



**We promote  
together  
tolerance and  
fight against  
euroscepticism**



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The Project „*We promote together tolerance and fight against euroscepticism*” has created the proper environment where citizens from 3 countries (youngsters, teachers, representatives of the local public authorities) met and debated on matters of European actuality, the ways in which they manifest in each partner community and identified common solutions adaptable to the context of each community.

The Project is implemented during July – December 2017, in partnership with Tuchow (Poland) and Aszod (Hungary) and hosted a transnational activity which took place in Tautii Magheraus during 07-11.09.2017 period of time.

## Objectives:

1. To encourage the citizens, especially the youngsters, to engage in problem solving in general and mainly in solving problems related to their community.
2. To identify and promote the ways to fight against the eurosceptic current.
3. To promote tolerance, intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and volunteering in the context of migration crisis.



## Activities:

1. In the preliminary phase, each partner performed an opinion survey among the citizens in the community of origin as for the benefits of being a EU member, the crisis in Europe and the migration crisis, a powerpoint presentation on the advantages brought to the country for being a EU member and an artistic/cultural moment.



## 2. Transnational meeting

The activity, lasting for 5 days, took place in Tautii Magheraus.

### Activity program

#### First day

- Icebreaker games
- World Cafe method presentation

Participation in the event "We promote together tolerance and fight against euroscepticism" in Baita village. During this event, wreaths of flowers were laid at the statue of the local hero-poet Ion Sugariu, to praise him, followed by an ecumenical liturgy, singing the anthems of the partner countries involved in the project together with the European Union anthem, presentation of the project and of the partners to the entire community, presentation of a Romanian and Hungarian folkloric program, signing of the collaboration protocol between the Tautii Magheraus and Tuchow Highschools).





- Opinion survey results presentation;
- Watching the presentations on the benefits of being a EU member;
- Watching some video materials on the eurosceptic current and the migration issue;
- Debating on these matters in workgroups;
- Drawing conclusions.



- Multicultural Evening:  
watching the materials prepared  
about the participating countries,  
presentation of the artistic  
moments, tasting the products  
specific to each participating  
country.



## Second day

- Living Library – the living books were the members of a refugee family from the Democratic Republic of Congo, settled in Baia Mare, who shared with the volunteers their experience starting of their arrival in Romania up to their integration in the Baia Mare community.
- Volunteering and its benefits – presentation performed by Gulsah Bagci, EVZ volunteer hosted by the Greentin Center for Sustainable Development;
- Visit to the Victims of Communism Museum "Memorialul Durerii" in Sighetu Marmatiei to remember the common history of the partners.



## Third day

- World Cafe – Groups discussed and debated upon 4 topics:

- 1.Eurosceptic currents;
- 2.Migration
- 3.Volunteering
4. Solutions

Divided on workgroups, participants discussed in turns on each topic assisted by a moderator. Subsequently, the moderators presented the discussions to each group and drew final conclusions.





## Good bye party



## Opinion survey results

90,1 % of the individuals questioned are for being a European Union member and 9,9 % are against.

53,3% of the individuals questioned consider that the EU represents a less safe place because of the arrival of the refugees, while 46,5 % do not consider the arrival of refugees a danger.

## Benefits of being a EU member:

### Economic development

- Access of the local products on the European market
- Economic growth
- Increase of the national minimum wage
- European single market: free circulation of goods, services, capitals and individuals
- Positive impact of European funds on the development of EU member states
- Foreign investment growth in the EU member states

### Infrastructure development

- Development of the infrastructure (roads, airports etc.)
- Simplified international circulation (Shengen Area – no control in the customs)

- Citizens may travel, study, work or live free in any European country at their own choice

### Social renewal

- International mobilities (Europe for Citizens programme, Erasmus+ etc.)
- Twin towns may share their culture, traditions and customs
- Being part of a community defined by stability, democracy, safety and wealthiness
- Peace
- New jobs
- Decrease of the unemployment rate
- Higher number of individuals who avoid poverty and social exclusion

### Development of the environmental protection and the production of energy means:

- European policy to fight against climate changes (CO2 reduction and emission control)
- Funding the installation of photovoltaic panels
- Natura 2000 networking programme for the protection of nature

### State reforms

- Sundry collective policies
- Democracy enhancement



## Conclusions

### Eurosceptic current

Participants were for being a European Union member and concluded that euroscepticism may be fought against via promoting the benefits EU member states have, via holding meetings and debates with the community members and achieving projects in partnership.

### Migration

Discussions started from the identification of the differences between a European citizen who leaves to work in another European country and a refugee who comes to Europe. The only difference identified was the migration reason: if, as mentioned in the first case, the person leaves to another country for a better living, in the second case, the person runs away from war or to save his life.

They need to be helped to integrate via mutual knowledge of cultures and traditions, via the identification of jobs, inter-institutional collaboration, assistance and specialised services provision, language courses, and access of children to education.

### Volunteering

Volunteering means giving to others and expect nothing in return, gaining experience, getting to know cultures, religions and traditions from another countries, making new friends, improving competences, growing both personally and professionally, getting more open and more tolerant. Volunteering connects people and changes society.

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