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Participation: The project involved 256 citizens, notably 32 participants from the Halaszi Sportegyesulet (**Hungary**), 32 participants from the Záhorský Féniš (**Slovakia**), 18 participants from the Udruženje Nojcek (**Serbia**), 32 participants from the Humanitas University (**Poland**), 6 participants from the Kneipp Aktiv Club (**Austria**), 19 participants from the Modellflugclub (**Germany**), 21 participants from the city of Senica (**Slovakia**), 21 participants from the Cantilena (**Slovakia**), and 75 participants from the Dum deti a mladeze (**Czech Republic**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Kojetin, Czech Republic**, from 26/08/2021 to 29/08/2021.

Short description:

26. August, 2021.

The guests were welcomed and accommodated in the early evening hours. Each team introduced themselves briefly, which was followed by a conversation about the opinions of the role of the euro as a single currency after dinner. We summarized the positives and negatives on a large sheet of paper and then listened to the views of those who would like it to be introduced, as well as those who would either go back to the use of their previous national currency or not want it to be introduced.

We created a diverse Europe through a creative task - here the participants drew the national specifics. The participants became more aware of the unique image of their own country through the joint fine art activity.

27. August, 2021.

We offered a varied program for young and adult on this day: conversations, games, sport contests and joint fun. Michaela Šojdrová Member of the European Parliament visited us and raised a number of issues in the morning: such as the way as the EU operating and she reflected to the actual phenomena: the circular economy, the chances of recovering from the world pandemic and the social inequalities. A very good conversation has developed with her as well, in which e.g.: the action of the EU for the protection of freedom of the press has been brought on.

The mini-olympic games began after lunch: different competitions had to be completed in mixed teams, which were light, humorous activities (scootering, archery, goal-scoring, etc.). Participants were divided into several larger teams then and tried out dragon sailing on the Morava River. This also proved to be a great team building activity. There was a little rest after the announcement of the results and then the teams met again in the evening. The concerts provided a space to have fun together and get to know each other better.

28. August, 2021.

This day was spent with a trip to Kroměříž, the historical sites of which are listed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site. We visited the wonderful baroque halls and treasures of the Archbishop's Palace in several teams, and then another game awaited the participants, during of which, he had to visit each of the stations in the beautiful garden of the castle by coded messages and collect the seals there. Mixed teams started the game again, so cooperation and attention to each other was essential. We got to know the traditional rural cultural elements of Křenovice a nearby village, as far as a historical fireman show was held there in the afternoon: volunteers dressed in period clothes and showed with an old fire truck how the fire was put out about a hundred years ago. Later, modern equipment and cars could also be tried out.

The evening passed again in the spirit of joint entertainment, for which the concerts provided a good atmosphere.

29. August, 2021.

The project teams could take part at an interesting conversation in the morning. The topic was the future of Europe, more precisely the period up to 2030. Here, we came across the ideas and visions that each participant formulated. We discussed the connections between the media and critical thinking, as well as the importance of learning from trusted sources, which are the key to ensuring that extremism and incitement do not disperse in our countries.

This program point was followed by an exchange of contacts and a farewell, during which participants also gave a brief feedback on the project as a whole and some of its activities.



