

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – Město Kralupy nad Vltavou (Kralupy)
PIC number:	880573470
Project name and acronym:	Voice of Nations - Voice

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	2		
Event name:	Associations, clubs and schools in Kralupy nad Vltavou		
Type:	Public event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Kralupy nad Vltavou		
Date(s):	15-18/05/2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.mestokralupy.cz/mesto/rozvoj-mesta/evropska-spoluprace/european-education-and-culture-executive-agency-eacea-2024-2025/		
Participants			
Female:	139		
Male:	131		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Czechia]:	200		
From country 2 [Slovakia]:	7		
From country 3 [Germany]:	34		
From country 4 [Slovenia]:	3		
From country 5 [Poland]:	26		
Total number of participants:	270	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The "VOICE" project was implemented through 2 separate events. Both were implemented in the city of Kralupy nad Vltavou. The first event had the main theme: Nations in Kralupy nad Vltavou. The second event had the main theme: Associations, clubs and schools in Kralupy nad Vltavou.			

Basic information about event 2:

Title of the event 2: Associations, clubs and schools in Kralupy nad Vltavou

Type of events (in situ): public events

Venue: Kralupy nad Vltavou (Czechia)

Dates of the events: 15-18/05/2025 (4 days)

Number of present countries: 5 (Czechia, Slovakia, Germany, Slovenia, Poland)

Number of individual direct participants: 270

Number of present foreign participants: 70

Participating partners:

Město Kralupy nad Vltavou (CZ)

Mesto Komárno (SK)

Stadt Hennigsdorf (GER)

Gmina Środa Wielkopolska (PL)

Občina Miren-Kostanjevica (SI)

Agenda/brief description of the event 2:

The event was aimed at getting to know civic associations and non-profit organizations, as well as members of the security and rescue forces. The main task of the event was to present volunteering as an element of active European citizenship. The course of the event was as follows:

The first day, 15/05/2025, was dedicated to connecting schools from partner municipalities. It was a "School Day". The main benefit was building European awareness among younger participants. They got to know the EU from a new perspective and learned more than in regular school lessons. Representatives of schools from partner cities had the opportunity to discuss education and school systems in EU countries. As part of the program, students from schools from partner cities participated in a sports and knowledge program. They built new relationships with peers from other countries. At the same time, they got to know the EU. They transformed classes into EU countries and played a quiz about the EU. School representatives got to know the tool for schools – EU Democracy in Practice and discussed education in the EU.

The second day, 16/05/2025, was dedicated to connecting city police forces. It was a "City Police Day". The main benefit was the exchange of experiences with the security situation in the EU as a result of Russia's aggression against Ukraine. The program included sports competitions for city police teams from partner cities, as well as free competitions for other participants. In the afternoon, there were demonstrations of rescue workers' work. Young people became police officers for a moment, searching for clues with the help of police work. In the evening, the participants discussed security in Europe. A concert of Ukrainian music was also held.

The third day, 17/05/2025, was dedicated to connecting volunteer firefighters. It was a "Firefighters' Day". The main benefit was the demonstration of volunteering. In the morning, there were demonstrations of volunteer firefighters' work and a competition for firefighters from partner cities. In the afternoon, participants could get to know volunteering better. For children, a workshop was held: Do you want to be a firefighter, do you want to be a volunteer?. For adults, a discussion about volunteering with volunteers: Why do we help?. The guests also got to know the host town.

The fourth day, 18/05/2025, was dedicated to associations and the non-profit sector. It was "Day with NGOs". The main benefit was getting to know the activities of various associations operating mainly in the social field (assistance to refugees, assistance to socially disadvantaged citizens and marginalized groups). Presentations were made on the following topics: Presentation of associations that focus on helping refugees, socially disadvantaged and marginalized groups; Presentation of the activities of the Kralupy Charity; Tour to the Asylum House; Introduction to the project on how to involve homeless people in everyday life; How to involve children from an orphanage in everyday life; Care for socially disadvantaged people. As part of the program, we also gave space to seniors in activities dedicated to the exchange of experiences about the activities of towns made for seniors, but also to demonstrations of cultural and craft activities of seniors. It was about active aging and solidarity in practice.

The program of the event was implemented as: workshops, trainings, discussions, presentations, awareness-raising activities, exchange and dissemination of best practices, communication activities.

Achievements:

- Connecting various social organizations and non-profit organizations
- Exchange of experiences between partners, associations, schools
- Support for volunteering and active involvement of citizens in volunteering
- Getting to know the work of volunteer firefighters, city police officers and various socially oriented non-profit organizations
- Development of cooperation and intercultural dialogue
- Highlighting the needs of seniors
- Educating children about the EU

Information on the main topics of the event:

The importance of the European Union

The issue of the European Union was primarily a topic for elementary school students. As part of the activities, they learned about the EU and presented it. School representatives participated in debates about EU school systems. The importance of EU membership was also supported by other activities, especially the connection of city police and volunteer firefighters in the exchange of experiences. In this way, we highlighted the importance of the EU for citizens and for partner cities. It is a form of fighting Euroscepticism and at the same time a form of bringing citizens closer to the EU.

Volunteering

Volunteering was presented in several forms. First, as an activity of several non-profit organizations operating in the social field, and secondly as an activity of volunteer firefighters. We discussed volunteering, we got to know volunteering. With these steps, we provided citizens of 5 countries with incentives for active citizenship.