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Participation: The project involved 284 citizens, notably 20 participants from the city of Vienna - Verein Wiener Wichtel Kindergartenpädagogik (**Austria**), 50 participants from the city of Odorheiu Secuiesc - Casa de ajutor reciproc a pensionarilor Odorheiu Secuiesc (**Romania**), 80 participants from the city of Comuna Salacea (**Romania**), 18 participants from the city of Velké Blahovo - Európa mladým (**Slovakia**), 6 participants from the city of Subotica - Udruženje za negovanje tradicija i umetnosti Nojček (**Serbia**), and 110 participants from Nagykálló – Csoda a Világ Egyesület (**Hungary**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Érpaták, Hungary**, from 03/09/2021 to 05/09/2021.

Short description:

The foreign and local teams arrived and then briefly introduced themselves to each other after the opening on the first day. They tried to find those points that were common in each other. This was followed by an EU-themed discussion, the main ideas of which were the pros and cons of the EU accession. Here we examined several aspects: mobility, the system of national supports and the acceptance of the EU in each country. We also reflected on the current epidemiological situation, vaccination programs and opportunities. We also got acquainted with the host settlement in smaller teams. The joint program provided an opportunity to develop closer relationships between individuals and groups in the evening.

The activities of the second day were spent in the spirit of culture and gastronomy. We offered several programs for children and young people: bouncy castle, skill and folk games, giant darts. They could also take part in an interactive music session, during which the Laborc zither ensemble introduced traditional melodies as well as folk instruments. Our guests could also discover local flavors and gastronomic specialties through the product presentation of small producers. We also offered the opportunity to participate in the bean-goulash cooking competition, which took place in the early afternoon. Rajmund Lukács, who represented Eurodesk by the non-profit organization Mustárház IITI in Nyíregyháza, visited us. He presented the opportunities for volunteering offered by the Union and brought a number of information materials with himself as well. Several of our cooperating civil society partners have indicated that they would like to be a host organization within the European Solidarity Corps initiative, which he also introduced to those interested in more detail.

There were several shows on the stage in the meantime: performances by the local traditionalist kindergarten, followed by folk dances and other styles of music and dance, among others the Aranykalász folk dance ensemble, the Újfehértó brass and reed band, the Bürkös band, the Igrice folk dance ensemble and the Érpataki Female Choir. We also commemorated the 1956 revolution with a smaller group, which broke out 65 years ago and the message of which is still significant today: opposition and civilian unity against repressive regimes. The Kiscipő gave a concert, which was a great opportunity to have fun with each other in a more relaxed and good mood in the evening.

We analyzed the Hungarian elections of 2022 on the third day. We highlighted how these elections will affect the partner countries as well as the course of affairs of the European Union. It was especially important to make the present young people aware of the importance of the right to vote in their hands, which also conveyed the idea of civic activism to other foreign participants. Before saying goodbye, we discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the program together, and then our partners returned home to their own homes.