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

Participation: The project involved 175 citizens, notably 42 participants from the city of Alsbach-Haehnlein (**Germany**), 5 participants from the city of Marosvécs/Brincovenesti (**Romania**), 12 participants from the city of Cieszanow (Poland), 40 participants from the city of Lubaczow (**Poland**), 6 participants from the city of Érsekkéty/Ket (**Slovakia**), and 70 participants from the city of Diósd (**Hungary**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in the **City Diósd, Hungary**, from 11/09/2019 to 15/09/2019

Short description:

The day of **11/09/2019** was dedicated to

Arrival of guests from the 5 partner settlements, accommodation, common dinner program, meeting, exchange of information, providing information about the meeting program

The day of **12/09/2019** was dedicated to

Program at Diósd Primary School, attended by students of German language classes: quiz on EU issues and the future of young people in the EU: the essence of Europeanism, the EU perspective, the challenge of Euroscepticism. The workshop was led by a trained teacher. The Hungarian student group at the Diósd school contacted students from Alsbach-Haehnlein City School, who were already prepared for the subject. The students revived the events, the common activities, the experiences of the 30-year relationship, embedding the topics in European issues. They also viewed the photo compilation that reminded them of their shared experiences. - The September 12th program was prepared by previous meetings of the students of the two cities, in the form of mutual group visits twice in the German and twice in the Hungarian partner towns, which were organized already for preparing the 30th anniversary.

During the day, family and NGO meetings and joint programs were held with the active participation of participants from the participating municipalities.

The day of **13/09/2019** was dedicated to

A conference on "Contribution of town twinning to a better understanding of the EU perspective" took place in the Géza Kék Community House of the City of Diósd, in the light of developments over the last three decades and current EU topics following the 2019 elections. Current and former heads of delegations from the six municipalities expressed their views at the meeting. The conference was interpreted in Hungarian, Polish and German. Comments were made by representatives of the participating cities: *Alsbach-Haehnlein*: Reinhard Meyer, Chairman of the Parliament, Hans Hermann, former Chairman of the Parliament, Sebastian Bubenzer Mayor, George Rausch former Mayor; *Lubaczów*: Wiesław Kapel Mayor; *Cieszanów*: Andrzej Szymanowski City Clerk; *Marosvécs/Brincovenesti*: Edit Portik, Official; *Diósd*: László Bogó Mayor, Anna Szücs Deputy Mayor, Géza Spéth Chairman of the Partnership and External Relations Coordination Committee, former Mayor, Lászlóné Paszternák, President of the German Minority Council.

During the day, groups of participants of the meeting visited the sights of Diósd and its surroundings as well as spectacular products of the settlement developments of recent years.

The day of **14/09/2019** was dedicated to

Celebration program on the 30th anniversary of the twin-city relationship between Diósd and Alsbach-Haehnlein (in the lobby of the Kocsis Street Kindergarten in Diósd). The Gellért Choir of Diósd sang the European Union anthem, Joy of Mood. Mayor László Bogó of Diósd and Imre Ritter, German nationality representative, greeted the audience. The memorable moments of their common past were recalled by István Nagy, former President of the Diósd Council, who signed the document establishing the German - Hungarian partnership 30 years ago, and by the former mayors Ferenc Hermann and Géza Spéth. In the name of the German twin-city Alsbach-Haehnlein, greetings were said by Reinhard Wennrich, the signatory of the agreement, the then mayor, then Reinhard Meyer, chairman of the Parliament, and Sebastian Bubenzer, the current mayor. Georg Rausch, who retired this year after being mayor for 10 years, was awarded the 'Honorary Citizen of Diósd' award by the

Municipality of Diósd in recognition of his dedication to the partnership. The former mayor of Alsbach-Haehnlein expressed his thoughts after receiving the award.

Mayor László Bogó, Deputy Mayor Anna Szücs and Géza Spéth, Chairman of the Partnership and External Relations Coordination Committee, awarded the certificate of recognition for the work made during the past 30 years to 21 persons of Alsbach-Haehnlein and Diósd.

The festival was closed by the cultural program of the youth of Lubaczow (music and folk dance productions).

During the day, the participants of the meeting visited the diverse programs of the Diósd City Festival ('Bucusu') held on 14-15 September in the city squares.

The day of **15/09/2019** was dedicated to

The participants of the meeting could optionally participate in the programs of the Diósd Búcsú (Festival), and the foreign delegations went home by bus to their remote places of residence.