

Press release

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The municipality of Veľké Ludince and the municipality of Pilisszentkereszt received a grant from the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme, from the PA-4 of the Small Project Fund - Improving the level of cross border inter-institutional cooperation and broadening cross border cooperation between citizens

The leading partner of the project, number SKHU/WETA/1901/4.1/032, is the Municipality of Veľké Ludince, the project partner on the Hungarian side is the Municipality of Pilisszentkereszt.

The total budget of the project is 44,789.40 EUR, from which the support of the European Regional Development Fund is EUR 38,070.99 EUR.

The aim of the project is to develop and raise the level of cooperation between the two municipalities and local school institutions.

The municipality of Veľké Ludince has a more than 20-year twinning relationship with the municipality of Pilisszentkereszt. The two municipalities are characterised by the fact that a large part of the population uses the minority language of the country. While the majority of the population of Veľké Ludince is of Hungarian nationality, the majority of the population of Pilisszentkereszt is of Slovak nationality. The population of both municipalities exploits the advantages and disadvantages of minorities to preserve their traditions.

Implementation of the project started in February 2020 and will not be completed until the end of September 2021 due to the current epidemic situation.

In the framework of the project, the educational institutions of the municipalities will discuss the problems and opportunities of minority education in two professional conferences. One of the topics of the conferences will be the way of teaching the country's language as a foreign language. The event in Veľké Ludince was attended with great interest. The conference in Pilisszentkereszt on 15 September was also well attended by teachers and educationalists from both countries.

Other activities of the project include a meeting of the representative bodies of the two municipalities. The members of the councils will discuss the problems of the municipalities in a workshop and plan further improvements in the field of cooperation.

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The project has already organised cultural and gastronomic events (pig slaughter, village festival), a festival (Klastromfest), an exhibition and a creative camp, all of which have focused on the preservation of local traditions. The events organised in the framework of the project in both villages also provided an opportunity to present Slovak and Hungarian folklore, and to taste and sample products from local small producers.

The events provide an opportunity for family friendships between the inhabitants of the two villages and for cooperation between civil society organisations.

A summary film of the project activities will be produced.

The aim of the project is to develop cooperation between the two municipalities and their regions at cultural and professional level through at least 7 joint events per year.

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