

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	COMUNA GHEORGHE DOJA
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Project name and acronym:	INTER ARMA SILENT LEGES? IAMS

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	INTER ARMA SILENT LEGES?
Type:	Citizens meeting
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Romania, Gheorghe Doja
Date(s):	28/06/2023 – 31/07/2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://gheorghedoja.ro/stiri/proiectul-inter-arma-silent-leges_357
Participants	
Female:	205
Male:	185
Non-binary:	
From country 1 Slovakia	30
From country 2 Ungaria	40
From country 3 Romania	300
From country 4 Serbia	20
Total number of participants:	390
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>Our project was given the title "Inter Arma Silent Leges?" (Amidst times of arms the laws are silent?) in order to try to find answers to ever more urging questions and challenges to which Europe is being confronted, questions, to which coherent and true, sustainable answers and solutions may be given only if we find a common point of reference, which is the case of our project and the partners involved in this citizen's meeting.</p>	

Target groups:

- the representatives of each sector of the local communities (public authorities, local public education institutions, local NGO-s
- participants from partner countries

Specific audience targeted:

- representatives of every ethnic and religious group from the Gheorghe Doja with a special regard to the active involvement of Roma community and Roma women
- local youth.

The benchmark in what concerns the involved partners was the common historical experience: each and every community involved in this project. Moreover, whilst peaceful cultural, religious and ethnic cohabitation is part of the everyday life in each partners' community, we are witnessing how ethnic conflicts have been recently used as pretext for sparking war in the neighboring Ukraine. This was the context on which the objectives of our project became possible. Our objectives were: raising awareness of common history and values in Europe of its peoples by stimulating debate, reflection on the future of Europe, finding answers to the ever more serious immigration crisis within the EU, discussing about the unfolding crisis within some EU member countries where even the EU membership seems to be put in question or an open minded dialogue about solidarity in times of crisis.

In particular, with regard to the raging war in the neighbouring Ukraine, there was a need to deepen further the discussion on the future of Europe on what kind of Europe citizens want.

Our project aimed to raise the awareness of the population, our community about the advantages of being part of the European Union by learning lessons from history: remember the price our societies paid for being divided throughout history, by pointing out the concrete achievements of the EU. The activities and debates of our project were built on these two main ideas taking pain to reach out to reach out to the "eurosceptic" citizens of our community.

The main activities of the project were:

1. organising and implementing three thematic workshops
2. organising a series of multicultural music and dance performances
3. proposing a series of leisure activities and sports events for the young generation
4. organizing four public meetings in the four municipalities

The topics discussed during the public meetings were:

- presentation of national and local policies concerning cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity of each participant country
- how the war in Ukraine and the arrival of refugees have helped change attitudes about the importance and advantages - disadvantages of being a member of the European Union
- European funds and rural development in EU member countries, with special regard to the LEADER programme
- the evolution and transformations of Eurosceptic rhetoric and argumentation in the context of immigration, the COVID pandemic and the Russo-Ukrainian conflict
- immigration, reception of refugees and solidarity
- the future of Europe.

The main results of our project are:

- a better understanding of history and diversity within the EU;
- strengthening the dialogue between local institutions and civil organizations;
- deconstruction of received ideas and prejudices regarding immigration
- facilitating direct contact between Europeans;
- awareness of the participants and the local population regarding the value and importance of the European Union and the construction of a united Europe;
- encouraging interethnic and intercultural dialogue and, therefore, strengthening social cohesion;
- encouraging gender equality, active participation of women in decision-making.

Our project had a direct impact on institutions, civil organizations and local authorities that were partners and that were directly involved in project organization activities.

It also had direct impact on guests and active participants as well as adults and young people attending the events and activities.

In the short and medium term, following the implementation of the project, closer cooperation was achieved between local NGOs, schools and local public institutions, all of which had and will continue to have a direct impact on the project's target groups.

The project was successfully implemented and the project objectives were achieved. During the final evaluation the partners agreed on the necessity to strengthen the cooperation between the project participants.

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