EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	MestoFiľakovo
PIC number:	925756749
Project name and acronym:	Európskaplatformasamospráv - Filakovo

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	3		
Event name:	Event in Slovakia		
Type:	Other		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Slovakia, Fiľakovo		
Date(s):	D1.3: 14 - 16. August 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:	145		
Male:	124		
Non-binary:	0		
From country Hungary	87 (35 Female, 52 Male)		
From country Poland	39 (33 Female, 6 Male)		
From country Romania	31 (18 Female, 13 Male)		
From country Slovakia	112 (59 Female, 53 Male)		
Total number of participants:	269	From total number of countries:	4

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

All project activities 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 Slovakia

The project's final international event took place in Fiľakovo on the originally planned date, 14–16 August 2026. A total of 157 international participants attended, including 87 from Hungary, 39 from Poland and 31 from Romania. Of the total number, 86 were women and 71 were men, meaning that women accounted for more than 54% of the international participants. Participation by other local residents significantly exceeded expectations, with more than 3,000 citizens attending the event.

The high attendance was also supported by the involvement of international performers in the cultural programme.The event focused on promoting good local governance, cooperation between local authorities and the exchange of good practices, as well as on presenting common European natural and cultural heritage, promoting European integration and strengthening mutual understanding among citizens.

Day 1 was dedicated to discovering the natural heritage of the region through a visit to the cross-border UNESCO Novohrad-NógrádGeopark and to the exchange of experience in the field of local government, with a focus on good local governance.

Day 2 included the international conference "What Kind of Europe Do We Want?", focusing on current EU issues, the future of Europe and the role of local and regional authorities in the European integration process. The programme also included the cultural event "Palóc Days and Fiľakovo City Days", presenting the cultural heritage of the region, the cultures of the partner countries, traditional gastronomy and common European heritage.

Day 3 was dedicated to the exchange of good practices through on-site visits to projects implemented with EU support. Fiľakovo presented the results achieved through EU membership and its experience in developing cooperation between local authorities.

The event concluded with an overall evaluation of the implemented activities, project outputs and results, followed by a discussion on the further development of the partnership, with the aim of building long-term links between local authorities and citizens.

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