

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – Municipality of Keť, Keť
PIC number:	920373346
Project name and acronym:	Cultures in Dialogue: Shaping Europe's Future – Keť 2025 — KET2025

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	101202128		
Event name:	Cultures in Dialogue: Shaping Europe's Future – Keť 2025		
Type:	Opening ceremony, panel discussion, workshops, debates, exhibition, informative stand		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia, Keť		
Date(s):	22/08/2025 – 24/08/2025		
Website(s) (if any):	www.ket.sk		
Participants			
Female:	256		
Male:	250		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Slovakia]:	300		
From country 2 [Hungary]:	126		
From country 3 [Romania]:	40		
From country 4 [Poland]:	40		
Total number of participants:	506	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Project “Cultures in Dialogue: Shaping Europe's Future – Keť 2025” represented cooperation among twinning towns and other entities to continue in cooperation based on dealing the topics of common Europe. This year was our project in sign of pointing out on the importance of cooperation in common projects and the important role of representatives twinning towns in active cooperation on international, national, regional and local level; raising awareness about the importance of solidarity</p>			

and the role of municipalities in promoting European values of unity and inclusion; Fostering European identity; cultural understanding and tolerance; empowerment of youth and marginalized groups; breaking down social barriers, encouraging understanding and inclusiveness; promoting active citizenship; cross-cultural learning; enhanced understanding of European issues; increased sense of ownership and engagement over the direction of European policies and initiatives; value and thoughts convergence of participants, presentation of customs, traditions, formal and informal discussions involving all age groups to active participation. During 3 days, interesting, educational, inspiring and entertainment activities were prepared for the participants.

On 22/08/2025 was prepared below mentioned programme:

Opening Ceremony - Welcome speech by the mayor of municipality of Keť, introducing the project partners, the project activities and objectives, the values followed by cooperation with emphasis in European dimension.

Formal meeting of representatives of the partner towns focused on the strategic planning of partners – presentation of the goals of municipalities in future international cooperation, to identify the partners for cooperation, setting up strategic goals for cooperation, the building of cooperation and strategic partnerships, set up the common goals and timetable of future cooperation, forming up the working groups for the future cooperation. Presentation of the good practices such as the municipalities developing, investing in municipal infrastructure, improving the quality of the citizens' life - with the EU financial support. Presentation of methodological approaches to the EU revenue management.

Ice-Breaker Activities - Interactive games and activities to help participants get to know each other. helping participants get to know each other in a relaxed and informal setting, which can break down initial barriers.

Cultural evening on the theme "Cultural differences and similarities in the EU" focused on learning about cultures, traditions and customs of the people living in the EU.

On 23/08/2025 the participants could attended:

Football tournament for children - the tournament allowed children from different countries and cultures to interact and form friendships.

Presentation of the skills of folk craftsman, craft market, presentation of cultural heritage of partner cities (traditional food, crafts such as pottery, carving, honey production, songs, dances).

Panel discussion on the theme: "Solidarity in Action: Case Studies from Across Europe" - representatives from various municipalities shared their experiences. Discussion had been structured around several key areas that highlighted practical examples, challenges and successes in promoting solidarity:

1. Success stories in solidarity initiatives (Case study presentations) - Each representative shared a successful project or initiative from their municipality that exemplifies solidarity such as programs related to cultural exchange, joint economic development, youth engagement, or social inclusion.
2. Challenges and solutions in cross-cultural cooperation (Identifying common challenges): What are the common obstacles municipalities face when working on solidarity projects across different cultures and socio-economic backgrounds (for example language barriers, differing administrative processes or varying levels of resources). How have municipalities successfully navigated these challenges? What strategies or best practices have proven effective in bridging cultural or economic divides?

The activity was ended by a quiz as way to reinforce the key takeaways and engage the audience.

Community Engagement Activity on the theme: „Solidarity in the Community" - Participants joined local volunteers in a community service project (e.g., park clean-up, community garden planting). The activity served as a practical demonstration of solidarity, showing that people from different backgrounds can come together to address common challenges.

„Future Vision Workshop" - consisted of:

- Small group activity: Participants had been divided into small groups and gave each group a scenario related to the future of Europe (e.g., the future of social inclusion, the digital economy, climate action, youth empowerment). Each group created a visual or conceptual representation of their vision (a drawing, a collage, a storyboard, or a mind map). They also prepared a brief narrative to explain their vision.

- Presentation of visions - Each group presented their vision, explaining their ideas, opinions. The participants had been encouraged to reflect on how these different visions align or differ, and what common themes emerge.

- Synthesizing ideas - Groups had been brought together to discuss the common themes, ideas, and values that emerged from their presentations.

Cultural programme of local and foreign ensembles focused on value and thoughts convergence of participants, presentation of customs, traditions, formal and informal discussions involving all age groups to active participation on the program, presentation of cultural heritage, folk traditions as a tool of intercultural dialogue, promoting partnership values, common European roots, cooperation as a tool for building common Europe, entertainment.

During all day had been prepared various activities like:

Information stand - Examples of local and regional development focused on introducing the pluses of EU opportunities (projects, funds, partner cooperation) on local development; for young people -

educational, work opportunities. The information stand served as an educational resource, informing participants about the various EU-funded projects and initiatives that have positively impacted local and regional development.

Gastro festival focused on presentation of traditions and customs of national specialities of Slovakia as well as partners from Romania, Poland and Hungary.

Interactive Exhibition where participants could leave messages, ideas and artwork related to the theme of solidarity and the EU's future. The exhibition space served as a conversation starter, encouraging participants to discuss their thoughts and reactions with others.

Information stand on the theme: "Active Citizens" focused on introduction of civic participation tools in terms of their possible use by citizens (the Conference on the Future of Europe, Debating Europe, The Citizens Dialogue) including the European Parliament elections as one of the possible way actively participate in the EU decision-making process and active participation of European citizens in public life. Introduction of the EU citizens' rights and their role in civil society.

Stand of volunteers focused on presentation volunteering as one of the solidarity mechanism inside the EU - presentation of an active form of volunteering at local level, community development, discussion of positive aspects of volunteering (skills, experiences, including language skills, opportunities to engage in volunteering at local level as well as at European level. Presentation of the "European Corps of Solidarity" as a one of the tools how to put the core EU value of solidarity into practice.

Public survey on the theme "Benefits of EU membership" in order to find out the opinions and attitudes of citizens towards EU membership - positive / negative.

On 24/08/2025 took place:

Saint Mass

Final conference with discussion associated with recovery of event, survey results, presentation and understanding of addressed issues - understanding the importance of active participation of EU citizens on EU affairs, EU democratic values, European citizen's rights, EU policy-making and opportunities how to increase knowledge in ordinary people with space for public debate, the importance of strengthen solidarity, cohesiveness and respect based on different cultural principles.

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