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The future of Europe in the context of the Ukrainian crisis SpecialEU

The project general objective was to assess the situation of EU citizens during this geo-political and economic situation, experience how we are facing the consequences in our every-day life and highlight the next steps we should make at individual level to tackle this type of crisis to hold Europe united.

The project coordinated citizen debate and action in 6 EU member states on a set of issues focused on the future of Europe in the context of current political changes (the Ukrainian war, the EC and its new priorities for the future in the context of the Ukrainian situation), solidarity as a fundamental principle of the EU, economic development in this new situation, and increasing need for intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding.

With this common objective in mind, project partners Asociatia Pro Comunitate Harghita -RO, Obec Mad – SK, URZAD MIASTA I GMINY Opatów – PL, Obcina Dobrovnik – SI, Obec Pustimer – CZ and Ikrény Községi Önkormányzat – HU have joined forces to conduct the meeting on **The future of Europe in the context of the Ukrainian crisis**.

The citizen's meeting meeting was organised in Suseni, Romania between 4-6th of August 2023.

During the event seminars, workshops and roundtable discussions were held about the situation in Ukraine over a year after the outbreak of the war. The state of national and EU-Ukrainian cooperation at the administrative level, as well as further cooperation methods were presented, along with the needs of the Ukrainian side.

The event gathered representatives of the local and regional governments from partner countries, experts, as well as representatives of NGOs and companies from industries, such as energy, transportation and logistics. The event also addressed the financial aspects of future reconstruction and support for national and EU-Ukrainian cooperation.

Day 1 programme – 4th of August 2023:

Workshop in the context of Ukrainian crisis:

- Situation overview
- EU's response, partner country's response to the crisis
- Policy design – partner countries legislation to meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees.
- The so-called Emergency Response (asylum and protection, safety measures, civil protection, transportation protection of vulnerable groups, information campaigns)

Cultural activities

Day 2 programme – 5th of August 2023:

Discussion, debate on:

- Responsibility – discussion about governments and community must work together to deliver national commitments relating to the Ukrainian crisis.
- International solidarity
- Inclusion
- Mobility

Cultural activities

Day 3 programme – 6th of August 2023:

Debates in the context of Ukrainian crisis on:

- Partnerhips
- Gender equality and inclusion
- Stakeholder engagement
- Sustainability
- Democratic participation
- The way forward - closing event

Cultural activities