

**The project « Are you with the EU, Are you with Citizens of different color? » 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 950 citizens, notably 800 participants from the city of Bratislava (**Slovakia**), 80 participants from the city of Bystré (**Czech Republic**) and 70 participants from the city of Budapest (**Hungary**).

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Bratislava (**Slovakia**), from 06/11/2017 to 07/11/2017

**Short description:**

The day of 06/11/2017 was dedicated to overcoming barriers between nations and between the majority and the Roma minority. After the opening ceremony the event began with uniting young people from three corners of Europe through music, motivation, life stories and social program. In the frame of the music workshop, students led by a well-known Roma activist, teacher and composer, Ida Kellarová from the Czech Republic got acquainted with traditional Roma culture - songs and language. The workshop included the Čgavorengé Choir, which is part of the project partner, MIRET. The workshop has become the base for the demolition of national barriers. In this atmosphere, the program continued on the main stage, where the film documentary "What's Up?" about Ida Kellar's work with the Romany community in Bohemia was screened. In the subsequent discussion, the participants approached the theme of solidarity with other nationalities and tried to fight prejudices. The afternoon included the motivational lecture of the author of the book "Cigánka" (Gipsy Woman), who is also the founder of the non-profit organization EDUMA. Meanwhile, there was a so-called "Live Library" in the other rooms. Here, participants had the opportunity to get acquainted with individuals who face prejudice and exclusion in society in terms of faith, orientation or race. In addition to discussing these people, video stories about the subject were also screened. The evening program started with the "Forgotten Slovakia" discussion panel, where artists and public personalities discussed with the participants and representatives of the partners. The evening featured a musical performance and joint entertainment.

The day of 07/11/2017 was dedicated to European themes. The day began with the workshop "My story may be your story, too". Here celebrities from the world of music, dance and sports met with young participants. Together, they discussed motivation, struggle against prejudice and the need for active work on one's own future, and the need to judge people according to their abilities and character and not by origin or color of the skin. Another activity was the "European School". The European Union, its institutions, politics, history were presented within the activity. At the same time, it included a workshop for young people about the European Union and the opportunities it offers to young people. The European Parliament's Information Office was responsible for the activity. The afternoon was devoted to solidarity. A joint discussion of young people, personalities and representatives of organizations helping foreigners to integrate into life in Slovakia, Bohemia and Hungary, brought interesting incentives to demolish barriers and to seek the sense to help others. Other activities were devoted to culture, fun and connection of people of different nationalities, races and countries - Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary.