

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Comune di Colliano
PIC number:	880640206
Project name and acronym:	"The role of Citizens in economic, social and environmental sustainability. Acronym TOCS

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	First event		
Event name:	Kick off meeting		
Type:	Conference, workshop, round table and festival.		
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>		
Location:	Slovakia- Oravska Polhora		
Date(s):	October, 18, 19, 20, 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	N.A.		
Participants			
Female:	36 from Colliano- 30 of Oravska Polhora		
Male:	20 from Colliano- 26 of Oravska Polhora		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Italy]:	56		
From country 2 [Slovakia]:	56		
From country 3 []:			
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Total number of participants:	112	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
56 citizens of Colliano left Italy on October 17, 2024 to reach Slovakia. On the evening of the 17th, arriving around 8 pm, we stayed overnight in Krakow.			
On the morning of October 18, 2024, a bus arrived from the city of Oravska Polhora and took us to Slovakia. Before lunch, the citizens of Oravska welcomed us in their city. After the presentation of the project, we had lunch.			

In the afternoon, we held a seminar on the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals of the European Commission. In a workshop, we outlined the role of citizens to become models for preserving the healthiness of the climate and the mountains. In the evening, we tasted typical Slovak dishes.

On the morning of October 19, we visited the beautiful castle of Oravska Polhora, highlighting with the participants the richness of the common European heritage. After lunch, we held a

workshop on the role of local traditions in the process of European integration. The bagpipe seen as an instrument to

broaden territorial boundaries and open up to new cultures.

We visited the Oravska bagpipe museum. The players showed the old Slovak instruments linked to traditions. The representatives of Colliano also described their musical instruments. On the evening of October 19th, we held a seminar on the new CERV EU Programme, in particular the Town Twinning measure and its purpose. Afterwards the players performed accompanied by old Slovak and Italian songs.

On the morning of October 20th there was a round table between the Italian and Slovak team managers to define the guidelines of a new sustainability model in rural villages. This will be the main theme of the event that we will hold in Italy in August.

At 12 we took the flight from Krakow to return to Italy.

The following can be considered the testimony that contains the essence of the entire event. It was a fantastic experience of cultural and human growth. Thanks to the EU and the CERV program, especially after the pandemic that isolated us from each other, the desire to compare ourselves with those of us who live in the same city has grown. The cultural path that united us to the community of Oravska Polhora was very interesting. We were welcomed as old friends and, despite the cold, the ice immediately melted. The most emotional moment was seeing elderly bagpipe players get emotional with tears in their eyes.

On Friday 13th December in Colliano we will hold a press conference to disseminate the results achieved by the project in the first Slovak event.

Deliverables:

- first event in Slovakia.
- Proposals on waste management and forests.
- Realization of the Slovakian kick off meeting and planning of the final meeting in Italy.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).