

The project «I am European – I create the reality around me» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved 28 citizens, notably 14 participants from the city and region of Veszprém (Hungary), 7 participants from the city of Kiskőrös (Hungary), 7 participants from the city of Sfântu Gheorghe (Hungarian: Sepsiszentgyörgy) (Romania), and 11 participants from the city of Tarnów (Poland) – project leader.

Moreover, the participation in the project was enabled to the representatives of Nowy Sącz (Poland) – twin city of Tarnów (3 participants), Vinnytsia (6 participants), Bila Tserkva (2 participants) and Ternopil (5 participants) (Ukraine) – funded by the Municipality of Tarnów.

Project Leader: Gmina Miasta Tarnowa (Municipality of Tarnów)

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Tarnów (**Poland**), from 23/06/2017 till 25/06/2017.

Short description:

The day of 23/06/2017 was dedicated to checking-in of the participants in the hotel and the following activities:

1. Conference "Revitalise, Rejuvenate, Recreate" – dedicated to the topic of revitalisation and reformation of the city centre, so that it would be attractive to the citizens, including the presentation of the EU funded projects or actions aiming at improvement of the city space and how to consult the plans with the citizens. Each of the cities – project partners – had time to show a presentation, a virtual walk around their city and the revitalised areas or a short video of the most impressive projects implemented.

The experts of the conference were the employees of the City Halls engaged in the projects, heads of the city development departments and alike. The discussion after the event and the conversations behind the scenes in the lobby among the participants were useful for the exchange of practices and networking (discussing the lessons learnt, but also generating new ideas and inspiration from the good practices in other cities). The report with all the presentations and the video link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAU-SXJeeg8> was sent to all the contact persons in partner cities via e-mail.

2. Opening Gala of ZDEARZENIA 2017 the City Festival, award ceremony and a short concert – Kajetan Borowski Trio (last year winner of the cultural awards in Tarnów) at Ludwik Solski Theatre, 4 - the award ceremony of the Culture Related Nominees and art grants. <http://www.tarnow.pl/index.php/Galeria/Galeria-Miasto/Galeria-Miasto-2017/Zdaerzenia-2017-wreczenie-Nagrod-Miasta-Tarnowa>

3. Standing reception hosted by Mr Roman Ciepiela- the Mayor of Tarnów and Mr Kazimierz Koprowski – The Head of the City Council for all the partner cities delegates and invited guests as well as participation in the cultural program - namely concerts at the main square.

The day of 24/06/2017 was dedicated to the following activities:

1. Visit to revitalized places in Tarnów and EU project related sites.

The first example was a renovated production hall, adapted to the need of starters and recently established companies, called the Business Incubator. The employee of Tarnów Industrial Cluster Inc. (TKP S.A.) prepared a short presentation introducing the scope and purpose of the Business Incubator, which was created within the project called: "Enlargement of the Economic Development Zone in Tarnów – Stage III" implemented by TKP S.A. together with the Municipality of Tarnów, from the funds of the European Regional Development Fund, in frames of the Małopolska Regional Operational Programme for the years 2007-2013 <http://www.tkp.com.pl/artukul/85-wizyta-delegacji-miast-partnerskich-tarnowa-w-inkubatorze-przedsiębiorczosci-24062017>

After that, the participants made their way to the Strzelecki Park, a place of a great significance especially to the Hungarians, due to common history and the Mausoleum of General Joseph Bem, where the ashes of the hero of both nations are buried.

The park is placed on 8 hectares of land and was established in 1866.

It was a lesson of history but also information on revitalization program, which will improve this commonly visited by all the citizens place.

The plan of revalorization includes refurbishment of: the entrance gate to the park, the fountain, the pond (to be equipped with new filters) the Mausoleum and all the park alleys. The latter will be re-made to have the same type of surface throughout the whole park.

The total cost of all the planned works will be 9 million polish złoty , out of which 4.9 mln was granted by the Regional Operational Programme of the Małopolska Voivodeship for the years 2014-2020 (the article in Polish regarding the project can be found here: [http://www.tarnow.pl/index.php/Miasto/Aktualnosci-tarnowskie/Park-Strzelecki-z-umowa/\(language\)/pol-PL](http://www.tarnow.pl/index.php/Miasto/Aktualnosci-tarnowskie/Park-Strzelecki-z-umowa/(language)/pol-PL)).

The walk in the park was finished in the Art Gallery called : Biuro Wystaw Artystycznych (literal translation: Artistic Display Bureau) yet another venue that was transformed. It used to be the headquarters of the Strzelecki Association in Tarnów adapted to an art gallery. The participants had a chance to see the "before" photos of the building, which was later reconstructed and equipped for the new purpose of a gallery. The refurbished building kept its unique atmosphere and attractiveness, adjusted to the needs of the disabled, presenting a vast cultural and educational offer for all age and social groups. (information about the project in Polish: <http://www.bwa.tarnow.pl/o-galerii,rewaloryzacja-siedziby-bwa,6,8.html>)

2. The Galician Fair – project partners had a whole-day access to a stand (booth) made available at the main street in Tarnów - Wałowa, among other exhibitors, where they promoted their own region. Two participants of each city spent Saturday informing the citizens of Tarnów and the incoming guests about the ways of spending free time in their region, including sightseeing tours and distributing promotional materials or selling regional arts and crafts.

3. The project was summarized during the debate about the European Union, with the participation of representatives of Tarnów Youth Council or Tarnów Hungarian Friendship Association. „**I am European – I create the reality around me**” **debate** was to define euroscepticism, creation of an image of an “ideal city” accommodating the needs of youngsters and ageing society, but above all generating ideas for the common international projects.

The participants underlined the importance of gatherings in a broad audience and participants from different cities, which encourages new ideas for further cultural, educational and economic cooperation.

4. The participation in the evening cultural programme ZDEARZENIA 2017 at the main square (the concert of “White Album” Beatles covers performed by Tymon Tymański with the participation of Natalia Grosiak, Natalia Przybyś and Krzysztof Zalewski) and a dinner reception for the partner cities guests.

The day of 25/06/2017 was dedicated to check – out of the hotel and individual sightseeing and departure of the participants

News links:

<http://www.tarnow.pl/Miasto/Urzad-Miasta-Tarnowa/Wspolpraca-miedzynarodowa/Wspolpraca-miedzynarodowa/Wizyta-delegatow-z-miast-partnerskich-23-25-czerwca-2017-r>

<http://www.tarnow.pl/Miasto/Aktualnosci-tarnowskie/Jarmark-Galicyjski-z-gosciami-z-zagranicy>

<http://tarnow.pl/Miasto/Aktualnosci-tarnowskie/Sposob-na-rewitalizacje-w-miastach>

<http://tarnow.pl/Galeria/Galeria-Miasto/Galeria-Miasto-2017/Zdaerzenia-2017-Sala-Lustrzana-spotkanie-z-delegacjami-miast-partnerskich>

<http://www.tkp.com.pl/arttykul/85-wizyta-delegacji-miast-partnerskich-tarnowa-w-inkubatorze-przedsiębiorczosci-24062017>

<http://pollyana.nazwa.pl/kadr/2017/06/24/zdearzenia-2017-spotkanie-z-delegacjami-miast-partnerskich/>

<http://rdn.pl/?p=132135>

Live conference trasmission on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAU-SXJeeg8&feature=youtu.be>

Partner cities links :

<http://www.sfantugheorgheinfo.ro/index.php?page=&pid=3771>

<http://kiskoros.hu/en-europai-vagyok-en-alakitom-a-valosagot-magam-korul-projekt>

<http://www.veszprem.hu/veszpremieknemzetkozi-kapcsolatok/6006-szakmai-konferencia-tarnowban>

<http://www.nowysacz.pl/komunikaty-biura-prasowego/16891>

Facebook links:

<https://www.facebook.com/sepsi.ro/posts/1081335448664930>

<https://www.facebook.com/szekely.kincso/posts/1590942867597349?pnref=story>

<https://www.facebook.com/NSerwisKADR/posts/1932255830383843>