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

**Participation:** The project involved 250 citizens, notably 100 participants from the settlement of **Szárköld (Hungary)**, 50 participants from the organization **Spolok Levédia (Zemné, Slovakia)**, 50 participants from the organization **ROZÉ (Chotín, Slovakia)** and 50 participants from the organization of **Udruzenje Poljoprivrednika Senta (Senta, Serbia)**.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Szárköld, Hungary**, from **27/06/2015** to **28/06/2015**.

### **Short description:**

#### **27<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Saturday**

The local government of the host greeted the international delegation from Serbia and Slovakia from the early morning hours. After the arrival of the guests the accommodation and official opening of the program took place. After the lengthy formal and friendly greetings, the program, venues and content of the competition were reviewed for the partners and gradually started the fraternization among the participants of the three countries. The first challenge took place in the culinary competition "Tastes from across the border", in which the characteristic flavours of the countries and regions could be presented. After the culinary presentation-competition, the workshop, being organized with the title "Recalling of the past, creating of the future", took place at 13:30 hours, in the frame of which, the introduction of the non-governmental organizations and host local government were presented. The "Sporty generations" that started at 14:00 hours, truly lined up generations on the sports ground of the settlement. Among others, the women encountered in a handball game, while the ball fans of the young and old teams tried their skills in the football tournament and the penalty competition.

The Creative Workshop began at 15:00 hours, during which, craftsman presentation took place, several nations and national minorities presented the characteristics culture motifs of the Hungarian, Slovak and Serbian culture. Völcsey Lajos folk potter, being popular at local and regional level, held an interactive presentation as well. The young schoolchildren generation presented the modern European village image from their own point of view in drawings. Another area, which presented the traditions, feasts, folk costumes of rural life embodied in dances and songs in the spirit of folklore, related closely to the craft. The Folk Traditionalist Association, Friendship Lyric Theatre, Rugli Béla folk singer and the Slovak Rosemary singing group introduced themselves. In the rest of the evening Postás Józsi, who is well known throughout the country, entertained the guests with his songs.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Sunday**

The second program day went on in the spirit of the events, that started early in the morning. The Fishing Competition was held at the "spectacle lake" of Szárköld from 07:00 hours. While the fans of fishing spent the morning at the lake-side, those who were interested in healthy lifestyle could take part in a health screening program in the local health care institution during the "Hand-in-hand" creative program. The roundtable conversation started at 10:00 hours with the title "Facing the future of Europe" attracted the attention not only of the delegation from the partners, but also the locals. Competition opportunities, formerly gained competition experiences were mentioned in the interest of the involvement of folk traditionalism, local tourism values in the economic cycle. The discussion was replaced by the service of the European Centre 2015 started at 11:00 hours, in the frame of which, information sessions were held for the youth. After lunch a discussion was held again by the program "Life in the EU and beyond", which started at 14:00 hours, in the frame of which, strategic planning was the topic with the leaders of the local governments and organizations. The creative program "Draw the countryside" started at 16:00 hours involving pre-school and school children and those drawings were presented, which had been made at the previous day. After that, around 17:00 hours the event was evaluated. The partners said goodbye and went back to their homes with the memories of the two-day event.