

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	2 – Stadt Hennigsdorf (Hennigsdorf)
PIC number:	880573373
Project name and acronym:	Momentum – Festival of nations - Momentum

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Partnership and culture without borders		
Type:	Public event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Kralupy nad Vltavou		
Date(s):	04-08/06/2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.mestokralupy.cz/mesto/rozvoj-mesta/evropska-spoluprace/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea-2025-2026/		
Participants			
Female:	594		
Male:	569		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Czechia]:	1100		
From country 2 [Slovakia]:	18		
From country 3 [Germany]:	27		
From country 4 [Serbia]:	3		
From country 5 [Poland]:	15		
Total number of participants:	1163	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The project "Momentum" was implemented through 2 separate events. Both were held in the city of Kralupy nad Vltavou. The first event had the main theme: Partnership and Culture Without Borders. The second event had the main theme: Volunteering Without Borders.			

Basic information about event 1:

Title of the event 1: Partnership and culture without borders

Type of events (in situ): public event

Venue: Kralupy nad Vltavou (Czechia)

Dates of the events: 04-08/06/2025 (5 days)

Number of present countries: 5 (Czechia, Slovakia, Germany, Serbia, Poland)

Number of individual direct participants: 1100

Number of present foreign participants: 63

Participating partners:

Město Kralupy nad Vltavou (CZ)

Mesto Komárno (SK)

Stadt Hennigsdorf (GER)

Gmina Środa Wielkopolska (PL)

Grad Šabac (RS)

Agenda/brief description of the event 1:

The aim of the event was to strengthen the partnership and mutual presentation of the culture of the 5 nations. The event dealt with various topics, such as cultural presentations, discussions on gender equality and highlighting the importance of EU membership. The course of the event was as follows:

The first day, 04/06/2025, brought the knowledge of solidarity as one of the main elements on which the partnership will be built. After the ceremonial opening and presentation of the project, discussions and workshops on the topic of solidarity followed. First of all, it was about solidarity with seniors. For the senior participants, we prepared a discussion on the activities organized by partner cities for people of the 3rd generation. During the discussion, seniors and representatives of partner cities got acquainted with examples of good practice from partner cities. These concerned courses, club activities, sports activities, etc. In this way, seniors and representatives of cities got to know interesting ideas for active aging. The Solidarity and Social Challenges workshop brought a discussion on the topic of current needs of communities in partner cities.

The second day, 05/06/2025, we addressed the topics of gender equality, solidarity, and climate change. We first took the participants of the event to a shelter. This provides support in an unfavorable social situation. The service is intended for young people aged 15 to 26 and families with children who are at risk of an unfavorable social situation. Here, the participants had the opportunity to experience solidarity in practice. The topic of solidarity also included escape games for charity and a charity concert for animals. The participants had the opportunity to directly demonstrate solidarity in practice. Another topic addressed was gender equality. The quiz on gender equality and the plight of women in local government brought interesting perspectives on the issue of equality between men and women. There are still few women represented in partner local governments. Therefore, the need for greater involvement of women in the management of local governments in the EU was discussed. The issue of climate change was also on the agenda of the day. Discussions on climate change and the future of Europe in the context of the Green Deal brought a view of current topics addressed across Europe. The discussion resulted in examples of good practice and an outline of possible joint solutions. Youth also participated in the program. They learned about the benefits of the Erasmus+ program in gaining new foreign experience. The activities also included a presentation of cultural diversity. The activities provided an opportunity to learn about the culture of 5 nations.

The third day, 06/06/2025, was focused on combating discrimination and volunteering. Associations not only from partner cities presented themselves to the public. They presented their activities, their members and how they participate in the activities of the cities. The program also included learning about the lives of disabled people. The opportunity to experience what it is like to have limited mobility, whether in a wheelchair or with visual impairments brought the participants closer to the lives of the disabled. The purpose was to arouse greater interest in this population group. Representatives of partner cities and representatives of primary schools from partner cities and representatives of associations discussed mutual cooperation. This represented the basis for future cooperation. Culture was once again presented as an element of connecting citizens within the activities.

The fourth day, 07/06/2025, was dedicated to the topic of the European Union. First of all, we presented the participants with various successful projects co-financed by the EU. In this way, we supported general awareness of how the EU supports individual countries and how it influences regional development. We also addressed the topic of EU enlargement to include the countries of the Western Balkans. Especially because of the partner from Serbia, it was important to show that joining the EU is important. The discussion with successful women was important for highlighting the need for gender equality. The discussion of partner cities brought a new perspective on the future of the partnership. It was necessary to discuss together so that the partnership would continue into the future. Culture and sport once again brought the opportunity to connect participants from 5 countries more.

The fifth day, 08/06/2025, brought a confirmation of friendships. Sports and entertainment activities were carried out, which connected nations and generations. This concluded the joint meeting of citizens of the 5 countries and set further topics for partnership. The event program was implemented as: workshops, trainings, discussions, presentations, awareness-raising activities, exchange and dissemination of best practices, communication activities.

Achievements:

- addressing the position of women in local government and employment
- contribution to gender equality, adoption of solutions from other countries
- welcoming a partner from Serbia
- exchange of experiences in the field of climate change adaptation
- support for volunteering, volunteer associations and promotion of solidarity
- intercultural dialogue between 5 nations of Europe
- involvement of young people in preparing for their future role as active European citizens

Information on the main topics of the event:

Gender equality

The event also included topics related to the position of women. It is especially important to increase the share of women at the level of statutory representatives and deputies in local government. Therefore, we presented to the general public the possibilities for improving the position of women. At the same time, we presented the achievements of women in the position of managers. In this way, we showed that women can also be successful and equal to men. At the same time, we showed that the issue of the status of women and seniors is important for partner cities.

Partnership with Serbia and strengthening international partnership

A partner from Serbia had the opportunity to participate in an event co-financed by the EU. He also had the opportunity to learn about EU funds and European priorities. In this way, we provided a partner from a non-member country with an opportunity to gain insight into the functioning of the EU. It is a form of learning by seeing. At the same time, we enriched and strengthened the partnership through discussions with partners.

European Union

The European Union was the subject of several activities during the event. Projects co-financed by the EU for individual partner cities were presented. Youth discussions were held on the Erasmus+ program, and the values and current policies of the EU were also presented. We focused mainly on current green EU policies. In this way, we highlighted the importance of the EU for citizens, for partner cities, but also drew attention to current topics. It is a form of fighting Euroscepticism and at the same time a form of bringing citizens closer to the EU.

Culture connects

A significant part of the program consisted of activities dedicated to mutual knowledge of the culture of the 5 nations. Culture formed the determinant of connection. Cultural activities brought a view of the diversity of the cultures of the nations of Europe. In this way, we broke down national barriers and connected citizens.

Links to published information about the project (project partners' websites):

<https://www.mestokralupy.cz/mesto/rozvoj-mesta/evropska-spoluprace/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea-2025-2026/>

<https://sabac.rs/projekti-i-programi/momentum-projekat/>

<https://komarno.sk/transparentne-mesto-2/projekty/>

<https://www.hennigsdorf.de/Stadtleben/Die-Stadt/Partnerst%C3%A4dte/>

https://www.sroda.wlkp.pl/asp/pl_start.asp?typ=14&menu=1583&strona=1&sub=1272