



Project “The future of EU is in our hands” – Veľké Ripňany 2014 financed by the European Union in the programme “Europe for citizens”

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Participation: Project enabled meeting of 987 citizens, of which 815 came from the village of Veľké Ripňany (Slovakia), 24 representatives of NGOs EDURES from the village Velušovce (Slovakia), 46 from the village Sopotnica (Serbia), 78 of the city Dąbrowa (Poland), 5 representatives of the International Association peacekeepers Lyon (France) and 19 from the village Pinkafeld (Austria).

Place / Date: The meeting took place in Veľké Ripňany, Slovak Republic from 26 September to 28 September 2014.

Brief description:

On 26 September mayor of the village Veľké Ripňany officially welcomed the participants of the event, presented the project idea, the individual partners and their role in the project. Participants focused attentional familiarity with the topics of European citizenship, active participation in the democratic life of the EU, enhanced trust in the EU, implementation of EU citizens' lives at the municipal level and the fundamental rights of citizens. In the afternoon informal discussion took place devoted to issues of democratic rights of young people and their application forms in favor of improving the level of their lives, and meeting representatives of the municipalities on the extension of the partnership, collaboration and future opportunities for young people. In the evening, screenings of films about the development of the EU and its perspectives and cultural - social program were held.

On 27 September the meeting participants focused attention on learning about the specific instruments of active participation in the democratic life of the EU, implementation of EU citizens' lives at the municipal level, the fundamental rights of citizens, how to learn the method for their application. Governments, associations, young people gained an overview, practices, exchange experiences, how to use the tools of influencing EU policies on the ground. They were informed with the real situation, regarding the exercise of fundamental rights, such as participation in European elections 2014. They attended the workshop and creative discussion on the topic "Active young eurocitizen" and a presentation by the representative of the Union Veterans on 'The future of the EU and its security "through which they obtained information about the current security situation in Europe, an overview of the risks that threaten the way of building democracy and common, prosperous Europe. In the morning some cultural, sporting and social activities were taken place, such as the Olympics of children and youth, sports meeting of participants in the sports area of a football club, exhibition of works in the assembly hall of Elementary School in Veľké Ripňany, from the all participants. The topic was My country - a part of Europe. In the evening, a cultural evening was held for the purpose of getting familiar with the project partners, their customs and traditions.

On 28 September participants had the opportunity to attend the event discussion forum of young people in the topic "The role of young people in creating the future of the EU", where they addressed the current problems in the EU - the economic crisis, a crisis of confidence in the EU, high youth unemployment and women in the labor market. Through an information booth, located in the center of all interested parties They could obtain information about events in the European area. The final conference was held associated with recovery of the results of the event, showing results of a survey which was given to the topic youth participation in events in the European Union and EU policy-making. They discussed publicly linked with the possibility of questioning representatives of local and regional government representatives and partners in order to understand the purpose of the event and its relevance to the lives of young people in Europe. With the results of the event were informed, participants of the event, invited guests from government, public life, associations, entrepreneurs, retirees, and other disadvantaged citizens. After finishing the session officially closed the event with the final speech of the representative of the village was presented with the message of the project in the future.