



## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Obec Dvory and Žitavou - Dvory
PIC number:	945037536
Project name and acronym:	Roots of Our Tomorrow in the EU: Growing Together Across Borders – Our Tomorrow

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Municipality Days in Dvory nad Žitavou & Town Twinning		
Type:	public event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia – the municipality of Dvory and Žitavou		
Date(s):	29 <sup>th</sup> of August 2025 – 31 <sup>st</sup> of August 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.dvory.sk/samosprava/projekty/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea/obecne-dni-2025-886sk.html">https://www.dvory.sk/samosprava/projekty/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea/obecne-dni-2025-886sk.html</a>		
Participants			
Female:	128		
Male:	47		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Slovakia]:	Dvory nad Žitavou: 102 people (74 female, 28 male)		
From country 2 [Hungary]:	Kocsér: 38 people (30 female, 8 male) Vértesszőlős: 35 people (24 female, 11 male)		
Total number of participants:	175	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>From 29 to 31 August 2025, the municipality of Dvory nad Žitavou organised a three-day international public event entitled Municipality Days &amp; Town Twinning 2025. The event welcomed delegations from the partner municipalities of Kocsér and Vértesszőlős and was carried out within the framework of the CERV project Our Tomorrow, focusing on strengthening cross-border cooperation, promoting civic engagement and highlighting shared European values.</p> <p>The programme opened on Friday with the arrival of foreign delegations, followed by an expert lecture on Strengthening Cross-Border Ties in the EU. Ing. Tibor Farkas, the deputy mayor and representative of the local CSEMADOK organisation, presented the benefits of cooperation with partner municipalities in the areas of culture and socio-economic development. Participants expressed strong agreement that cooperation with Hungarian municipalities helps preserve regional identity and fosters closer relations between communities living along the border. In discussions following the</p>			



lecture, citizens mentioned that such partnerships make them feel better informed about opportunities created by cross-border cooperation and available through European programmes. A second presentation, delivered by Zuzana Csóková, addressed the situation of Roma communities in education and the labour market. Several attendees shared personal observations about persisting stereotypes and agreed on the need for more targeted activities supporting inclusion, equal access to education and community participation.

Later that afternoon, the municipality opened the exhibition *The Past and Present of Dvory nad Žitavou, Kocsér and Vértesszőlős* at the local Cultural House. All three municipalities contributed archival photographs, traditional items and materials, and the ceremonial opening was attended by the leading representatives of each partner settlement. The exhibition remained accessible throughout the event and continued to be open to the public for an additional two weeks. The evening was dedicated to cultural activities and informal social interactions, including concerts and community gatherings in the museum courtyard and cultural park, providing an opportunity for participants to strengthen personal ties and deepen cross-border friendships.

Saturday offered a rich combination of educational, cultural and community-building activities. The morning began with a traditional fair, children's attractions and various accompanying programme elements.

Several thematic forums took place in the Cultural House, including a session on *Active Ageing in the EU* led by Dr. Molnár Imre. During the forum seniors highlighted the importance of creating intergenerational spaces and recognised that EU initiatives on active ageing offer valuable models for local development. Participants appreciated that the event offered them a platform to share concerns related to loneliness, digitalisation challenges and the need for accessible social services.

The intergenerational discussion titled *Our Village, Our Story* coordinated by Mgr. Varga Zsuzsanna, focused on local heritage, community involvement, minority inclusion and reflections on contemporary social challenges. Citizens discussed how the identity of the municipality has evolved over time. Younger participants expressed a desire to be more involved in community life, while older residents stressed the importance of preserving traditions, local crafts and rural cultural memory. Attendees spoke about their wish for stronger cooperation between majority and minority communities, especially through joint cultural activities. Visitors could also explore the local municipal museum, gaining insight into the region's history and shared borderland traditions.

In the afternoon, the courtyard of the municipal museum hosted a vibrant cultural programme under the theme *Europe's Heritage Across Generations*, featuring performances by local ensembles, children's groups and folklore artists from all participating municipalities. Children participated in creative workshops, craft sessions and EU-themed activities, while families enjoyed additional attractions such as a falconry show and a miniature train ride. Sport was also part of the programme through the friendly football match *Movement Unites*, played between the teams of Dvory nad Žitavou, Kocsér and Vértesszőlős, promoting cooperation, fair play and active participation. The day concluded with evening concerts and community entertainment, further enhancing the festive atmosphere and encouraging interaction between residents and international guests. One of the recurring themes during the day was the recognition that such events reduce barriers between municipalities and help build friendships.

The final day, Sunday, focused on moments of reflection, unity and shared traditions. Two holy masses were celebrated in the St. Adalbert Roman Catholic Church - first in Slovak and later in Hungarian - honouring the partnerships between the municipalities and highlighting the importance of mutual respect, cultural coexistence and European solidarity. Afterwards, informal talks among representatives from all participating municipalities focused on future cooperation. Delegations expressed strong motivation to organise additional joint events, expand cultural exchanges and explore opportunities for collaborative EU-funded projects. They agreed that strengthening cross-border dialogue is essential for rural development and expressed commitment to continuing the partnership.

Overall, the event had a significant positive impact on participants and the wider public. Many expressed that the event helped them feel more connected to the European community, more aware of EU values and more willing to engage in civic life. Discussions revealed a shared interest in promoting tolerance, combating stereotypes, supporting minority inclusion, and maintaining close ties with neighbouring municipalities. The atmosphere throughout the weekend was characterised by openness, cooperation and a genuine desire to learn from one another. The event attracted more than a thousand visitors, provided meaningful opportunities for intercultural exchange and contributed to strengthening citizens' sense of belonging to the EU. Through its inclusive and diverse programme, the event fulfilled the objectives of the *Our Tomorrow* project, supporting community engagement, promoting European values and laying foundations for future joint activities between the participating municipalities.

The project placed strong emphasis on transparent, inclusive and multi-channel communication to ensure that its objectives, activities and results reached a wide and diverse audience at local, regional



and European level. A dedicated project subpage was created on the municipality's official website (<https://www.dvory.sk/samosprava/projekty/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea/obecne-dni-2025-886sk.html>), where visitors can access comprehensive information about the project, including its aims, programme, partner municipalities, photo galleries, presentations and articles. This ensured long-term public accessibility to verified information and supported transparency regarding EU funding. Following the event, a post-event presentation summarising the main activities, outcomes, participant feedback and lessons learned was published on the coordinator's website. This output provides a clear and user-friendly overview of the project results and supports knowledge-sharing beyond the event itself:

[https://www.dvory.sk/evt\\_file.php?file=8082&original=PPT%20DVORY%20TOWN%20TWINNING.pdf](https://www.dvory.sk/evt_file.php?file=8082&original=PPT%20DVORY%20TOWN%20TWINNING.pdf)

The Event Description Sheet was published on the websites of the project coordinator and partner municipalities, presenting the event programme and activities in a structured format and ensuring consistent visibility of the project and its European dimension across all partner communities.

<https://kocser.hu/a-celebration-of-friendship-cultural-heritage-and-european-values-in-dvory-nad-zitavou/>

<https://vertesszolos.hu/hu/hirek/a-baratsag-a-kulturalis-orokseg-es-az-europai-ertekek-unnepe-dvory-nad-zitavouban/>

Social media played a central role in outreach. The event was actively promoted through the municipality's Facebook pages before and after implementation, sharing programme highlights, news updates, photos and recognition of EU support. These posts reached several thousand users and significantly increased public awareness and engagement, e.g.:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BizQAqdEA/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Bs4v2q73o/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

[https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1103825088593963&id=100068994466939](https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1103825088593963&id=100068994466939)

During the event, on-site visibility tools such as a project roll-up and banner were prominently displayed in high-traffic areas. These materials clearly presented the project objectives, partner municipalities and EU funding, reaching over 1,000 visitors over the three days. Professional photographs were taken throughout the event in compliance with GDPR and ethical standards. The images were published on the municipal website (<https://www.dvory.sk/obec/fotogaleria/rok-2025/obecne-dni-2025-881sk.html>) and Facebook page, illustrating the atmosphere, activities and results of the event.

To complement online communication, offline promotion was carried out using posters and flyers displayed in public spaces such as the cultural house, municipal offices, schools and local shops. This ensured that residents not actively using digital platforms were also informed. In addition invitations containing the full programme were distributed to partner municipalities, institutions and local stakeholders. The project also benefited from press and media outreach. A press release was issued, and the local TV station TV Carisma broadcast a recording of the Municipality Days multiple times over several weeks, reaching an estimated 1,500–2,500 viewers.

Throughout all communication and dissemination activities, the financial support of the European Union under the CERV Programme was clearly acknowledged. The EU emblem and funding reference were displayed on all relevant materials, and EU support was also acknowledged verbally during public events. Together, these activities ensured wide visibility, strong public engagement and lasting accessibility of the project's results, contributing to greater awareness of European cooperation and civic participation at local and cross-border level.

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