

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – Město Kralupy nad Vltavou (Kralupy)
PIC number:	880573470
Project name and acronym:	Voice of Nations - Voice

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Nations in Kralupy nad Vltavou		
Type:	Public event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Kralupy nad Vltavou		
Date(s):	05-09/06/2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.mestokralupy.cz/mesto/rozvoj-mesta/evropska-spoluprace/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea-2024-2025/		
Participants			
Female:	294		
Male:	275		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Czechia]:	500		
From country 2 [Slovakia]:	41		
From country 3 [Germany]:	20		
From country 4 [Slovenia]:	4		
From country 5 [Poland]:	4		
Total number of participants:	569	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The "VOICE" project was implemented through 2 separate events. Both were implemented in the city of Kralupy nad Vltavou. The first event had the main theme: Nations in Kralupy nad Vltavou. The second event had the main theme: Associations, associations and schools in Kralupy nad Vltavou.			

Basic information about event 1:

Title of the event 1: Nations in Kralupy nad Vltavou

Type of events (in situ): public event

Venue: Kralupy nad Vltavou (Czechia)

Dates of the events: 05-09/06/2024 (5 days)

Number of present countries: 5 (Czechia, Slovakia, Germany, Slovenia, Poland)

Number of individual direct participants: 569

Number of present foreign participants: 69

Participating partners:

Město Kralupy nad Vltavou (CZ)

Mesto Komárno (SK)

Stadt Hennigsdorf (GER)

Gmina Środa Wielkopolska (PL)

Občina Miren-Kostanjevica (SI)

Agenda/brief description of the event 1:

The aim of the event was to get to know each other and unite under the EU flag, overcoming prejudices through culture and sport. The event covered various topics and created space for discussion. The course of the event was as follows:

On the first day, 05/06/2024, the first meeting of the partners after the COVID-19 pandemic took place. The partners met at the city hall. The first was the opening of a photo exhibition on the topic "Aktuálne.eu". The exhibition presented current events in photographs. In this way, we pointed out the current problems that all partners face and that need to be solved. The event was followed by a ceremonial opening. The project, its goals, planned results and outputs, as well as the CERV program and financial support for the project from the EU, were presented. A discussion on active aging in various European countries was held for seniors. This gave seniors a space not to feel on the sidelines. The partners' discussion brought a look at the years when the partnership could not develop, as well as plans for the future. The introduction evening enabled people of different nationalities to connect.

The second day, 06/06/2024, we highlighted solidarity and support for the EU by nation states as part of the program. As part of the open day at the asylum house, we supported the development of solidarity and overcoming prejudice against other people. After a short visit to the state administration premises - the Czech Republic, we addressed the issue of the EU. Specifically, it was about presenting the success of the EU in the form of projects that it financed. This had a positive impact on breaking down Euroscepticism. Those present also discussed the future of the EU. In the afternoon, the museum night began, where interactive games for all generations took place in the city museum. The concert of children's choirs was a presentation of culture and therefore the unification of nations. In the evening, an exchange of experiences between partners on helping refugees from Ukraine was organized. In this way, we exchanged know-how with each other and presented solidarity in practice.

The third day, 07/06/2024, was again dedicated to the presentation of the EU and solidarity, but also to the active involvement of young people in community work. An information stand on the EU and games and competitions for children with an EU theme served to get to know the EU. For adults, a workshop was organized on the role of the EU in the 21st century and its benefits for citizens. The presentation of the European Union and the discussion about it were important for getting closer to it and for eliminating Euroscepticism. An interesting element for the participants was getting to know the world of people with disabilities. This element of developing solidarity and understanding helped to overcome the prejudices of healthy citizens towards "others". The afternoon also belonged to culture, which helped to unite nations and generations. The evening program was connected with discussions and exchange of experiences with assistance to refugees from Ukraine, as well as climate change and other problems that local governments are facing. For young people, a presentation of projects suitable for their self-realization and for supporting their community in which they live was carried out. In this way, we inspired young people to solidarity, to volunteer to help their community through various small projects.

The fourth day 08/06/2024 was focused on connecting citizens from 5 countries and through connecting, strengthening the partnership. Cultural presentations and sports competitions held during the day supported the deepening of relations between citizens of partner cities. They helped overcome prejudices and create friendships. The presentation of volunteering attracted young people to engage in volunteer activities in their communities. The Women in the City seminar brought two important messages: breaking gender stereotypes and highlighting the need for gender equality and equal opportunities. The youth discussion on the EU supported the interest of young people in getting involved in EU events.

The fifth day, 09/06/2024, brought a confirmation of friendships. Sports and entertainment activities were carried out, which connected nations and generations. This concluded the first joint meeting after years of separation and set a new direction for the partnership.

The event program was implemented as: workshops, trainings, discussions, presentations, awareness-raising activities, exchange and dissemination of good practices, communication activities.

Achievements:

- Exchange of experiences between partners, joint solutions to issues: climate change, assistance to refugees from Ukraine
- Highlighting the importance of gender equality, equal opportunities
- Efforts to eliminate gender stereotypes
- Support for volunteering and active citizen involvement
- Mutual presentation of culture and development of intercultural dialogue
- Breaking down national prejudices
- Fight against Euroscepticism
- Highlighting the benefits of the EU for countries, cities and ordinary citizens

Information on the main topics of the event:

The importance of the European Union

The European Union was the subject of several activities within the event. Projects co-financed by the EU for individual partner cities were presented. An information stand with promotional materials about the EU was made available. Discussions were held among young people about the EU, among citizens about the role of the EU in the 21st century and its benefits, as well as fun games with an EU theme. In this way, we highlighted the importance of the EU for citizens and for partner cities. It is a form of fighting Euroscepticism and at the same time a form of bringing citizens closer to the EU.

Volunteering and solidarity

The issue of volunteering and solidarity was presented within the framework of various activities. The aim was to show the importance and need for work for the community and also to belong with citizens who are "different". That is why visits to an asylum, an introduction to the world of disabled people, and assistance to refugees from Ukraine were carried out. Volunteer associations were also presented, and projects for young people for self-realization were presented. With these steps, we provided citizens of 5 countries with incentives for active citizenship.

Equal opportunities

The event also included topics related to seniors and the status of women. These are two groups that face unequal conditions in the current world. As part of the event, we therefore presented options for these groups to improve their status. At the same time, we are making the general public aware that the issue of the status of women and seniors is important for the partner cities.

Links to published information about the project (websites of project partners):

<https://www.mestokralupy.cz/mesto/rozvoj-mesta/evropska-spoluprace/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea-2024-2025/>

<https://www.hennigsdorf.de/Stadtleben/Die-Stadt/Partnerst%C3%A4dte/>

<https://www.miren-kostanjevica.si/izvajalska-agencija-za-izobrazevanje-in-kulturo-eacea-2024-2025/>

https://www.sroda.wlkp.pl/asp/pl_start.asp?typ=14&menu=1583&strona=1&sub=1272

<https://komarno.sk/transparentne-mesto-2/projekty/>