EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	**1 - OBEC DOLNA STREHOVA (Dolná Strehová)**
PIC number:	**938546005**
Project name and acronym:	**MULTIFACETED SOLIDARITY, DIVERSE CULTURE – UNITED EUROPE (DIVERSESOLIDARITY-CU)**

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	**WP1 (101286620 DIVERSESOLIDARITY-CU) - CERV-2025-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT**
Event name:	**MULTIFACETED SOLIDARITY, DIVERSE CULTURE – UNITED EUROPE (Twin Town Meeting and Madách Days 2026)**
Type:	**Twin-town meeting, conference, panel discussions, workshops and cultural events**
In situ/online:	**in-situ**
Location:	**SLOVAKIA, DOLNA STREHOVA (Cultural Centre, Imre Madách Castle Park and Manor House)**
Date(s):	**04/09/2026 - 07/09/2026**
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593598104541
Participants	
Female:	**496**
Male:	**496**
Non-binary:	**0**
From country 1 **Vanyarc és Csesztve (HU)**:	**90**
From country 2 **Bratčice (CZ)**	**45**
From country 3 **Aradáč (SR)**	**45**
From country 4 **Krempachy (PL)**	**9**
From country 5 **Mohndorf (AT)**	**3**
From country 6 **Dolná Strehová (SK)**:	**800**

Total number of participants:	**992**	From total number of countries:	**6**

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Target groups and preparations

The target group for the four-day twinning event comprised local authority representatives, civil society organisations, cultural and heritage groups, young people, older people and local residents from six European countries (Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Serbia, Poland and Austria). The event was preceded by thorough cross-border preparatory work between 21 August and 1 September 2026 (including operational consultations between Vanyarc and Dolná Strehová, and between Bratčice and Dolná Strehová), which was carried out in compliance with EU visibility requirements.

Aims and activities of the event

Aligned directly with the European Commission's priorities for 2024–2029, the event focused on solidarity among citizens, Member States and cross-border communities, democratic participation, and the preservation of Europe's cultural and linguistic diversity. The programmes highlighted the European value of the languages and traditions of national minorities and promoted dialogue between generations and nations.

Participation in the Twinning meeting (location Dolná Strehová (SK), Date: 04-07/09/2026) was as follows:

3000 indirect participants

992 direct participants, of which

192 invited participants

Vanyarc, (HU) - 45 persons (23 female – 22 male)

Csesztve (HU) - 45 persons (22 female – 23 male)

Bratčice (CZ) - 45 persons (23 female – 22 male)

Aradác (SR) - 45 persons (22 female – 23 male)

Krempachy (PL)- 9 persons (5 female – 4 male)

Mohndorf (AT) - 3 persons (1 female – 2 male)

Dolná Strehová (SK)- 800 people (400 female – 400 male)

Agenda of the event: Daily programme (4–7 September 2026)

Day 1 – 4 September 2026 (T1.1 – Launch event: 'The Union of Solidarity' I.): The opening day, held at the Alsósztregova Cultural Centre, focused on solidarity between Member States and EU funding. Participants exchanged experiences and engaged in discussions on the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034 (CAP, Cohesion Funds, security and competitiveness), and presented the results of cross-border INTERREG projects through multimedia presentations. The professional programme concluded with a reception featuring local culinary specialities and live folk music.

Day 2 – 5 September 2026 (T1.2 – 'Solidarity for Citizens' – World Charity Day and Madách Days): As part of the professional programme, the partners launched a charity campaign and shared their best practices relating to social inclusion and equal opportunities (including the social integration of refugees, women and people with disabilities). As part of the cultural programme, a new twinning agreement with the Czech municipality of Bratčice was signed in a ceremonial setting; a wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Imre Madách memorial; the film *The Tragedy of Man* was screened; and, in the grounds of Madách Castle, domestic and international folk ensembles (including DFS Pramienok, FS Prameň and ĽH Betárky), as well as the band HEX and Mark Dann, performed in the grounds of Madách Castle.

Day 3 – 6 September 2026 (T1.3 – 'Neighbourly Solidarity' and the preservation of native-language cultures):
Round-table discussions were held with the participation of experts, public figures and the general public

on the challenges of European integration, the impact of the war in Ukraine on EU relations, the prospects for Ukraine and Serbia's accession to the EU, and forms of cross-border solidarity. In the spirit of preserving native-language culture, literary readings were held in Slovak from the works of Imre Madách – the author of *The Tragedy of Man*, after whom the event is named, and who wrote in Hungarian. In addition, participants visited the Slovak National Museum – Museum of Hungarian Culture in Slovakia – Madách Castle (Madách Castle in Alsósztregova), whilst families and children were treated to a puppet theatre performance (Herbalkovo Theatre), a concert by Miro Jaroš, a children's film screening and community performances.

Day 4 – 7 September 2026 (T1.4 – Building Europe's Future and Closing Declaration): On the final day, panel discussions were held with decision-makers on cultural equality, European identity and young people's participation in public life. The participants adopted a joint proposal and closing declaration on the fundamental values to be upheld in Europe, which will be forwarded to Members of the European Parliament. The meeting concluded with a joint evaluation of the programme.

Key results, impacts and dissemination:

Results, impacts:

The history of our region has been characterised by violations of equality – even though this is a right guaranteed to everyone in the EU. We have therefore defined the enforcement of rights and EU values as the desired outcome of the project.

Impact of our project: We hope that the project will bring about concrete changes in the area of minority language use, which will affect both women and men.

As stated in the call for proposals, some of the political initiatives listed will be followed by new strategies and action plans. We consider the identification and establishment of communication channels to be one of the most important activities of our project – alongside team-building, management and the development of an institutional framework for disseminating local information – with the aim of formulating policies that address issues not only at local level, but also at national and EU level. The commitment to promoting gender equality, the gender equality outcomes achieved by the project, and the measurement of the project's gender equality objectives can be regarded as a worthwhile objective in their own right – a tool that will also be utilised by other regional projects.

Dissemination activities

The event successfully strengthened long-term cooperation between local authorities and civil society organisations in the six partner countries, expanded the network through a new twinning agreement, and actively involved young people and local residents in the European Union dialogue. The programmes contributed to the recognition of minority language use and gender equality at local and regional levels. Publicity activities took place on an ongoing basis via the local press (the *Pokrok* weekly, the municipal newsletter, and the *Novohradské.sk* portal), the local public address system, and the project's official Facebook page.

The results of the meeting were published on the following communication platforms:

RELATED LINKS (PHOTOS, VIDEOS, POSTERS AND PROGRAMMES)

Official project page (Facebook

Preparatory documentation (21 August 2026)

Preparations – Vanyarc (HU) and Dolná Strehová (22–28 August 2026)

Operational preparations – Bratčice (CZ) and Dolná Strehová (29 August–1 September 2026)

Official poster and programmes (4–7 September 2026)

Video highlights (Reel)

Daily photo albums:

4 September 2026 photo album

5 September 2026 photo album

6 September 2026 photo album

7 September 2026 photo album

FACEBOOK

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PREPARATION (21/08/2026):

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PREPARATION FOR VANYARC (HU) – DOLNÁ STREHOVÁ 22–28 August 2026:

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OPERATIONAL PREPARATIONS BRATINCE (CZ) – DOLNÁ STREHOVÁ 29 August–1 September 2026:

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PROGRAMME 4–7 September 2026:

https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=122106509991453270&set=pcb.122106511041453270

MADÁČOVSKY FESTIVAL 2026 – POSTER, DAILY PROGRAMMES, PHOTOS

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https://www.facebook.com/reel/3213766918810725 (VIDEO)

PHOTO ALBUM 04/09/2026:

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PHOTO ALBUM 07/09/2026:

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MEDIA

Press coverage (Novohradské.sk):

https://novohradske.sk/dolna-strehova-bude-cez-zit-festivalom-pride-hex-aj-miro-jaros/?fbclid=IwY2xjawUHsBZwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMGpmTUVxcWNRb2VZa3R3VTFzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe -RjRoOO7Qb5AbE5ZZNqzVgW5uvf3BfHeW-u3hHeeJCLMxvGC755iN1X5ZvU_aem_Gz1uhXA3n9qpKD2XFAoeAg

https://www.ajdnes.sk/madacovsky-festival-2026/dolna-strehova/159405

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