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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 “Town-Twinning”

Participation: Project allowed to bring together **216 people**, of which 160 were direct participants of town **Svit (Slovak Republic)**, 28 participants were from the town **Knurów (Poland)** and 28 participants from the town of **Ceska Trebova (Czech Republic)**.

Place / date: meeting was held in **Svit (Slovak Republic)** from **04/29/2016** to **01/05/2016**.

Short Description:

On 29.04.2016, the event participants were focused on arrival, welcoming foreign guests and mutual familiarization; of course after all distant participants were provided accommodation. Afterwards all participants were dining together and were officially welcomed by town Svit. Town Svit was the creator and implementer of the project SVIT.kom - community life in Europe.

The educational conference focused on the themes, values, traditions and possibilities of the European Union with the participation of MEPs from Brussel and other Members of Parliament. Another activity during the day was a panel exhibition of NGOs and various workshops during the conference.

In addition to the agreed topics, the European Union and responsibility, opportunity and sustainability with future outlook and innovative approach to the possibilities offered by the EU, were furthermore presented topics such as: EU youth policy, Europrojects to SOS, Man and his social dimension in the EU. Workshops carried the theme: The future of Europe through your eyes, I'm a citizen of Europe and so on. As a result of this activity the students and the general public were better informed and were given space to ask their questions.

On 30.04.2016 the event participants focused their attention on Saturday's part of the project. It was fair of non-governmental organizations where throughout the day various NGOs of the town Svit and its surrounding areas were present as well as partner towns accompanied by rich cultural program. All three European towns had a booth where they had a variety of promotional materials about themselves. Introduced were the town's school, social, environmental, sporting, charitable, cultural, artistic, medical, senior, volunteers and various other organizations. A cultural program was enriched by performances from the partner towns.

On 05.01.2016 took place friendly sports matches between participants of the Polish town of Knurów, the Czech town of Ceska Trebova and Slovak town Svit. Football tournament was opened by Mayors of Svit and the Czech Třebová. Czech and Slovak National anthems, as well as the European anthem sounded before the tournament. Participants who were not interested in watching this match were taken on a field trip to the High Tatras, where they could admire the natural beauty of the nearby mountains. Final event was a joint lunch of all participants, followed by farewell and their departure to their homes, which was also a symbolic end of the project.