

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	OBČINA MIREN – KOSTANJEVICA
PIC number:	877918483
Project name and acronym:	Ties4Growth: Deepening Cooperation T4G – DC

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	2		
Event name:	Twinning Kralupy nad Vltavou - Miren, event in Kralupy nad Vltavou		
Type:	Twinning event – exchange of good practice and visits		
In situ/online:	In situ		
Location:	Czech Republic, Municipality of Kralupy nad Vltavou		
Date(s):	5th June 2025 – 8th June 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.miren-kostanjevica.si/obcina/projekti/ties4growth-deepening-cooperation/		
Participants			
Female:	700		
Male:	500		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 SLOVENIA	103		
From country 2 CEECZ	1097		
Total number of participants:	1.200	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
Event 2: twinning Kralupy nad Vltavou - Miren, event in Kralupy nad Vltavou. The event took place from June 5th to June 8th 2025.			
The agenda of the 3-days event was as follows:			
Thursday, 5th June 2025, Kralupy nad Vltavou : Arrival in Kralupy nad Vltavou, greetings of the representative of the city of Kralupy, meeting of the delegation with the mayor of			

Kralupy, Mr. Libor Lesak and other representatives of the city. Presentation of the Municipality and the 3-days programme. Dinner.

Friday, 6th June 2025, Kralupy : The group first visited the Kralupy Technology Park, where two workshops were held on the topic of managing the Vltava River. Participants first learned about the issues related to flooding and the types of measures that have been taken to mitigate these floods, as well as the response procedures during natural disasters. They also became acquainted with the challenges of spatial planning when implementing protective measures. During the third workshop, they explored the opportunities the river offers in connection with sports and tourism. This was followed by an exchange of opinions and experiences between participants from both municipalities. After the workshops, the group had a study visit of the riverside area, where participants got to experience the walking and cycling paths and other attractions along the river. The activity was followed by and extended discussion about the implementation of some services in the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica.

In the afternoon, an important cultural event took place – the opening of the exhibition “*Opatje selo Refugees in the Czech Republic 1915–1919.*” The exhibition was organized by citizens and associations from Opatje selo (Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica) and hosted at the City Museum of Kralupy. The event was attended by numerous representatives of decision-makers and civil society, cultural associations, museum and we were honored by the presence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Czech Republic. Visitors could view a rich exhibition showcasing the lives of refugees from Opatje selo in the Czech Republic, as well as the documentary film “*Opatje selo Through the Four Seasons,*” which was translated into Czech. After the event there was some time to discuss some good practices in the this field. After the event, the whole group attended the Kralupy Days festival, where representatives of various target groups from Slovenia had the opportunity to socialize with their Czech counterparts and exchange ideas and experiences. Two performers from the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica also took part in the event, bringing a touch of Slovenian culture to the Czech Republic.

Saturday, June 7th 2025, Mirejovice: the study visit continued at the Hydroelectric Power Plant Mirejovice. Participants were divided into three groups and learned about the history of the power plant, its operation, and its importance to the local economy and employment. They learned how the plant's operation has changed over time and how modern technologies have contributed to employment opportunities. The professional workshop also provided a platform for exchanging views and comparing systems in both countries. After the technical part, the group toured the exterior of the facility. The evening concluded with a cultural event as part of the traditional Kralupy Days festival.

Main topics of discussions during the event:

- Management of the Vltava river: (1) Participants explored the opportunities the river offers in connection with sports, tourism, culture and river Vltava navigation. They learned about the issues related to flooding and the types of measures that have been taken to mitigate these floods, as well as the response procedures during natural disasters. They also became acquainted with the challenges of spatial planning when implementing protective measures (2) Capacity building of professional staff and volunteers, ensuring they possess the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver high-quality offer and response. The discussion was held by Lukáš Hodík, Crisis Manager of the City of Kralupy nad Vltavou Petr Holeček, Deputy Mayor of the City of Kralupy nad Vltavou Ing. Jiří Friedel, Director of the Dolní Vltava Plant, Vltava River Basin Authority, State Enterprise
- Identification of the areas for future best practices exchange: As like as in the first event the participants from both municipalities discussed about possible future collaborations. The possible fields of collaboration identified are culture, education (collaboration between schools), firefighters (exchange of good practices). These efforts will help maintain and strengthen cooperation between the twinned municipalities.

Citizens participation – active engagement and inclusive participation of citizens

The event was organized with inclusive collaboration and a participatory approach, involving all relevant stakeholders. Local citizens, employees from municipal administrations, and representatives of local associations and NGOs actively participated in project planning, decision-making, and execution. The agenda and the programme were prepared in collaboration with the Municipality of Kralupy nad Vltavou, the City Museum of Kralupy, the Tecnopark Kralupy, the Czech associations from the Czech side and the local NGO Women's Association "Žbrínka" from Opatje selo, Opatje selo Local Community, the Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica and the Elementary school of Miren (Unit Kostanjevica na Krasu). The citizens of Miren-Kostanjevica were actively involved in the discussions and in the exchange of good practices, as well as in the cultural program, with performances in the City Museum Kralupy and at the Days of Kralupy (performance by Alenka Marušič (solo) and Prof. Pavel Pahor (piano). There were numerous opportunities for interaction between the citizens of both countries, sharing good practices and experience.

Cross-learning and knowledge exchange:

We emphasized cross-learning and knowledge exchange between the twinned municipalities. Through study visits, debates, sports, and cultural events (concerts, performances, ...), we fostered the exchange and dissemination of best practices among representatives of local public authorities, civil society organizations, and local citizens, with more than 1000 participants involved. This approach ensures that knowledge is co-created and mutually beneficial, enhancing the sustainability and effectiveness of the project.

Interdisciplinary expertise:

During the second event we integrated interdisciplinary expertise from various fields, public administration, management of the river, risk management, enterprises, NGOs and other. This integration allows for a comprehensive strategy addressing multifaceted challenges in both municipalities, leading to comprehensive and sustainable solutions.

Ethical and safety considerations:

Ethical and safety considerations are key in our project to ensure the well-being and dignity of our target groups. We had a particular care for the safety, comfort, and respect of all participants during the event. We ensured the safety of all participants, their well-being, respected the principles of personal data protection, and took into account gender equality, dietary needs, and the accessibility of locations for all participants.

The key impacts of the project in this second phase are:

- Increased awareness: Participants and stakeholders gained a deeper understanding of the project's themes, such as river management, related opportunities and cross-cultural cooperation. This heightened awareness will contribute to informed decision-making and action in these areas.
- Initiation of knowledge and best practices exchange: The focus on knowledge exchange will begin immediately. Participants, alongside stakeholders from both municipalities, were engaged in initial discussions and shared valuable information. This exchange will enable participants to acquire new skills and knowledge that they can apply in both the medium and long term. This is also a continuation of the already initiated cooperation in Miren.
- Expansion of networks and contacts: An immediate effect of the project is the expansion of networks and the establishment of new acquaintances and contacts. This will foster cross-border cooperation and build mutual trust between individuals and organizations in both municipalities. This is also a continuation of the already initiated cooperation in Miren.

- Enhanced local interest: The project generated immediate interest and engagement among local community members, strengthening the connection between the project and the local population.

Links to the websites :

Information about the project :

Web site of the Municipality Miren-Kostanjevica:

<https://www.miren-kostanjevica.si/obcina/projekti/ties4growth-deepening-cooperation/>

Web site of the Municipality Kralupy nad Vltavou:

<https://www.mestokralupy.cz/mesto/partnerska-mesta/ties4growth-deepening-cooperation/>

News of the event :

Web site of the Municipality Miren-Kostanjevica :

<https://www.mojaobcina.si/miren-kostanjevica/novice/evropski-projekti/ties4growth-poglabljanje-sodelovanja---obisk-obcine-kralupy-nad-vltavou.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057264377739>

Link to the published EDS on the web sites of both municipalities :

<https://www.miren-kostanjevica.si/obcina/projekti/ties4growth-deepening-cooperation/>

<https://www.mestokralupy.cz/mesto/partnerska-mesta/ties4growth-deepening-cooperation/>

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