



EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Levél Községi Önkormányzat – Levél
PIC number:	932011212
Project name and acronym:	<i>Bringing together people</i> — Level

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Meeting of Historical Agricultural Machines – Veteran Tractors and Family Day		
Type:	public event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Hungary – the municipality of Levél		
Date(s):	9 th of August – 11 th of August, 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.level.hu/town-twinnig-2024-bringing-together-people-osszehozni-az-emereket-level-oko-jois.html		
Participants			
Female:	121		
Male:	65		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Hungary]:	61 from Levél (41 women, 20 men)		
From country 2 [Slovakia]:	58 from Okoč (40 women, 18 men)		
From country 3 [Austria]:	67 from Jois (40 women, 27 men)		
Total number of participants:	186	From total number of countries:	3
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The programme of the XIV. Meeting of historical agricultural machines – Veteran tractors and family day took place from the 9th until the 11th of August, 2024, in Levél, in the vicinity of the local park and fishing lake. It focused on promoting diverse cultural heritage, traditions, rural life, and civic participation. It also emphasized the importance of promoting European values such as inclusion, tolerance, and democracy, while also enhancing public participation through discussions on EU funding opportunities, election processes, and active policy engagement.</p>			



Within the event, after the arrival and accommodation of the invited guests professional lectures focused on farmer training took place on Friday, August 9. This was complemented by an international discussion forum involving the representatives of the participating municipalities. During the forum, the European Union's funding opportunities were discussed, along with their possible utilisation, and opportunities offered by EU programmes. A cross-border exchange of experiences took place regarding the organization of local and EU-level elections, as well as a discussion of their results in the context of political and economic environment within different countries (Hungary, Slovakia, Austria). Additionally, we addressed the strengthening of the identity of Hungarians living outside the country's borders and the handling of integration challenges, as well as their potential solutions. Europe Direct personnel was available to discuss additional potential questions. Friday's programme concluded with twinning festivities - cultural programme and entertainment activities.

On the 10th of August (Saturday), following the Saturday morning bread-blessing holy mass, we held a festive council meeting. Our Slovak twin municipality was represented by deputy mayoress Rozália Algeyer and mayor László Polák, while our Austrian partner municipality was represented by mayor Johann Steurer. Afterwards, 62 tractors participated in a traditional tractor parade, mostly a mix of vintage and newer machines. To our delight, in addition to the Austrian vintage tractors, more and more Hungarian farmers showcased their old, restored, functional tractors from nearby towns, including from Rábaköz and other regions. After the parade, the tractors were stationed at the exhibition area, where attendees enjoyed skill competitions, a tractor beauty contest, and other entertainment activities. Participants included the Csukás Zoltán Vocational High School from Csorna, representatives from Jois in Austria and Okoč in Slovakia, as well as the local government of Levél and several other supporting farmers and organizations. The project therefore facilitated the organisation of programme elements focused on agricultural skills, heritage preservation, and local farming practices, engaging young citizens in both historical and modern agricultural knowledge and practices.

There were also a variety of complementary programmes to ensure entertainment and attract a wider audience, including a crafts market featuring cheese makers, winemakers, a blacksmith, potter, beekeeper, as well as children's activities, and in the evening the twinning festivities continued with cultural programmes, a concert, and fireworks.

Sunday's programme was focused solely on the project partners' delegations. After a discussion, where future joint plans and potential projects were addressed, and the current town twinning event was evaluated, the project partners said their goodbyes and the delegations from Slovakia and Austria returned home.

A total of 67 Austrian, 58 Slovak, and 61 Hungarian citizens (direct participants) registered for the event, though the total number of attendees (general public) exceeded 1 500 on Friday and 2 000 on Saturday, with over 50% of the participants being women. Other than local Hungarian inhabitants, people from other Slovak municipalities attended as well, e. g. Veľký Meder, Dunajská Streda and Čiližská Radvaň.

As part of the event's marketing, posters and invitations were widely distributed, including in the surrounding towns and villages (e.g. Mosonmagyaróvár, Csorna, Burgenland, etc.).

The event was successful, in a beautiful setting with a rich programme lineup, and the project is expected to leave a lasting legacy by establishing strong partnerships between the twinned municipalities, enhancing their capacity to work together on future initiatives, particularly those funded by the European Union. By raising awareness of EU values and providing tangible examples of successful cross-border cooperation, the project helped to foster a stronger sense of European citizenship and cultural solidarity.

By involving local representatives from Austria and Slovakia, the event successfully built and strengthened partnerships between municipalities. This collaboration will foster continued cross-border friendships and support shared initiatives, reinforcing mutual understanding and solidarity. The event also laid the foundation for future collaborative efforts on cultural, social, and economic levels, with mutual exchanges planned for upcoming years to deepen partnerships and reinforce civic pride and European identity.

Further information and materials related to the event are available on the above stated website.

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