

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – Municipality of Farná, Farná
PIC number:	938877551
Project name and acronym:	Bringing together in diversity as the key to the EU better future – Farná 2025 — FARNA2025

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	101197842		
Event name:	Bringing Together in Diversity as the Key to the EU Better Future – Farná 2025		
Type:	Opening ceremony, formal meeting of representatives of the partner towns, workshops, presentations, debates, discussions, public forum, storytelling session, Interactive learning and simulation games, Exhibition, informational stands, social and cultural activities		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia, Farná		
Date(s):	22/05/2026 – 24/05/2026		
Website(s) (if any):	www.farna.sk		
Participants			
	Female:	662	
	Male:	490	
	Non-binary:	0	
	From country 1 [Slovakia]:	946	
	From country 2 [Hungary]:	126	
	From country 3 [Croatia]:	76	
	From country 4[Slovenia]:	4	
	Total number of participants:	1152	From total number of countries:
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The event, Bringing Together in Diversity as the Key to the EU Better Future – Farná 2025, brought together citizens, local authorities and partner municipalities to strengthen mutual understanding, promote European values and foster long-term cooperation among twinned towns. During the three			

days, the programme combined formal discussions, educational activities, cultural exchange and community engagement.

Day 1 – 22/05/2026: Opening, cooperation and intercultural exchange

The first day of the event was focused on the official opening, partnership building and intercultural exchange among twinned municipalities and participating citizens.

The programme began with an opening ceremony introducing the project objectives, partner municipalities and the importance of European cooperation, cohesion, and shared values. The main topic of this session was “Town Twinning and European Cooperation”, which strengthened participants’ understanding of the role of local authorities and citizens in building a united Europe. The impact on target groups was increased awareness of EU values, strengthened sense of belonging to the European community and enhanced cooperation between partner towns. This was followed by collaborative planning sessions between partner representatives focused on future cooperation and EU funding opportunities. The topic covered practical aspects of project development, financial management and exchange of best practices. This activity improved the capacity of local authorities and project partners in using EU funds effectively and encouraged long-term transnational cooperation. In the evening, participants took part in informal networking in a local winery, which facilitated personal contact building and trust between partner delegations. This contributed to stronger interpersonal relationships and more effective future cooperation. The day concluded with a cultural evening themed “Diversity and Proximity of European Cultures”, showcasing traditions, customs, and cultural expressions of participating countries. This activity enhanced intercultural understanding, promoted tolerance, and strengthened mutual respect among citizens.

Day 2 – 23/05/2026: Solidarity, European identity and active citizenship

The second day was dedicated to the central theme of “Solidarity in the European Union” and active civic participation. The morning began with a sightseeing tour and a cooking competition, promoting informal intercultural exchange and local heritage appreciation. These activities strengthened social cohesion among participants and increased interest in regional history and traditions. A series of workshops, discussions, and interactive sessions followed, focusing on solidarity in crisis situations, cross-border cooperation, and European values. Participants explored topics such as pandemics, war in Ukraine and economic challenges, discussing how solidarity shapes EU responses. The impact included increased understanding of EU crisis mechanisms and strengthened awareness of shared responsibility among European citizens. Additional activities included storytelling sessions with older citizens, simulations of EU decision-making processes, and public forums on global solidarity. These activities enhanced intergenerational dialogue, civic engagement, and knowledge of EU democratic processes. A panel discussion with experts addressed the future of European solidarity, encouraging reflection on historical achievements and future challenges. This improved participants’ critical thinking and understanding of European integration. The day also included an exhibition titled “20 Years in the EU”, alongside debates on the future of Europe, climate change, digital transformation and social justice, as well as a workshop on euroscepticism and cohesion challenges. These activities increased political awareness, encouraged youth participation, and supported informed opinions about the EU. The day concluded with a cultural evening featuring performances from partner countries, which strengthened intercultural dialogue, mutual respect and European identity.

Day 3 – 24/05/2026: Evaluation, civic engagement and future cooperation

The final day focused on evaluation, reflection and strengthening future cooperation.

The programme began with an ecumenical mass, promoting values of respect, tolerance and spiritual reflection, contributing to social cohesion and mutual understanding among participants. The final conference presented the outcomes of the project, evaluation results, and proposals for future cooperation. Participants shared feedback and personal reflections, which reinforced active participation and ensured that citizens’ voices were included in assessing project impact. This activity strengthened democratic engagement and accountability.

Throughout the event, several information stands operated continuously. The **Volunteer Stand** promoted volunteering as a key expression of EU solidarity, encouraging participants to engage in community service and social initiatives. The **Solidarity Network Stand** provided information about NGOs and opportunities for cooperation, increasing awareness of civil society involvement. The **Active Citizens Stand** presented tools for civic participation in EU decision-making processes, strengthening knowledge of citizens’ rights and democratic engagement.

A survey conducted among participants collected feedback on EU-related topics such as solidarity, cooperation, and future challenges. This contributed to better understanding of public attitudes and supported future policy and project development.

Through the event, the participants experienced intercultural dialogue, mutual learning and active engagement in discussions on key European topics such as solidarity, citizenship and cooperation. They had the opportunity to exchange views, share good practices and strengthen partnerships between twinned towns. The activities contributed to a deeper understanding of European values and the functioning of the European Union, while also encouraging active citizenship and civic

participation. The event successfully reinforced the importance of cooperation, solidarity, and unity among European citizens and municipalities, and laid the foundation for further future collaboration.



HISTORY OF CHANGES

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