concerts.

The day of 08/08/2015 was started with a workshop, which team was "The possibility of reducing unemployment in the EU". The delegation discussed the EU's reducing unemployment policy, exchanging good practice methods and have developed common programs. During the day they opened the "V. People-Tastes Bustle" traditional days of Bácsalmás, with singing together the hymns of EU. At the event guests could introduce to traditional programs of local-, regional- and twinning towns'; take part in craft workshops, try out traditional folk toys; listen to cultural concerts and a special demonstration about technical-rescue by the experts of local ambulance, police and firemen. The day ended with ethnic dance teaching.

The day of 09/08/2015 was dedicated to the "bustle of people". The day began with multilingual Holy Mass and continued with traditional cultural programs. There were plenty of tasty traditional dishes made by the twinning-town teams on the cooking competition, which ended with equal results.

The day of 10/08/2015 was dedicated to making conclusion of the town-twinning meeting and saying farewell to the delegations.