

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	ORAS ARDUD
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Project name and acronym:	Closer to Europe, closer to tradition - Europe and Tradition

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Closer to Europe, closer to tradition
Type:	3 days event
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Romania, Ardud
Date(s):	15-17.08.2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092581653603
Participants	
Female:	130
Male:	130
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 Romania (Ardud):	52
From country 2 Hungary (Nagyecséd):	52
From country 2 Hungary (Szakoly):	52
From country 3 Poland (Jaslo):	52
From country 3 Ukraine (Yamnytsia):	52
Total number of participants:	260
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The project “Closer to Europe, closer to tradition” was implemented between 15-17 August 2025 in Ardud, Romania, within the framework of a Town Twinning cooperation between Ardud (Romania), Nagyecséd and Szakoly (Hungary), Jasło (Poland) and Yamnytsia (Ukraine). The project was funded through the European Union programme “Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values” (CERV) and brought together 260 direct participants and approximately 5,000 indirect participants.

The project activities were structured over three days, each day having a distinct theme focused on civic dialogue, European integration and cultural diversity:

- Day 1 - Network Building:
The project started with the official opening event, followed by presentations of the partner localities and the project agenda. Presentations and round tables were organised on topics related to gender equality, the business environment, local public administration, cultural NGOs and education professionals, facilitating the exchange of ideas and good practices among the delegations. The day concluded with the opening of a photo exhibition showcasing representative images from the five twinned localities.
- Day 2 - European Integration and Solidarity:
The second day focused on debates and presentations on European topics, including European Union values, combating Euroscepticism, and the future of the EU. Participants discussed current challenges faced by the Union, such as climate change, migration, and solidarity in the context of ongoing conflicts, and were introduced to opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps. The programme also included artistic performances and concerts open to the general public.
- Day 3 - Cultural Diversity:
The final day highlighted the importance of cultural diversity in shaping European identity. Traditional dance and music performances, interactive workshops for the general public, and culinary presentations from all partner localities were organised. The project concluded with the official closing event, bringing together all participants and partners involved.

The project created a coherent framework for direct interaction between citizens of the twinned localities, enabling continuous exchanges of ideas and experiences throughout the three days of joint activities. Through thematic presentations and debates, participants deepened their understanding of European Union values, such as solidarity, democracy and respect for fundamental rights, and reflected on how these values relate to the realities of their local communities. The cultural component complemented the civic dialogue by fostering intercultural exchange and facilitating informal relationships among participants beyond the formal discussion settings.

By directly involving 260 participants from the five twinned localities and engaging a broad audience of approximately 5,000 indirect participants, the project “Closer to Europe, closer to tradition” demonstrated the capacity of Town Twinning cooperation to generate genuine interest in European dialogue at local level. The implemented activities contributed to strengthening ties between communities in Romania, Hungary, Poland and Ukraine and reinforced the sense of belonging to the European Union, while also laying the groundwork for continued cooperation between partner communities, both at institutional level and through citizen-to-citizen relations.

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