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Participation: The project involved 250 citizens, notably 100 participants from Wilamowice (**Poland**), 10 participants from Kisújszállás (**Hungary**), 30 participants from Horna Suca (**Slovakia**), 50 participants from Dolní Benesov (**Czechia**), 20 participants from Rajecké Teplice (**Slovakia**), 10 participants from Zupanja (**Croatia**), 10 participants from Klanjec (**Croatia**), 20 participants from Kunerad (**Slovakia**).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Wilamowice (Poland), from 27/05/2022 to 30/05/2022.

Short description:

The day of **27/05/2022** was devoted to diagnosing the situation in the European Union in the context of the recurring crises of the values underlying the functioning of the Community. The participants of the meeting took part in workshops on the causes of cultural discrimination of national minorities. The workshop was aimed at developing skills and expanding the knowledge participants in the field of methods of counteracting cultural discrimination of national minorities. There was a discussion on the identification of hate speech in electronic media and in the press, and a discussion on how to solve the solidarity crisis in the EU, including cooperation between various groups within the Community. A series of debates with Eurosceptics was initiated, the first topic was the anti-immigrant rhetoric appearing in public space. The last substantive element of the day were concept workshops where work began on the development of the assumptions of the social campaign plan "Solidarity in Partnership – social and intercultural cooperation as a key to European solidarity". The busy day ended with an integration evening with families.

The day of **28/05/2022** was dedicated to the search for effective methods of counteracting cultural discrimination at the local level. During the discussion, it was indicated that one of such methods is to learn about the culture of national minorities in the municipalities participating in the meeting and to recognize them as equal cultural heritage of a given area. During the workshop, the concept of the "Partnership Discussion Forum" was presented and verified. Then, during discussions with young people and seniors, the role of the intergenerational integration dialogue was raised as a tool for shaping the future of the EU by these two groups of citizens. Then the participants of the meeting returned to work as part of the concept workshop on the development of the social campaign "Solidarity in Partnership" and as part of intercultural workshops with the participation of representatives of various artistic environments on the plan of cooperation with organizations dealing with culture and the plan of joint international artistic undertakings. At the end of the day the guests, as part of team building activities, took part in the leading event in the commune, under the name "Wilamowskie Śmiergusty".

The day of **29/05/2022** is another action devoted to developing solutions aimed at strengthening solidarity, as an element that binds various cultural groups within the Community, which is the EU. The events of that day began with another debate with Eurosceptics, during which the question was raised whether leaving the EU is the only method of solving the problems of the EU countries. During the debate, arguments concerning the future of the EU and the directions of future events were confronted: disintegration, stabilization, further integration. Then, during discussions with young people and seniors, the topic of solidarity was raised, including solidarity of actions and intergenerational solidarity, as well as understanding the concept of solidarity of the past and today. These considerations led the meeting participants to the next workshop, during which the first part of the comprehensive agreement was developed: "Cultural cooperation in the EU - let's get to know our heritage", which is a specific signpost of the development of cultural cooperation. Its first effects were visible during subsequent intercultural workshops, during which common international artistic ventures were planned. At the end of the activities, the participants took part in the second day of the cultural event, meeting at "Wilamowskie Śmiergusty".

The day of **30/05/2022** was dedicated to the completion of the concept works, summary and planning of further cooperation. During the workshop, second part of the comprehensive agreement was developed: "Cultural cooperation in the EU - let's get to know our heritage", finalizing the work on its final content. The series of debates with Eurosceptics was completed, returning to the theme of probable scenarios for the future of the EU. The final discussion summarized information on the causes of hatred against cultural minorities and the methods of counteracting such hatred. In this context, a large part of the discussion was devoted to discussing plans for future partnership cooperation in the field of culture. The closing events were: a lecture on intercultural dialogue, as a way of understanding other cultures and minorities, and an intercultural workshop on regional creativity as a bridge between the nations of the EU. After the meetings, the guests left Wilamowice and went back home.