EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Mesto Fiľakovo
PIC number:	925756749
Project name and acronym:	Európska platforma samospráv - Filakovo

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	2.		
Event name:	D1.2 Event in Poland		
Type:	Other		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Poland, Ustrzyki Dolne		
Date(s):	03. – 05.July 2026		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.filakovo.sk/#m_587517 https://ustrzyki-dolne.pl/strona-6023-europejska_platforma_samorzadu.html https://sancraiu.ro/en/cerv-3/ https://szecseny.hu/szecseny-testvervarosa-fulek-sokat-tesz-az-europai-integracioert/		
Participants			
Female:	45		
Male:	50		
Non-binary:	0		
From country Hungary	8 (4 Female, 4 Male)		
From country Poland	63 (29 Female. 34 male)		
From country Romania	10 (5 Female, 5 Male)		
From country Slovakia	14 (7 Female, 7 Male)		
Total number of participants:	95	From total number of countries:	4

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

All project events were implemented under one Work Package – “Preparation and Implementation of the Activities of the European Platform of Local Authorities”.

The activities were aimed at strengthening citizens’ involvement in EU political and public affairs, raising awareness of the benefits of EU membership and addressing Euroscepticism. Particular

attention was paid to promoting good local governance and the role of local authorities in the European integration process, including the exchange of good practices and experience in inter-municipal cooperation and addressing common challenges.

The activities also contributed to strengthening social cohesion and cross-border solidarity, mobilising citizens through discussions on current European issues and the future of Europe, and increasing their awareness of the richness and diversity of Europe's common natural and cultural heritage. Through joint activities, study visits, discussions and the exchange of good practices, the project strengthened intercultural dialogue and cooperation between partner cities and local authorities.

Event in Poland

The event took place as scheduled from July 3 to 5, 2026. It was attended by 32 international participants: 8 from Hungary, 10 from Romania, and 14 from Slovakia. Gender representation was balanced, with 16 women and 16 men. Direct interaction with local residents involved 63 people. The target of 200 local citizens was not met, as the planned cultural and social event marking the opening of the tourist season took place on a different date. However, the Polish partner arranged an alternative cultural event for the participants, enabling direct contact with the local population. Although fewer local citizens attended, the event successfully fulfilled the project's objective of fostering contact and exchange between the participants and the local community.

The event focused on the exchange of experience among local authorities, the promotion of good local governance, cooperation and the sharing of good practices, as well as on presenting common European natural and cultural heritage and strengthening mutual understanding and solidarity among citizens.

Day 1 was dedicated to discovering the natural and cultural heritage of the region and exploring opportunities for its effective use in tourism.

Day 2 focused on presenting the local authority's experience in providing assistance to refugees from Ukraine. Participants learned about their personal stories and the activities undertaken by the local authority in the field of solidarity and mutual assistance. The programme also included a round table with the Youth Council, focusing on the exchange of experience in effectively involving young people in city management and promoting good local governance.

Day 3 was dedicated to the exchange of good practices and experience. Gmina Ustrzyki Dolne presented its implemented EU-supported projects, focusing on cooperation between local authorities and the exchange of experience.

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