**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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 *Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)*

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| **PROJECT** | |
| **Participant:** | 1 – Municipality of Janíky, Janíky |
| **PIC number:** | 904993608 |
| **Project name and acronym:** | Beats of Unity (Stretnutie partnerských obcí v Janíkoch pri príležitosti Hornožitnoostrovského kultúrneho festivalu 2025) |

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| **EVENT DESCRIPTION** | | | |
| **Event number:** | 101215932 | | |
| **Event name:** | Európa v našom meste | | |
| **Type:** | presentations, discussions, workshops, social and cultural activities | | |
| **In situ/online:** | in-situ | | |
| **Location:** | Slovakia, Janíky | | |
| **Date(s):** | 15/08/2025 – 17/08/2025 | | |
| **Website(s) (if any):** | https://www.janiky.sk/ | | |
| **Participants** | | | |
| Female: | 433 | | |
| Male: | 431 | | |
| Non-binary: | 1 | | |
| From country 1 [Slovakia]: | 697 | | |
| From country 2 [Hungary]: | 65 | | |
| From country 3 [Slovenia]: | 33 | | |
| From country 4 [Czech Republic]: | 42 | | |
| From country 5 [Serbia]: | 28 | | |
| Total number of participants: | 865 | From total number of countries: | 5 |
| **Description**  *Provide a short description of the event and its activities.* | | | |
| The project "Beats of Unity (Meeting of twinning and partner municipalities in Janíky on the occasion of the Upper Žitný Island/Hornožitnoostrovský Cultural Festival 2025)" had been in the sign of strengthening solidarity, belonging and European identity between municipalities from different European countries. The aim was to create a platform for exchanging experiences, promoting cultural heritage and finding solutions to challenges such as Euroscepticism, ageing population and gender inequality. Participants could engage in workshops, civic dialogues and panel discussions to discuss the role of cultural heritage in shaping European identity and strengthening European solidarity.  **Project´s activities:**  - Official opening of the partners' meeting and panel discussion "Our Europe, Our Future" - introduction of partner municipalities, presentation of progress thanks to EU financial support, sharing of examples of good practice.  - Panel discussion "The Role of Local Governments in Supporting the New European Bauhaus Initiative" - a presentation that introduced the participants to the main goals and principles of the New European Bauhaus initiative. Participants were informed about how this initiative builds on the ideas of the historical Bauhaus and how these principles can be applied in the local context. This was followed by a discussion on topics such as the aesthetic improvement of public spaces and community involvement.  - Welcome Dinner and Cultural Programme - traditional dinner with specialties from Žitný ostrov, music and dance performances by local and partner folklore groups, night tour of the village.  - Workshop: "Cultural Heritage and European Identity" – focused on highlighting the importance of cultural heritage in shaping European identity and the importance of its protection and promotion at the local level.  - Civic Dialogue: "Contributions of Diversity and Gender Equality to European Identity - discussion on current trends in Euroscepticism, its causes and consequences. The dialogue focused on how diversity and gender equality contribute to the formation of European identity.  - Panel discussion: 'European Solidarity in Practice - Successful Examples' - discussion on the possibilities of cooperation and exchange of experiences between partner municipalities. The discussion was mainly focused on topics such as majority minorities, population outflow, population aging and the role of associations in the coexistence of multiple ethnicities, generations, etc.  - Cultural programme 'Upper Žitný Ostrov Cultural Festival 2025: Beats of Unity'- Presentation of musical groups from Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Serbia. Presentation of traditional crafts and cultural stands with local products, tasting of local specialties, interactive activities for families with children.  - Rafting on the Little Danube - including a visit and tour of the Water Wheel Mill and the open-air museum in Jelka.  - Final evaluation and conclusion - connected with the presentation of the results of the working parts of the event, a world café where the event participants addressed topics such as how to propose measures and initiatives to strengthen belonging to the EU at the local level and jointly created the "Janíkov Declaration on Solidarity and Cooperation".  Through these activities we could strengthen mutual solidarity and cooperation between partner municipalities from different European countries. Project helped us to create the space for promoting the exchange of experiences and showcase successful initiatives that contribute to European identity, cultural heritage and inclusive development. Participants had the space for proposing strategies to promote social and political cohesion, with a focus on addressing challenges such as population out-migration, population ageing and the inclusion of gender-sensitive approaches. | | | |

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