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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

»PROTECT yOUR Diversity« (Proud)

26th - 29th May 2022

Škofja Loka

Thursday, May 26th 2022

- 16.00 – 18.00 **Arrival of participants of partner organizations**
- 19.00 – 20.00 **Twinning welcome International fair**
- 20.00 – 22.00 **Dinner and Informal gathering**

The Day 1 will begin with the arrival of participants from partner organizations, accommodation activities and networking among participants at the twinning welcome fair.

Location: HKUD Komušina, Partizanska cesta 1, 4220 Škofja Loka

Friday, May 27th 2022

- 08.00 – 09.00 **Networking breakfast**
- 09.30 – 10.00 **Registration and Conference opening**
- 10.00 – 12.00 **Plenary session:** Multilingualism as developing minority EU perspective
- 12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**
- 13.30 – 15.30 **Europe café:** Community engagement in achieving language equality
- 17.00 – 19.30 **Sight sighting tour of Škofja Loka**
- 20.00 – 22.00 **Conference dinner and cultural programme**

On the second day of the conference, the partner organizations will present their municipalities and their field of work. The participants will learn about the basic characteristics of the Europe for Citizens Programme. The second day of the conference programme will include the following topics: 1) Multilingualism as a developing minority EU perspective 2) Community engagement in achieving language equality 3) Linguistic prejudice and language discrimination in media.

In the afternoon sessions, participants will debate with decision-makers and experts of local, national and European bodies. The participants will discuss the narrative of language prejudice of minorities in the EU and how minority organizations can combat discrimination and prejudice in local communities.





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The afternoon programme will continue with the guided tour of Škofja Loka and its top attractions. The participants will attend the guided tour, which will include a walk around the medieval historical centre of the City and all the major attractions, including the Castle of Škofja Loka.

The guided tour will be followed by the cultural programme. The cultural programme will start with presenting partners' minority culture – an art exhibition of unique handicrafts and folklore dances in the context of cultural heritage and the importance of intercultural dialogue. It will also include the concert of traditional Bosnian music (Sevdah).

Location: Workshops at UE Škofja Loka, Poljanska cesta 2, Škofja Loka, cultural programme at HKUD Komušina, Partizanska cesta 1, Škofja Loka

Saturday, May 28th 2022

08.00 – 09.00	Networking breakfast
10.00 – 11.30	Plenary session: Language opportunities: presentation of different EU and national educational programmes, projects and events
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	Europe café: The role of municipalities in sensitization, appreciation and recognition of minority languages
13.00 – 13.30	Light lunch with local specialties
13.30 – 15.30	Practical workshop: Create your diversity and Minority art exhibition
15.30 – 16.30	Coffee break
17:00 – 19.00	Central cultural programme at Primary School Škofja Loka
19.30 – 21.00	Conference dinner

Day 3 will begin with the presentation of European and national programmes in language opportunities and opportunities for minorities to participate in different programmes, projects, and activities on a local, national and EU level. Presentations will include funding opportunities for the implementation of projects and events in the field of language diversity.

The plenary session of the third day of the conference will include the topic: The role of municipalities in sensitization, appreciation and recognition of minority languages. After the plenary session, the moderated round table with Q & A on how to combat linguistic prejudice. The participants will be able to participate actively and address the topic.

The programme will continue with »Create your diversity workshop«. Female minority mentors of the Serbian partner Gallery and Handcraft section of Komušina will demonstrate and engage the participants in the conference's art exhibition workshop, making simple, unique handicraft products on traditional methods promotion of project activities. The third day of the event will end with the conference dinner and cultural programme.





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Sunday, September 12th 2021

7.00 – 8.00	Breakfast
8.00 – 9.00	Closing remarks and Joint twinning statement
9.30 – 11:00	Departure of the participants

The conference will end with signing the Joint twinning statement on the importance of combating language prejudice, developing intercultural dialogue, protecting cultural heritage and engaging local communities in promoting and fostering social inclusion. The activity will also include the presentation of the activity plan on the active participation of different stakeholders in local communities.

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Municipality of Škofja Loka and following partners:

- ❖ Municipality of Bijeljina, Bosnia and Hercegovina
- ❖ Galerija Prve kolonije naive u tehnici slame Tavankut, Serbia
- ❖ Vijeće srpske nacionalne manjine Varaždinske županije, Croatia
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