

**The project « Connecting towns for a stronger Europe » 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 has involved 255 citizens, notably 20 participants from the municipality Dlhá Ves (**Slovakia**), notably 20 participants from the municipality Kereki (**Hungary**), notably 30 participants from the municipality of Kokad (**Hungary**), notably 20 participants from the municipality of Újfehértó (**Hungary**), notably 25 participants from the Motvarjevci (**Slovenia**), notably 25 participants from the municipality of Felsötelekes (**Hungary**), notably 15 participants from the municipality of SZENTGYÖRGYVÖLGY KÖZSÉG ÖNKORMÁNYZAT (**Hungary**), notably 15 participants from the municipality of Ócsöd Nagyközség Önkormányzata (**Hungary**), notably 20 participants from the municipality of Naszály Község Önkormányzata (**Hungary**), and 65 participants from the Cherechiu (**Romania**)

**Location/ Dates:** The event was in municipality Cherechiu, Roumania, from 27/07/2018 to 29/07/2018

**Short description:**

Cherechiu Municipality has organized a town twinning meeting on the 27th, 28th and 29th of July 2018. Participating twinned towns was Municipality of Cherechiu from Romania and Municipalities of Kokad, Kereki, Újfehértó, Felsötelekes, Ócsöd, Naszály and Szentgyörgyvölgy Község Önkormányzata from Hungary, DLHA VES from Slovakia, Municipality of Motvarjevci from Slovenia, a total of 255 participants, 190 are international guests. During this event it took place the official twinning of Cherechiu and Felsötelekes and Szentgyörgyvölgy Község Önkormányzata from Hungary. The project has contributed to general, specific objectives and priorities of the program. Each day has a theme related to an objective: "Past and future - A bridge for Europe", "Solidarity The Only Way for a United Europe" and "The future of Europe". The event encourages understanding and debating Euroscepticism by explaining the benefits of EU policies, acknowledging difficulties met and challenges ahead, as well as to put forward EU achievements and the cost of no Europe. All this has raised awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the Union's aim that is to promote peace, its values and the wellbeing of people. Also encourages development of networks, volunteering and solidarity for combating stigmatization of "immigrants" and building counter narratives to foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding all this related to debates on the Future of Europe. The purpose of this event was to stimulate debates, reflections, volunteering and development of networks and encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at EU level. They were also actively involved in the development and implementation of EU policies and was encouraged to come up with new and exciting ideas on how to eliminate stigmatism, to increase solidarity and stimulate citizens to new forms of civic participation, also through voluntary actions encourage participants to involve in the future of EU.