

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	GSECCPUG– Grow, Share, Engage! Cultivating Civic Participation through Urban Gardens
Participant:	Municipality of Újszilvás (Hungary)
PIC number:	101192018

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[3]
Event name:	CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND ART INTEGRATION - GREEN HARMONY EXPRESSIONS
Type:	Project meeting, study visits, workshop and cultural exchange
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Újszilvás, Hungary
Date(s):	Sept 9-12, 2025
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://ujszilvas.asp.lgov.hu/grow-share-engage-cultivating-civic-participation-through-urban-gardens">https://ujszilvas.asp.lgov.hu/grow-share-engage-cultivating-civic-participation-through-urban-gardens</a>
Participants	
Female:	13
Male:	13
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Spain]:	3 M
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	1 M, 1 F
From country 3 [Greece]:	2 F
From country 4 [Hungary]:	5 M, 5 F
From country 5 [Italy]:	2 M, 1 F
From country 6 [Poland]:	2 F

From country 7 [Portugal]:	1 M, 1 F		
From country 8 [Romania]	1 M, 1 F		
Total number of participants:	26	From total number of countries:	8

**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

**Project Context:**

The “Grow, Share, Engage! Cultivating Civic Participation through Urban Gardens” project aims to promote civic participation through the establishment and enhancement of urban gardens integrating nature-based solutions (NbS) to mitigate climate change effects and promote urban sustainability. This initiative is part of a broader effort to build more resilient and ecologically balanced cities through transnational collaboration.

The event in Újszilvás, Hungary as stipulated in the grant agreement, according to project description (WP4) approved by the European Commission focused on CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND ART INTEGRATION - GREEN HARMONY EXPRESSIONS, which provided an additional value to the project's activities.

**Agenda and Activities Undertaken:****Day 1: Sept 9, 2025 – Arrival and Welcome Dinner**

- **18:30h – Arrival at Budapest Airport and Transfer to Hotel (Tápiógyörgye):**  
Participants arrived in Budapest Airport. A bus transfer arranged to the accommodation in Tápiógyörgye transfer from Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport to the hotel (Accommodation in a selected hotel: ‘Györgyey Kastély Panzió és Étterem’ Tápiógyörgye ( <https://gyorgyeypanzio.hu/> ). This was an essential step in ensuring that all participants arrived safely and on time, laying the groundwork for the next day's events.
- **20:00h – Welcome Dinner:**  
  
The welcome dinner served as an informal introduction to the project and its participants. In a relaxed atmosphere, participants were introduced to each other, setting the tone for open collaboration throughout the event. The dinner also served as an opportunity to discuss WP4 expectations, the overall scope of the project, and the importance of the upcoming activities.
- Key Outcome: Establishment of a collaborative environment and mutual understanding among participants.

**Day 2: Sept 10, 2025 – Project presentations, workshop, study visit and cultural exchange**

- **09:00h - Welcome Meeting of participants**  
Short coordination briefing by Imre Kovács, project communication adviser, and welcome speech by PHD. Csaba Petrányi, Mayor of Újszilvás.
- **9.30h: Presentations**

After the mayor's welcome speech, Hungarian, regional and local good practices and initiatives were presented, highlighting the green and organic nature of Újszilvás. During the presentation and briefing program, the European Village Renewal and Flowering Hungary Programmes, the Most Beautiful Kitchen Gardens Competition, the Clean Yard, Neat House Movement, the Bird-Friendly Garden Initiative and the Fairy Garden Movement were presented, among others.

All of these programs can create opportunities for project partners to adapt and implement

local good practices.

- **10.30h: Coffee break** (Culture House of Újszilvás)
- **11.00h: Workshop and debating sessions about Urban Gardening, Art and Cultural Topics** (Culture House of Újszilvás)

Project partners worked in 3-4 group (2/3 nations in 1 team) and presented, debated ideas, recommendations about how could we make community gardens, parks, kitchen-gardening, local organic market, popular and fancy, and how can we involve and invite local people (especially Youth) to cooperate and work. Each group received a special task and after an hour teamwork they had a short, 5 minutes presentations.

## Result of workshop:

### 1. Group - Bulgaria, Poland and Greece - Project idea: Happy Fruit, Healthy Skin

The core concept is to organize an annual festival in Újszilvás dedicated to sustainable wellbeing, with a primary focus on engaging the younger generation while fostering meaningful collaboration with the older generation to strengthen intergenerational solidarity. This festival will emphasize creativity and the development of healthier approaches to organic beauty and cosmetic products through the use of natural, locally sourced ingredients.

The event will target two main groups:

- Local farmers and producers of fruits and plants
- Young people from the region

These groups will collaborate in team settings to co-create local organic skin, body, and hair care products using local plants and fruits. The initiative will be executed in partnership with the Municipality, local businesses, and regional non-governmental youth organizations to ensure community-wide support and impact.

Supporting innovation and sustainability, a local IT company will contribute by providing 3D printers that utilize recycled plastics to produce small cosmetic boxes for use in the workshops. This creative integration of technology highlights the event's commitment to environmental responsibility.

Communication and outreach will primarily leverage social media platforms popular with youth, such as Instagram and TikTok, complemented by cooperation with local radio channels to broaden engagement across generations.

The festival will serve as a platform to educate attendees on the influence of beauty standards on mental health and overall wellbeing. It will also promote creative, sustainable self-care practices that are environmentally conscious while nurturing intergenerational exchange and understanding.

This initiative aligns with broader European policies promoting intergenerational solidarity, recognizing the value of combining the knowledge and experience of older generations with the energy and innovation of youth. By fostering these connections, the project contributes to building resilient, inclusive communities where sustainable wellbeing transcends age boundaries.

### 2. Group – Italy, Portugal - Project idea: Development of an e-bike mobility service to connect urban gardens and green public spaces.

The concept is simple:

Introduce electric bicycles for residents and visitors to make local movement more sustainable.

Create dedicated routes linking key places in town such as urban gardens, parks, the

community center, or local markets, encouraging people to explore these spaces.

In the urban gardens, install charging stations powered by renewable energy, together with small rest areas where people can stop, relax, talk and perhaps contribute to the garden work or share produce.

A project like this could encourage physical activity, reduce car traffic, and make public green spaces more accessible and lively.

**3 Group - Spain, Hungary and Romania** - Project idea: "Youth Scouts Association for Civic and Urban Garden Engagement"

1. Why we feel it is good and fit for our local community:

Our project is designed to engage young people directly in local urban gardening initiatives, fostering civic participation and environmental awareness. By creating a structured youth scouts association, we aim to provide a platform for young people to learn, participate, and take responsibility in sustainable projects, which aligns perfectly with the community's needs and priorities.

2. How we would like to fulfil this project:

The project would be implemented by establishing a youth scouts association focused on urban gardens. Activities will include hands-on gardening workshops, nature-based solutions implementation, community events, and ongoing coordination with local schools and community centres.

3. How we could involve local people (especially youth):

We plan to recruit local youth members and integrate them into structured activities. We will also organize educational sessions, workshops, and volunteer opportunities to engage the wider community, ensuring participation across different age groups while giving youth a leading role in project initiatives.

4. Communication plan:

Our communication strategy includes:

- Sharing progress and events via social media and local networks.
- Creating monthly newsletters and updates for participants and community members.
- Hosting community open days where families and local residents can see the impact of the projects.
- Coordinating with local schools and municipalities to ensure visibility and broad participation.

- **12.30h: Lunch** (Culture House of Újszilvás)
- **13.30h: Art, culture and green harmony – visit and art workshop in Újszilvás lavender farm**

During the day, guests had the opportunity to visit the lavender farm in Újszilvás, where they could make organic cosmetics in a workshop.

- **16.00h: Bath culture – Relax and health care - visit in Cegléd AQUA Thermal Centrum**

Project members visited in Cegléd, AQUA Thermal Centrum and they received a short briefing about Thermal Culture and thermal water.

- **19.30h: Cultural exchange event -folklore and gastronomy**

International project team visited in Bolyhos Pálinka Manufacture and received Folklore programme with traditional "tarogato" music and folklore dance. Each nation had a chance to give additional value to the cultural exchange with own traditional dance, song etc. Project partners visited here a rural Museum. Then they had an opportunity to see traditional Hungarian Pálinka Manufacture distillation process and finally they received a gastronomy

program with dinner.

### Day 3: Sept 11, 2025 – Project Launch and Workshops

- **09:00h. Study tour in Újszilvás**

Visit to Újszilvás Swimming Pool and Municipality Garden and Fruit/Juice Manufacture. They were able to gain insight into local organic farming and sustainable agricultural initiatives in the municipal garden and the settlement's fruit processing plant. The eco-farming programs managed by the municipality not only serve to protect the environment, but also create jobs and contribute to the well-being of the local community.

- **10:30h: Coffee break** (Culture House of Újszilvás)

- **11:00h: Transfer and visit to Biodiversity Centre** (Tápiószele)

The project partners also participated in a study trip. They visited the National Biodiversity and Gene Conservation Center in Tápiószele, where they received meaningful information about the center's work, especially gene conservation.

- **12:30h: Lunch** (Culture House of Újszilvás)

- **13:30h: Transfer and visit in Budapest**

Participants visited in Budapest for a short excursion to discover the beauty, culture, art and public spaces of the capital, which provided an opportunity to get a glimpse into the lifestyle of the capital in addition to local traditions. The Ethnographic Museum and its roof garden, where more than 7,000 square meters of new green space were created, with a diverse and rich flora, received the World's Best Public Building award and the World's Best Architecture award in December 2020 at one of the world's most prestigious international real estate competitions, the International Property Awards.

- **19:00h: Transfer to hotel** <https://en.gyorgyeypanzio.hu/>

- **20:00h: Closing dinner** (hotel - <https://en.gyorgyeypanzio.hu/> )

### Day 4: Sept 12, 2025 – Departure and Future Collaboration

- **04:00/07:00/09:00h – Check-out and Departure:**

On the final day, participants checked out of their accommodation and gathered for a brief farewell session. During this time, they reviewed the key takeaways from the event, emphasized the next steps, and discussed the upcoming events in the project's timeline.

Újszilvás - supporting project partners departure time - provided group transportations 3 times from hotel to Budapest Airport.

Key Outcome: Reaffirmation of project goals and timelines, as well as the importance of continued collaboration across all partner countries.

### Conclusions:

The WP4 project meeting went smoothly and according to preliminary plans. The participants left satisfied with new information and usable and adaptable good practices.

Újszilvás Municipality is committed to finding further sustainable solutions, gaining experience and having answers to the challenges of the future. During the event, stakeholders had the opportunity to discuss and share their domestic experiences, ideas and suggestions for further adaptable, sustainable, organic solutions, actions and programmes during a workshop. The participants highlighted that community cooperation and the development of the environmentally conscious thinking of the local population remain key to the future of the municipality.

Our guests were very pleased to see that Újszilvás has achieved impressive results for its size.

The eco-thinking and sustainability objectives of the village, the swimming pool, the increase in biodiversity, self-sustaining farming, the improvement of energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources, received special recognition from the project partners.

Újszilvás is honoured to have been involved in the EU CERV GSECCPUG project and to have hosted the project partners from Bulgaria, Poland, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Romania. The success of the meeting clearly shows that the residents and leaders of Újszilvás are committed to a greener and more sustainable future, can provide good examples and practices and are happy to receive further suggestions and initiatives from their foreign partners, which they can implement in the future for the development of the settlement.

The event was a significant milestone in the development of the *“Grow, Share, Engage!”* project. The comprehensive activities, ranging from formal presentations to hands-on workshops and field visits, provided participants with a deep understanding of the project's core goals and actionable next steps. With a shared vision and clearly defined roles, the project is well-positioned to move forward and achieve its objectives. This meeting allowed participants to **align objectives, coordinate logistics, and define priorities** for the development of upcoming activities. The active participation of partners in the **workshops** and discussions on **sustainable management and civic engagement** reflected the shared commitment to the core principles of the project.

### Next event dates and assigned WPs:

During this project meeting the following next event dates were scheduled:

- **Bulgaria:** January 13-16, 2026
- **Portugal:** March 30 - April 2, 2026
- **Italy:** May 7-10, 2026
- **Romania:** June 23-26, 2026
- **Greece:** September 29 - October 4, 2026

These dates were chosen to align with **local logistical requirements** and significant cultural events, ensuring maximum participation and impact in each region.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	08.10.2025	Initial version (new MFF).