

The project «OUR today's EUROPEan traditions are the pasts' migrating cultures» 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 **274** citizens: **178 participants coming out of Serbia** (notably 18 participants from **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, 120 participants from **Croatia**, 36 participants from **Italy**, 4 participants from **Slovenia**) and **98 participants from Serbia**.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **BAČ, SERBIA**, from 11/10/2018 to 14/10/2018

Short description:

The day of **11/10/2018** was dedicated to:

- Arrival & accommodation of participants from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia
- Press Conference with journalists of local, regional and national newspapers and television
- General Meeting in Bač with: Presentation of delegations of participants – Presentation of Event Agenda – Presentation of the history and traditions of the host Bač Municipality
- Welcome dinner

The day of **12/10/2018** was dedicated to:

In the morning, all participants had a sightseeing of Bač and its surroundings with the guidance of the Tourist Organization and the volunteers:

- The Franciscan Monastery where Father Josip explained the history of the Franciscan Monastery and at the same time of Bač. Participants also had the opportunity to see new archeological finds (remains of old small church and tile glazing stove)
- Ethno house "Didina kuća" which has a setting that depicts the tradition of Šokci (an example of the preserved tradition of one of the minorities living in Bač)
- The remains of Turkish bath (hammam)
- The Bač Fortress where to the participants was vividly described the turbulent history of the Bač Fortress through the centuries
- The Bođani Monastery where, within the Monastery Church, the Father Zaharije described the history of the Monastery as well as the process of its restoration.

In the afternoon, around 70 stakeholders (all involved communities) attended seminar & workshop on the sustainable development based on Cultural Heritage (CH), especially on the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH).

Starting from the Official Communication of the European Commission "Towards an Integrated Approach to CH for Europe" and the UNESCO "Convention for the Protection of ICH", participants divided in 4 groups, worked on:

- The role of ICH to foster local communities' capacity to act as incubators of sustainable development practices, particularly in the tourism sector;
- Joint concrete actions for the promotion of the local CH especially ICH for the sustainable tourism development: Creation of possible joint tourist offer for groups of tourists (high school students, pensioners) interested in discovering CH, especially the ICH in their municipalities.

After the completion, representatives of all 4 working groups (each group consisted of participants from several communities) presented the results of the joint work.

Prior to the opening of the exhibition "Small, GREAT! Europe: Our ICH" – the representative(s) of each local community presented 2 selected examples of local ICH, with special emphasis on the examples of traditions that have being created under the influence of cultures brought by "past's migrants".

The day of **13/10/2018** was dedicated to:

In the morning hours, at the Culture Centre of the City of Novi Sad, the participants attended the presentation of ongoing project results "Centuries of Bač: How to preserve and use CH" held by Dr. Slavica Vujović from the Provincial Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments" in Petrovaradin. This project result is that the Bač Fortress is the Grand Prix lauerat of the 2018 EU Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards in the Category Conservation.

In the afternoon, participants had a chance to see and feel a part of multiculturalism in the Danube area, watching the performances of several folklore ensembles as part of the "Celebration of the EYCH" organized within the project.

The day of **14/10/2018** was dedicated to:

General Meeting with:

- Presentation of project results & dissemination plan activities
- Presentation of project web site <https://europeanidentitylo.wixsite.com/our-europe>

Closure of the exhibition – Official closure of the Final Event – International Press Conference