

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[1] - [Association Européenne Pour la Democratie Locale ([ALDA])
PIC number:	[963194384]
Project name and acronym:	[Social Post - covid Urban Revitalization] — [SPUR]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[6]
Event name:	THIRD LOCAL PATH: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL PILOT PROJECTS
Type:	Pilot Initiatives Implementation
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Etterbeek, Belgium] [Agrigento, Italy] [Vodnjan-Dignano, Croatia] [Harghita County, Romania] [Vila Do Conde, Portugal] [Cormano, Legnano, Cinisello Balsamo- Italy]
Date(s):	[24/05/2025] [26/06/2025] [18/09/2025] [1/10/2025] [8/05/2025; 11/05/2025; 22/05/2025; 12/07/2025; 7/11/2025; 09/11/2025] [26.11.2025] [1/10/2025] [31/03/2025] [8/05/2025] [22/04/2025] [04/09/2025] [16/09/2025] [18/09/2025] [09/09/2025] [23/09/2025] [11/09/2025]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/spur/
Participants	
Female:	351
Male:	237
Non-binary:	5
Non-declare:	2
From country 1 [Italy]:	183
From country 2 [Belgium]:	125
From country 3 [Portugal]:	52

From country 3 [Romania]:	164	
From country 3 [Croatia]:	52	
From country 3 [Spain]:	10	
From country 3 [Germany]:	3	
From country 3 [Hungary]:	2	
From country 3 [Netherlands]:	1	
From country 3 [Greece]:	1	
From country 3 [Lithuania]:	1	
From country 3 [France]:	1	
Total number of participants:	595	From total number of countries: 12
Description		
<p>Work Package 6 foresees the implementation of the local action plans co-designed by the partners and the local communities during the local consultations (WP4).</p> <p>Pilot actions have been implemented once identified the activities that could contribute to strengthen the social cohesion and support the social “rehab” of the most vulnerable categories (i.e. social initiatives, cultural events, etc.), the resources that can be mobilised (municipality spaces, volunteers’ action, crowdfunding, etc.) and that are needed for the implementation of the actions, and for their potential sustainability and scalability beyond the project implementation.</p> <p>ALDA as the Lead Partner has provided constant support to make sure that the actions implemented were coherent with the co-design and with the requirements of the project. ALDA also provided a questionnaire (ANNEX A) on local action plan implementation that has been submitted to participants in order to support the impact assessment of the project within the local communities.</p> <p>The expected results of the WP4 action are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Estimated number of countries (countries of residence of direct participants): 5 countries: IT, BE, PT, HR, RO - Estimated number of individual direct participants (= number of participants in the entire event. If a participant is involved in different activities of the same event, s/he must only be counted once): an estimate of 46-47 in each pilot areas (Agrigento and Milan, Etterbeek, Harghita County, Grad-Vodjnan, Vila do Conde) <p>The pilot actions implemented have been held as described in the following sheets. Each sheet contains information on the implementation processes realised, the participants and their feedback.</p> <p>Pilot Initiatives Implemented</p> <p>The local action plans implemented by SPUR partners proved to be successful both in overall quantitative terms, referring to the number of people reached and</p>		

the target groups involved, and in qualitative terms, due to the concretisation of what had emerged during the local consultations.

Some territories of implementation showed a higher response in quantitative terms with regards to participant numbers than others; nevertheless the initiatives implemented transversally present characteristics of sustainability and scalability, representing the impetus for a future further spread of the impact of the project.

The feedback collected during the implementation proves a diffused raise in the awareness towards participatory paths of social rehab, as well as a shared willingness in continuing the process of urban revitalisation in the local contexts interested by SPUR project.

Etterbeek focused on the implementation of the Participation Forum, the “In’Etterbeek” activities, and the launch of the new consultative councils as parts of a coherent and integrated strategy to strengthen citizen participation in Etterbeek, especially the participation of marginalised communities as well as of people with migratory backgrounds in the civic life of the Municipality.

Fondazione Comunitaria Agrigento e Trapani focused on the implementation of activities combining civic participation, community engagement, cultural regeneration, and youth empowerment through the active involvement of local stakeholders such as Europe Direct Trapani, the Biblioteca Sociale di Villaseta, the Comunità Pastorale Villaseta–Monserrato, CESVOP, and several grassroots groups. Each action was designed to respond to specific local needs—strengthening the sense of belonging, revitalizing public spaces, fostering intergenerational exchanges, and enhancing social and emotional skills.

The Grad Vodnjan/ città di Dignano placed particular emphasis on the new participatory budgeting platform, which is in the final phase of updating and implementation and will soon be launched on the official website of the City. Participants had the opportunity to see the full range of functionalities offered by the platform and how the platform will serve as a channel for more transparent dialogue and joint planning. A practical exercise was also carried out with the participants, in which they jointly created content for the online platform. In this way, the functionalities of the platform were tested and, at the same time, understanding of participatory budgeting as a process was strengthened. Very positive feedback was collected on the platform itself and its potential to enhance cooperation between the City, local committees, associations and citizens. Based on this experience, the City will officially launch a pilot participatory process with citizens during the coming year.

The Harghita County Council focused on the organization of thematic programs referred to elders' wellbeing; the expansion of the Funding program for Youth Activities- that supports young people and their initiatives in order to help them become active citizens in the development of local communities-; the expansion of the the activities of the three cultural institutions subordinated to the Council- Harghita County Cultural Center, Harghita County Heritage Resource Centre, Cultural and Art Centre of Lăzarea - by launching non-reimbursable grant programs aimed at supporting cultural activities in their respective regions; the expansion of support for the organisation of community meetings through the church choir's activities. These actions contributed to strengthen community ties and to support local programs aimed at supporting the youth and elders role within the community.

Vila do Conde focused on the implementation of activities regarding health and psycho-fiscal wellbeing targeting both old people and youth, such as yoga sessions, respiratory and vaccination educational sessions, physical activities adapted to low mobility conditions, healthy and economic eating laboratories,

breakdance lessons. These activities aimed at enhancing self-awareness and body and mind consciousness as crucial elements for strengthening the sense of care within the social housing neighborhood where the activities have been implemented, thus to strengthen the community ties among the inhabitants.

The Metropolitan City of Milan coordinated the pilot actions implementation within the three towns of its metropolitan area where the SPUR project has been realised. Legnano ran a pilot in the Canazza neighbourhood to reduce seniors' isolation and re-engage teenagers and young adults through a new neighbourhood library (within Spazio 27b). Cormano focused on the Fornasè public-housing neighbourhood, using co-design with residents and local associations to strengthen community ties. It co-created a programme of festive, food-sharing gatherings in the shared gardens (Orti Condivisi) and the municipal Community Center. Cinisello Balsamo ran its pilot mainly at the Cultural Center II Pertini, using focus groups and participatory co-design to engage seniors (65+) and young people (under 35) and strengthen intergenerational ties. It started with informal open chess sessions and then held a chess tournament bringing older and younger residents together. It also organised "Pertini Summer Fest", a co-created indoor/outdoor community festival with games (FIFA, Magic, Pokémon), crafting and creative workshops, and social activities

The experiences gained and the participatory evaluation conducted during the implementation have proved to be crucial in order to organise a meaningful moment to share the outcomes and the lessons learned from the Third Local Path (WP6) that will take place during the Fourth International Event in Brussels, fostering the peer-exchange among the partners of the project's consortium.

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ETTERBEEK, BELGIUM	
EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[6]
Event name:	third local initiative
Type:	Forum of Citizen Participation Launch of the Consultative Councils and Climate Council “In’Etterbeek” Activity
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Etterbeek, Belgium
Date(s):	24/05/2025 26/06/2025 18/09/2025 1/10/2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/spur/
Participants	
Female:	76
Male:	45
Prefer not to say:	5
From country 1 [Belgium]:	125
From country 2 [Netherlands]:	1
From country 3 [name]:	
...	
Total number of participants:	126
From total number of countries:	2
Description	
All the events – the Participation Forum, the “In’Etterbeek” activities, and the launch of the new consultative councils – form part of a coherent and integrated strategy to strengthen citizen participation in Etterbeek.	
1. The Participation Forum as a starting point and common platform	

The Participation Forum played a structuring role:

- it allowed us to present all participatory mechanisms,
- to explain their purpose,
- and to invite residents to join the newly created consultative councils.

This event helped raise awareness of the different opportunities to get involved, making it a gateway to the rest of the process and giving visibility to the participatory initiatives.

2. “In’Etterbeek”: a complementary inclusion-oriented approach

The “In’Etterbeek” activities reinforce this dynamic by engaging groups who are often underrepresented in participatory processes:

- newcomers,
- foreign residents,
- people less familiar with civic or administrative processes.

By creating informal, accessible and friendly spaces, “In’Etterbeek” helps these residents build confidence, create social connections, and potentially engage later in the mechanisms presented at the Forum.

This programme therefore works as an inclusion lever, ensuring greater diversity within the consultative councils.

3. Launching the consultative councils: the concrete outcome

The consultative councils (Climate, Parents, Mobility, Health, Animal Welfare) represent the operational phase of this strategy.

They are the concrete translation of what was:

- introduced during the Forum,
- and supported by the integration work carried out through “In’Etterbeek”.

Each council provides a thematic space where residents can co-create solutions, follow ongoing projects, and formulate proposals. Their gradual launch demonstrates a deliberate, inclusive and methodical approach.

4. Overall coherence: inform → include → engage

Together, the three types of events follow a clear and coherent logic:

1. Inform widely (Participation Forum)
2. Include underrepresented groups (“In’Etterbeek”)
3. Engage citizens in structured and tangible work (Consultative Councils)

This comprehensive strategy strengthens local democracy, broadens the profiles of participants, and promotes a form of participation that is truly representative and rooted in the everyday life of the municipality.

Participation forum

The Participation Forum, organised on the 24th May 2025, was a key moment of engagement with the entire population of Etterbeek: older residents, families, children, parents, newcomers, women, people from culturally diverse backgrounds, as well as all inhabitants wishing to stay informed or get more involved.

During this event, we presented all existing and upcoming participatory mechanisms in Etterbeek. The aim was twofold:

- *To increase the visibility of the municipality’s participatory offer: consultations, panels, consultative councils, and co-creation processes.*
- *To invite citizens to join one of the five new consultative councils created to broaden local participation:*
 - o *Health*
 - o *Mobility*

- o Climate
- o Animal Welfare
- o Parents

This forum highlighted an essential insight: to meaningfully reach the entire population, it is not enough to simply open the mechanisms to everyone; we must also adapt our approaches to specific groups (older people, single-parent families, vulnerable households, newcomers, etc.).

We therefore learned to develop targeted inclusion strategies, while ensuring a universal, accessible, and representative approach that reflects the diversity of the municipality.

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Launch of the Consultative Councils

Climate Council

Two meetings have already taken place.

- During the first session, we presented the progress of the Municipal Climate Plan as well as the actions already implemented.
- In the second session, participants collectively selected the priority theme for future work: circularity and reuse.

This choice reflects a clear willingness among citizens to engage in concrete, local, and measurable actions.

Parents' Council

The first meeting of the parents' community was held on 27 June, bringing together a highly motivated group interested in topics such as parental support, infrastructures, mental load, and child-friendly public spaces.

The next meeting will take place on 31 January, with the objective of identifying the first collective action pathways.

Mobility Council

The official launch is scheduled for 26 November.

This council will focus on mobility issues, road safety, traffic calming, accessibility, and the transition towards active and sustainable modes of transport.

Health Council

The first meeting will be held on 10 December.

This council will concentrate on prevention, access to healthcare, mental well-being, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

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“In’Etterbeek” Activity

Building on the ongoing work carried out with foreign residents and newly arrived European and non-European citizens, we continued the “In’Etterbeek” activities aimed at fostering their social, cultural, and civic integration.

One of these initiatives consisted in organising a discovery visit to a new café in Etterbeek, which helped to:

- create an informal meeting space between newcomers and long-term residents,
- support local businesses,

- encourage intercultural exchanges,
- strengthen the sense of belonging to the neighbourhood.

This dynamic contributes to making Etterbeek a more welcoming, inclusive, and connected municipality.

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FONDAZIONE COMUNITARIA AGRIGENTO E TRAPANI, ITALY			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[6]		
Event name:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Democrazia partecipata e senso di appartenenza all'UE; 2. Intergenerational Community Walk; 3. Workshop on Sexual and Emotional Education; 4. Community Engagement & Public Space Regeneration; 5. Crowdfunding Campaign for the ACCURA Project; 6. Collaborative Mural in Front of San Lorenzo Church 		
Type:	Talk		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Italy – Agrigento]		
Date(s):	[8/05/2025; 11/05/2025; 22/05/2025; 12/07/2025; 7/11/2025; 09/11/2025]		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	26		
Male:	44		
Non-binary:	2		
Prefer not to say	2		
From country 1:	Italy 56		
From country 2	Spain 10		
From country 3:	Greece 1		
From country 4	German 3		
From country 5	Hungary 2		
From country 6	France 1		
From country 7	Lithuania 1		
Total number of participants:	74	From total number of countries:	7
Description			

As part of the SPUR local pathway, a series of six interconnected pilot actions were implemented between May and November 2025 in the neighborhoods of Villaseta, Monserrato, and Rabato (Agrigento). These activities combined civic participation, community engagement, cultural regeneration, and youth empowerment.

Each action was designed to respond to specific local needs—strengthening the sense of belonging, revitalizing public spaces, fostering intergenerational exchanges, and enhancing social and emotional skills.

The events involved young people aged 14–25, local residents, Erasmus volunteers from multiple EU countries, community organizations, schools, artists, psychologists, social workers, and local institutions.

Together, these activities created a continuous process of collective learning, empowerment, and neighborhood regeneration, supported by Europe Direct Trapani, the Biblioteca Sociale di Villaseta, the Comunità Pastorale Villaseta–Monserrato, CESVOP, and several grassroots groups.

1. Participatory Talk on EU Belonging – 8 May

The first pilot action was a participatory talk dedicated to the sense of belonging to the European Union. More than twenty young people from Villaseta, together with Erasmus students from Spain, Slovakia, and other EU countries, engaged in an interactive dialogue on EU values, democratic participation, and youth opportunities.

With the support of Europe Direct Trapani, participants created posters expressing what Europe meant to them and discussed how EU programs could shape their personal and professional futures.

Feedback showed that many youth discovered for the first time how the EU directly influences their lives and how they could access new paths for mobility, education, and growth. The encounter also created a rare and meaningful moment of cultural exchange in a neighborhood where exposure to international perspectives is limited.

2. Intergenerational Community Walk – 11 May

The second action was a community walk from the historic district of Rabato to Parco Icori. Local youth were accompanied by older residents, volunteers, and Erasmus participants from Italy, Greece, Spain, and other EU countries.

The walk retraced places affected by the 1966 landslide, allowing older residents to share stories of loss, resilience, and memory. Younger participants described the experience as emotional and transformative—many had never heard these stories directly from those who lived them.

The activity fostered intergenerational dialogue, helped revive collective memory, and strengthened young people's connection to their territory. Several youth expressed the desire to continue exploring local history and to contribute to community regeneration.

3. Workshop on Sexual and Emotional Education – 22 May

Held at the Biblioteca Sociale di Villaseta, this workshop was facilitated by the Multidisciplinary Team of the Consultorio della Cittadella Sanitaria di Agrigento (psychologist + social worker).

Young participants explored themes such as toxic relationships, emotional safety, and how to support peers without compromising their own well-being. Through role-playing

exercises, participants simulated real-life situations, learning to identify red flags and to cultivate healthier relational habits.

Feedback was highly positive: youth appreciated having a safe, non-judgmental space to speak openly about emotional challenges. Many reported feeling more informed, supported, and confident in dealing with relational difficulties.

4. Community Engagement & Public Space Regeneration – 12 July

This pilot action focused on revitalizing two public squares: Piazza San Basilio and Piazza 25 Aprile. Residents, youth groups, Erasmus volunteers, and local associations participated in a large cleaning effort supported by CESVOP.

During the activity, participants discussed future improvements for the neighborhood and many signed up for future community committees. The event became an important moment of civic participation, strengthening trust among residents and promoting collaboration across generations.

The visible transformation of the squares generated pride and renewed motivation to take care of shared spaces. Youth described feeling “owners” of their neighborhood for the first time, not passive observers.

5. Crowdfunding Campaign for the ACCURA Project – 7 November

This dissemination and engagement activity promoted the crowdfunding campaign aimed at regenerating public spaces in Villaseta and Monserrato.

An offline event was held at the Santa Croce Church, where residents, families, and young people learned about the project, its goals, and how collected funds would be used (psychological support corner, children’s workshops, urban regeneration). The event received additional support from another EU project, *Peer Civic*, enhancing participation and outreach. To do not

Simultaneously, online promotion via social media and the ForFunding platform reached over 300 interactions.

Feedback was enthusiastic, highlighting increasing trust in community-led initiatives and strong interest in supporting local improvements. The campaign remains ongoing, continuing to mobilize resources and partnerships.

6. Collaborative Mural in Front of San Lorenzo Church – 9 November

This cultural and participatory activity engaged youth, families, elderly residents, volunteers, and local artists in the co-creation of a mural representing identity, memory, and shared values in Monserrato.

The process included preparatory workshops where participants discussed themes, created sketches, and reflected on the role of art in community regeneration. Under the guidance of professional artists, they collectively painted the mural, transforming the wall into a symbol of belonging and unity.

Feedback emphasized the pride generated by seeing one’s ideas and hands leave a permanent mark on the neighborhood. The mural has become a gathering point and a conversation starter, reinforcing social bonds and inspiring further civic participation.

GRAD VODNjan/ DIGNANO, CROATIA			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[6]		
Event name:	third local initiative		
Type:	Presentation and workshop		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Croatia], [Vodnjan-Dignano]		
Date(s):	26.11.2025.		
Website(s) (if any):	www.vodnjan-dignano.hr		
Participants			
Female:	30		
Male:	22		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [CROATIA]:	52		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
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Total number of participants:	52	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<p>Provide a short description of the event and its activities. Please specify briefly the type of target groups that were involved and the type of feedback you collected from participants.</p> <p>As part of the final phase of the European project SPUR – Social Post-Covid Urban Revitalization in Vodnjan-Dignano, a presentation of the project results was held, combined with a workshop for stakeholders. Since not everyone had been involved in SPUR activities from the very beginning – some participants were engaged continuously, while most joined sporadically and at different stages – the objective was to provide a comprehensive overview of everything that had been developed over the course of the project. The key results were presented, as well as all relevant inputs provided by the community – associations, citizens, entrepreneurs and local committees – at different stages of the process.</p> <p>Particular emphasis was placed on the new participatory budgeting platform, which is in the final phase of updating and implementation and will soon be launched on the official website of the City of Vodnjan-Dignano. Participants had the opportunity to see the full range of functionalities offered by the platform: how citizens can engage in communication with the City, how they can propose projects and submit suggestions, comment on and support initiatives, and what advantages the platform brings for local committees and associations. It was explained what types of content they will be able to publish</p>			

(project proposals, descriptions of community needs, photos, comments, voting results, etc.) and how the platform will serve as a channel for more transparent dialogue and joint planning.

A practical exercise was also carried out with the participants, in which they jointly created content for the online platform – from formulating proposals and project descriptions to reflecting on priorities in the local community. In this way, the functionalities of the platform were tested and, at the same time, understanding of participatory budgeting as a process was strengthened. Very positive feedback was collected on the platform itself and its potential to enhance cooperation between the City, local committees, associations and citizens. Based on this experience, the City will officially launch a pilot participatory process with citizens during the coming year.

We are pleased that the processes initiated through SPUR will not end with the formal closure of the project, but will be further deepened through a newly approved project under the Interreg Euro-MED programme – GREEN B-LEAF: Green Participatory Budgeting for Local Environmental Action and Sustainable Future. This project aims to empower rural Mediterranean communities to actively shape local climate adaptation and sustainable development measures through “green” participatory budgeting. The experiences, tools and networks developed through SPUR will serve as a foundation for further work, while GREEN B-LEAF will make it possible to expand and deepen participation, particularly in the field of environmental and climate action at local level. In this way, SPUR becomes the starting point of a long-term process in which citizens, associations, entrepreneurs and the local administration work together towards a higher-quality and more sustainable development of Vodnjan-Dignano.

The participants consisted predominantly of representatives of associations, sports clubs and local committees, with a smaller proportion of individual citizens.

To be Annexed :

- agenda based on the following template [SPUR_Agenda of the Local Path meeting.docx](#)
- Attendance List [template here](#)
- At least 2-3 pictures

HARGHITA COUNTY COUNCIL, ROMANIA	
EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[6]
Event name:	third local initiative
Type:	Activity 1 – event on the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons Activities 2-4: development of existing initiatives of Harghita County Council
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Harghita County, Romania
Date(s):	<p>Activity 1 - Organization of thematic programs: Event on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons: 1 October 2025</p> <p>Activity 2 - Expansion of the funding program for youth activities in Harghita County: Launch of the funding program for youth activities: 31 March 2025, deadline for submission: 28 April 2025</p> <p>Activity 3 - Expansion of the activities of the three cultural subordinated institutions to support local cultural projects in Harghita County: Launch of the funding programs for cultural activities: 8 May 2025, deadline for submission: 11 June 2025</p> <p>Activity 4 - Expansion of support for organizing church choir meetings in Harghita County Period of supporting the organisation of church choir meetings in Harghita County: 22 April – 10 May 2025 (dates of the first and last supported church choir meetings)</p>
Website(s) (if any):	
Participants	
Female/	<p>Activity 1 - Organization of thematic programs: 113 female participants of age 60+ Other female participants, under age 60: 9 persons Activities 2-4: not relevant</p>
Male:	<p>Activity 1 - Organization of thematic programs: 32 male participants of age 60+ Other male participants, under age 60: 10 persons Activities 2-4: not relevant</p>

Non-binary:	1		
From country 1 [name]:	Romania		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:	164	From total number of countries:	1

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities. Please specify briefly the type of target groups that were involved and the type of feedback you collected from participants.

Within the third local paths, in accordance with the proposed activities included in the Report on pilot actions we proposed 4 activities to be implemented in the WP6 as follows:

ACTIVITY 1 - ORGANIZATION OF THEMATIC PROGRAMS:

On 1 October 2025, the Harghita County Council, in cooperation with the local stakeholder — the Harghita County Directorate General for Social Assistance and Child Protection — organized an event dedicated to older persons on the occasion of the *International Day of Older Persons*. The event was organized within the successful implementation of **Activity no. 1 – Organization of thematic programs**, included in the *Pilot Action Plan Report* of Harghita County Council.

The event took place at *Csíki Mozi Cinema* and brought together over 150 participants from Miercurea Ciuc, neighboring localities, and Odorheiu Secuiesc. The event opened with official speeches delivered by: Mr. **Elekes Zoltán**, Director General of the Harghita County Directorate General for Social Assistance and Child Protection, Mr. **Becze István**, County Councillor, Harghita County Council, and Mr. **Korodi Attila**, Mayor of Miercurea Ciuc, whose municipality was also a collaborator in organizing the event.

Following the opening speeches, there was an interactive presentation on *personal development*, delivered by psychologist **Schmidt Zsófia**. The presentation offered educational value by sharing insights, concepts, and practices on aging as a new dimension of self-realization and social participation. The session also included a reflection exercise, during which older participants shared their experiences and advice addressed to their younger selves. The goal was to compile a *Top 10* list of pieces of advice to one's younger self; through the active participation of the seniors, a *list of 17 pieces of advice* emerged, which can also be viewed as advice for the younger generation. These were as follows: 1. Face challenges with courage; 2. Work only as much as necessary; 3. Don't rush — pay attention to your surroundings; 4. Fully experience motherhood; 5. Be happy grandparents; 6. 8 hours of work, 8 hours of rest, 8 hours of fun; 7. Have more patience with the elderly; 8. Cultivate and maintain healthy hobbies; 9. Think positively; 10. Keep your sense of humor; 11. Value your family; 12. Keep hope alive; 13. Preserve and practice your faith; 14. Practice gratitude; 15. Love; 16. Keep learning; 17. Sing as much as possible!

The emotional atmosphere was further enhanced by a musical performance by **Mrs. Szilágyi Nóra** and **Mr. Ráduj Gábor**, during which participants joined in singing.

The event programme also included cultural performances by the senior choir “**Trandafirii Galbeni**” (**The Yellow Roses**) from Miercurea Ciuc, and the **Székely Choral Association (Székely Dalegylet)** from Odorheiu Secuiesc, both being local stakeholders of Harghita County Council within the project.

Additionally, the film *The Intern* was screened for the event participants. In the afternoon, the programme continued at the **Székely Museum of Ciuc**, where seniors had the opportunity to visit the exhibitions “*At the Crossroads*” (urban history exhibition) and “*The Mikó Family – A Creative Family from Transylvania*” (temporary exhibition).

The event provided an important opportunity to strengthen community bonds, promote intergenerational dialogue, and recognize the social role of older persons. The event also contributed to strengthening ties between local authorities, cultural institutions, and older persons, fostering new opportunities for collaboration and the development of similar initiatives in the future.

Type of feedback: Questionnaire provided by ALDA – participants of the event

Attendance list: attached

Agenda: attached

Pictures: attached

ACTIVITIES 2-4:

ACTIVITY N.2: EXPANSION OF THE FUNDING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN HARGHITA COUNTY

The Funding program for Youth Activities in Harghita County supports young people and their initiatives in order to help them become active citizens in the development of local communities.

In the last years the program focused primarily on **educational, institutional, and skill-development activities**, emphasizing support for formal and non-formal education, acquisition of teaching materials and equipment, and development of school-based initiatives. The funded activities targeted a wide range of objectives — from supporting talented youth and students with special educational needs (SEN) to organizing thematic camps, scientific events, school competitions, and educational publications. The program also covered infrastructural and material support (within limits), as well as self-contributions to other funded projects.

In contrast, the **2025 program** shifts focus toward **social interaction, community engagement, and personal development through experiential learning**. It emphasizes direct interpersonal relationships and the meaningful use of free time, aiming to strengthen social cohesion among young people — especially high school students. The eligible activities were grouped into four thematic categories:

1. **Sports and Hobbies** – physical activities, teamwork, and recreation;
2. **Creative Workshops** – arts, crafts, and cultural expression;
3. **Conscious Lifestyle** – sustainability, volunteering, and community service;
4. **Career Guidance and Skills Development** – personal and professional orientation, entrepreneurship, digital and social skills.

Overall, while in the last years the program prioritized educational support, institutional strengthening, and inclusivity in learning, starting this year the program takes a more youth-centered, experiential, and community-oriented approach, focusing on interaction, creativity, personal growth, and civic engagement rather than formal education and material support.

The launch of the funding program for youth activities was on 31 March 2025, the deadline for submission was 28 April 2025. 124 project proposals were submitted of which 82 were declared eligible for support.

Type of feedback: Questionnaire provided by ALDA – person responsible for the funding program within Harghita County Council

Attendance list, agenda and pictures: not relevant

ACTIVITY N.3: EXPANSION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE THREE CULTURAL SUBORDINATED INSTITUTIONS TO SUPPORT LOCAL CULTURAL PROJECTS IN HARGHITA COUNTY

Harghita County Council oversees the activity of three cultural subordinated institutions, each operating in one of the county's three regions – Ciuc, Gheorgheni, and Odorhei. The Law 51/1998 provides the legal framework and opportunities for supporting various cultural activities, and starting this year, we proposed expanding the activities of the three cultural subordinated institutions - Harghita County Cultural Center, Harghita County Heritage Resource Centre, Cultural and Art Centre of Lăzarea - by launching non-reimbursable grant programs aimed at supporting cultural activities in their respective regions.

The activities of the three cultural subordinated institutions were expanded in accordance with the following decisions adopted by Harghita County Council:

- Harghita County Cultural Center: Harghita County Council's Decision no.34/2025
- Harghita County Heritage Resource Centre: Harghita County Council's Decision no.32/2025
- Cultural and Art Centre of Lăzarea: Harghita County Council's Decision no.33/2025

They launched non-reimbursable grant programs aimed at supporting cultural activities in their respective regions. The launch of the funding programs for cultural activities was on 8 May 2025, deadline for submission was 11 June 2025. In accordance with the minutes prepared during the evaluation of the projects, by the three cultural subordinated institutions, a total of 146 project proposals were submitted of which 82 project proposals were declared eligible for support.

Type of feedback: Questionnaire provided by ALDA – director/manager of the cultural subordinated institution of Harghita County Council

Attendance list, agenda and pictures: not relevant

ACTIVITY N.4: EXPANSION OF SUPPORT FOR ORGANIZING CHURCH CHOIR MEETINGS IN HARGHITA COUNTY

Church choirs in Harghita County play a significant role in community-building, fostering social connections, emotional well-being, and cultural preservation. Beyond their artistic contributions, they strengthen social ties and celebrate cultural heritage. Whether in a small village or a large city, their role in building and maintaining a strong, connected society is undeniable. These gatherings with strong community-building impact provides a meaningful space for older generations to meet, socialize, and strengthen interpersonal relationships. In the last years Harghita County Council supported the organization of the church choir meetings which took place in Ciuc region. Starting this year, we proposed the support of the organization of more church choir meetings in other regions such as Gheorgheni and Odorhei. Harghita County Council through his subordinated institution, the Vámszer Géza Folk School, supported the organization of 4 church choir meetings in the three regions of the County, whose number of beneficiaries was 1851 persons in total. The report of the Vámszer Géza Folk School, regarding the provided support for the organization of church choir meetings reveals the following information on the 4 church choir meetings: the **28th Meeting of Church Choirs from the Lower Ciuc Area** was organized on 22 April 2025, in Sânmartin, by the Roman Catholic Parish – BAKA JÁNOS Church Choir, with a number of 30 volunteers and 350 beneficiaries; the **46th Kájoni János Church Choir Meeting, Gheorgheni Area** was organized on 26 April 2025, in

Borsec, by the Roman Catholic Parish of Borsec with a number of 50 volunteers and 360 beneficiaries; **the 28th Meeting of Church Choirs from the Upper Ciuc Area** was organized on 26 April 2025, in Ghimeș-Făget, by the Roman Catholic Parish, with a number of 50 volunteers and 600 beneficiaries; **the 25th Meeting of Church Choirs from the Odorhei Secuiesc Catholic Archdeanery** was organized on 10 May 2025, in Lupeni, by the Association of Church Choirs "Zeng a Magasság" Church Choir with a number of 50 volunteers and 541 beneficiaries.

Attendance list, agenda and pictures: not relevant

Type of feedback: Questionnaire provided by ALDA – director/manager of the subordinated institution of Harghita County Council

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VILA DO CONDE, PORTUGAL			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	3 to 9		
Event name:	FAROL ATIVO		
Type	Activity and workshops		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Portugal, Vila do Conde		
Date(s):	September 2025		
Website(s):	www.cm-viladoconde.pt		
Participants			
Female:	42		
Male:	10		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Portugal]:	52		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:	52	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<p>1. 1ST AND 2ND RELAXATION SESSION - 04.09.2025 and 16.09.2025 16 participants (14 females and 2 males)</p> <p>Located in the heart of one of the social neighborhoods comprising 132 homes (the Farol neighborhood) and close to two other social neighborhoods, the activities that would be carried out during the month of September were presented door to door, called "Farol Ativo". Given the aging population, we created posters and flyers that were pasted at the entrance of the blocks and on the occult boxes, respectively.</p> <p>On the poster, registration and clarifications were made via mobile phone number to facilitate registration for older people.</p> <p>A yoga instructor specializing in yoga for seniors was assigned to conduct two relaxation sessions. Depending on each participant's ability, they could perform the activities seated or on a yoga mat.</p>			
<p>2. SESSION OF "HEALTHY AND ECONOMICAL EATING" - 18.09.2025 - 8 participants (6 females and 2 males)</p> <p>A nutritionist from the health center presented a session on healthy and economical eating. Considering the economic fragility of the area where we were, as well as the constant increase in food costs in our country, the basis of a healthy diet was explained, myths about food were debunked, and tips were given on how to reuse and make the most of food.</p>			

3. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ADAPTED TO LOW MOBILITY" SESSIONS - 09.09.2025 and 23.09.2025 – 20 participants (16 females and 4 males)

Two sessions of adapted physical activity for people with low mobility were developed, with music, both indoors and outdoors. The physical education teacher listened to the participants to understand their limitations and constantly adjusted or adapted the exercises to the participants.

4. SESSION ON “RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE AND VACCINATION” - 11.09.2025 – 9 participants (6 females and 3 males)

Due to the shared concerns expressed in individual interviews regarding health issues related to the pandemic, we opted to develop an information session with a nurse on respiratory etiquette and vaccination. In our country, older people or those with chronic illnesses should get vaccinated against the flu and against COVID-19. As autumn approached, the session served to inform and clarify doubts related to these topics.

5. SESSIONS OF “BREAKDANCE” – During September to December 2025 – 8 participants (6 females and 2 males)

Thinking about innovating, and since sport was the one that attracted the most people, we created open breakdance classes, thus attracting the youngest.

We sought to create a multi-generational place, so that people feel it like their own and socialize outside of their homes.

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CITTA' METROPOLITANA DI MILANO- ITALY			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[6]		
Event name:	third local initiative		
Type:	Community event		
In situ/online:	[in-situ] CINISELLO BALSAMO		
Location:	Italy, CINISELLO BALSAMO		
Date(s):	12/02/2025		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	15		
Male:	7		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Italy:	22		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:	22	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<p><i>Cinisello Balsamo ran its pilot mainly at the Cultural Center Il Pertini, using focus groups and participatory co-design to engage seniors (65+) and young people (under 35) and strengthen intergenerational ties. It started with informal open chess sessions and then held a chess tournament bringing older and younger residents together. It also organised "Pertini Summer Fest" (12 July), a co-created indoor/outdoor community festival with games (FIFA, Magic, Pokémon), crafting and creative workshops, and social activities. The evening continued with live music + DJ set; about 15 young people joined the co-creation and the event attracted nearly 100 participants, thanks to partners like Il Pertini Radio, Vi.Be. and Cacio e Filo.</i></p>			
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EVENT DESCRIPTION		
Event number:	[6]	
Event name:	THIRD LOCAL INITIATIVE	
Type:	[open air event, courses,]	
In situ/online:	[in-situ]CORMANO	
Location:	[Italy], [Cormano]	
Date(s):	19/06/2025	
Website(s) (if any):		
Participants		
Female:	39	
Male:	26	
Non-binary:	0	
From country 1 Italy]:	65	
From country 2 [name]:		
From country 3 [name]:		
...		
Total number of participants:	65	
	From total number of countries:	1
Description		
<p><i>Cormano focused on the Fornasè public-housing neighbourhood, using co-design with residents and local associations to strengthen community ties. It co-created a programme of festive, food-sharing gatherings in the shared gardens (Orti Condivisi) and the municipal Community Center—eight events overall, with nearly 1,000 attendees across the main celebrations. Residents also planned small neighbourhood “beautification” works (flower/plant beds and maintenance) and ran regular folk-dance classes plus four public dance events to boost intergenerational socialising.</i></p>		
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LEGNANO

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[6]		
Event name:	third local initiative		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	[in-situ] LEGNANO		
Location:	Italy, Legnano		
Date(s):	11/09/2025		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	33		
Male:	7		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Italy:	40		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:	40	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<p>Legnano ran a pilot in the Canazza neighbourhood to reduce seniors' isolation and re-engage teenagers and young adults through a new neighbourhood library (within Spazio 27b). Around 30 seniors helped co-design the plan and delivered animated readings plus creative workshops for children aged 3–8, encouraging intergenerational exchange. About 50 teenagers and young people planned and hosted youth-led music, art and "talk" events on current issues (e.g., sustainability, gender identity). Overall, the city delivered roughly 20 meetings/events across the year and built a local network with schools, youth centres and other community actors to sustain the initiative</p>			

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HISTORY OF CHANGES

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