

The project «Trip from the past into the future» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.1 "Town-Twinning"

Participation: The project involved more than 1.100 citizens, notably 1025 participants from Comuna Balaserei (Romania), 19 participants from the city of Fot (Hungary), 20 participants from the city of Aldebro (Hungary), 21 participants from the city of Tapiszentmarton (Hungary), and 28 participants from the city of Kolinec (Czech Republic).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in Comuna Balaserei (Romania), from 06/08/2015 to 10/08/2015

Short description:

The day of 06/august/2015 was dedicated to receive international guests, accommodation, small group-discussions and ice-breaking games.

The day of 07/august/2015 was dedicated to preparations and workshop, to the opening of these events/welcoming the participants, to present the partners and the project, as well as the continuation of the "Treasures worth keeping" project, implemented by Comuna Balaserei and its partners in 2014.

After a general presentation about the UE and the "Europe for Citizens" Programme, a discussion was held concerning the EP elections in 2014.

The evening continued with a cultural performance: folk dances and song were presented for the large public.

The day of 08/august/2015 was dedicated to the following activities: I. Balaserei Heritage Days. This activity provided theoretical background and positive examples to the local participants, and also involved them in project implementation, by giving them information and knowledge about the built heritage, but also organizational tasks. II. In the afternoon presentation and debates were held by ethnographic experts and our partners also presented their built heritage in photos and videos. Special programs were also organized for the children and youth, involving the local school and teachers.

The day of 09/august/2015 was dedicated to the following activities: I. Balaserei Heritage Days. Local farmers and craftsmen organized the traditional fair. A photo exposition -Balaserei in the 19 century – took place, with the specific theme of built heritage (traditional houses, barns, carved gates and rural landscape). In the afternoon there was an organized group activity, called Imaginary trip from the past into the future, where the participants could describe a 22 century rural settlement, based on the changings from the 19 century until today.

The day of 10/august/2015 was dedicated to dissemination of the event and farewell ceremony.