

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[2] - [Town of Bad Windsheim] ([Town of Bad Windsheim])
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[WP 2]
Event name:	[Transnational Meeting in Bad Windsheim] Title: Meeting of young people
Type:	[Workshop and conference]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Germany [Bad Windsheim]
Date(s):	4 days - [Friday 5th to Monday 8th of July 2024]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.staedtepartnerschaften-bw.de/
Participants	
Female:	54
Male:	50
Non-binary:	/
From country 1 [Italy]:	25 (12 F + 13 M)
From country 2 [Hungary]:	8 (3 F + 5 M)
From country 3 [France]:	3 (1 F + 2 M)
From country 4 [Germany]:...	68 (38 F + 30 M)
Total number of participants:	104
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The 3rd transnational meeting in Bad Windsheim as part of the EU RegenerACTION project with the aim of "meeting young people" was organised by the town of Bad Windsheim and the town twinning association "Komitee für Städtepartnerschaften". Following consultation with the project coordinator, we contacted local schools, Non-profit organisations, town councillors and private individuals to inform them about the event and invite them to take part. Topics were selected that were appropriate to Bad Windsheim, the local citizens and interest groups and suitable for transfer to a European environment. Once the programme had been drawn up, all partners were informed and invited, and accommodation was organised. Further organisational aspects such as catering, technical equipment and communication in social media were clarified.

The delegations from Este, Granze, Pertuis and Tapolca arrived on Friday, 5 July from 5 p.m. and, after being welcomed, were accommodated in host families, in the European school hostel and, on request, in hotels.

Afterwards, all participants were invited to visit the Medieval Franconian guild gathering in the medieval town centre with dinner and live music for all age groups, so that there were many opportunities to socialise with Bad Windsheim associations and citizens of all ages. The concert with EDM music, presented by the popular DJ Freddy, was particularly popular with the 16 to 30-year-olds, who were able to socialise with each other very easily through the music.

On the following day, 6 July, the conference with seminar contributions took place at the "Staatliche Wirtschaftsschule" Bad Windsheim.

The Vice Mayor of Bad Windsheim, Mr. R. Reichenberg, welcomed the representatives of the neighbouring municipalities, Mr. S. Schmidt, First Mayor of the municipality of Markt Ipsheim; Mr. Dipl.-Ing. H. Scheuenstuhl, Former mayor of Wilhermsdorf, member of the Bavarian State Parliament, and emphasised, among other things, the importance of effective networking at both the regional and international level of municipal administrations.

Mrs T. Mohr, President of the twinning association "Komitee für Städtepartnerschaft Bad Windsheim e.V.", also welcomed all those present and reminded them in several languages of the importance of the current EU motto "United in diversity". She also emphasised the great importance of the partnership associations, most of which work on a voluntary basis to promote international understanding at all levels of society.

In organising the event, the teachers Ms Wild and Ms Frank acted as a link between the teaching staff and the local administration. They were also able to encourage young people in the 15-18 age group to engage with the EU and thus develop a stronger sense of responsibility for greater social commitment and their active participation in the democratic life of the EU.

This was followed by welcoming speeches and contributions from the delegations as follows:

- Students from the Bad Windsheim Business School in the 15-18 age group welcome all participants and introduce Bad Windsheim and their school
- Delegation ESTE
The participants welcome all those present, convey greetings from the ESTE city administration and express their regret that the

students from ESTE were unable to attend due to the long summer holidays.

- Delegation GRANZE.
The participants welcome all those present and convey greetings from the municipality of GRANZE as well as the invitation to the event as part of the EU project RegenerACTION in GRANZE for 2025, followed by the contribution "Welcome to Granze".
- Delegation PERTUIS
The participants welcome all those present and convey greetings from the partnership association and the city of PERTUIS; This is followed by a speech in French and German on the importance and significance of the European Union and its values and goals, as well as the implication of European youth; then video contributions "Presentation of the city of Pertuis / We are in Pertuis" and "The Youth of Pertuis"
- Delegation TAPOLCA
The participants welcome all those present and convey greetings from TAPOLCA City Council; followed by the contribution "The European Union needs you"
- BAD WINDSHEIM
Greta, a 15-year-old pupil from the local business school with Hungarian roots, describes the programme item "Junior Elections" in English and Hungarian in broad strokes. Afterwards, Bad Windsheim pupils delve deeper into the topic of "Junior Elections" and discuss the importance of the European elections of the previous month. Afterwards, the exhibition "The European Union needs you" was presented on the upper floor as well as a real-life polling station. All participants had the opportunity to take part in an election simulation and ask questions about the exhibition and the election, which were answered by well-prepared young people from Bad Windsheim. Afterwards, all participants were able to discuss the European Union and its importance and significance in small groups.

The conference can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiRWIeCGxKc->

The contributions of the participants under:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPUcsn_p2Co&t=429s

The exhibition can be viewed at

<https://youtu.be/FgM7z4IaMso>

To relax, there was an opportunity to visit the school together and leave fingerprints on a flipchart with the theme "United in diversity" using finger paint, which provided plenty of opportunities to get to know each other. Lunch followed at 1.00 p.m., during which the participants were able to exchange ideas and make new contacts as well as deepen existing ones. The conference was also attended by four members of the "ESTE MÉDIEVALE" association, who briefly introduced the Italian association and

happily joined the procession together with the local associations: Spielmannszug and Wagnertanzgilde Bad Windsheim, Marching Band TSV Lauf, Spielmanns- und Fanfarenzug Beyharting, FGI Illesheim, Spielmannszug Rosenheim, Asian SportsCenter Bad Windsheim, Spielmanns- und Fanfarenzug Stephanskirchen, Verein Frohsinn Bad Windsheim (with tractor), minstrels in medieval costume, jugglers and traders.

At the meeting point "Reichsstadtmuseum im Ochsenhof", all participants, citizens and associations (NGO) were welcomed, collected and organised for the Festival parade through the medieval town centre of Bad Windsheim. Mayor J. Heckel, Vice Mayor A. Horst, Vice Mayor R. Reichenberg, District Chief Executive Dr C. von Dobschütz, Former Mayor and City Councillor of Bad Windsheim, District Councillor Dipl.-Ing. W.Eckhardt, Former Mayor and City Councillor of Bad Windsheim, District Councillor B.Kisch, the City Councillors S. Detsch, Dr Stadler, R. Volkert, and the Managing Director of Kur-, Kongress- und Touristik GmbH Bad Windsheim were present.

After the collection on the market square, the official opening of the 47th Medieval Town Centre Festival was performed by Mayor Heckel on the market square. Mayor Heckel welcomed all associations, delegations, guests of honour and all interested citizens and families of Bad Windsheim. To the delight of all participants, free beer was tapped and served to everyone free of charge, so that a relaxed exchange could take place at all social levels.

In the evening there was a joint dinner at the pub "Kommunbrauhaus" in the Franconian Open-Air Museum, open to all interested parties.

On Sunday morning, 7 July, everyone had the opportunity to take part in a festive church service in the town church of Sankt Kilian, which was held out of respect for religious beliefs and as a cultural experience in accordance with the ecumenical liturgy. Incidentally, it is a listed church which, together with the town hall, forms the crown of Bad Windsheim.

Afterwards, in the spirit of #BeActive, the more sporty participants visited the Bad Windsheim climbing and bouldering centre, where they were able to view the facilities and train with professional support.

After lunch, either with their host families or at the Medieval Town Centre Festival, the programme included a visit to the Franconian Open-Air Museum and the exhibition "Heimat ist, wo man satt wird" / "Home is where you don't go hungry", which deals with migration in rural Middle Franconia from 1960 to 1990. Individual stories are told that emphasise the importance of integration. Today's Federal Republic is a state with citizens of different origins and equal opportunities for all is of the utmost importance for the stability of our German society, which is influenced by many cultures. This is entirely in line with the principles of the European Union, which has set itself the goal of promoting social justice and curbing social injustice and discrimination. Not forgetting respect for our cultural diversity. Many of the former guest workers have since become German citizens. There are remarkable careers in all areas of culture, business and politics - names such as the Green Party politician Cem Özdemir, the writer Feridun Zaimoglu and the comedian Kaya Yanar are well known.

Living together in a diverse society works best when everyone shares democratic values, respects each other and participates in social life on an equal footing. The democratic future of the European Union depends,

among other things, on how we can further develop our understanding of migration and, above all, that of our young people. It is extremely important to promote projects that sustainably improve intercultural coexistence in cities, municipalities and rural areas, support language learning, enable participation and encourage joint voluntary work.

In the late afternoon, interested visitors of all ages were able to take part in a walk through Bavaria's largest listed spa gardens. An impressive park that extends right outside the gates of the Medieval town centre. This green oasis in the north of the city is 110 years old and covers around 36 hectares. Farewell dinner at the "Goldenes Kreuz" restaurant from 7 p.m. with exchange of gifts between the twin towns by the respective delegations. The following day, Monday 8 July 2024, the delegations depart after breakfast.

To summarise, we can say that everyone became aware of the importance of the democratic future of Europe and the European Union. We also think that the exhibition "The EU needs you" strengthened the feeling of belonging to Europe and raised the participants' awareness of the precious values of the EU, which we could lose very quickly and irretrievably in view of the current political situation if we do not actively participate in the democratic processes.

The young people in particular were sensitised to the importance of Europe and the values of the European Union through the preparation of the seminar contributions and the study of the exhibitions. By involving local and district politicians, school authorities, pupils' families and associations, it was possible to create a common structure at various social levels. In particular, we hope to have begun to knit a network between twinning associations and cities that promotes international understanding and mutual understanding of differences. To support cultural exchange, the promotion of tourism and trade and the exchange of economic expertise between cities. The aim is to break down prejudices and promote international dialogue by fostering our partnerships and supporting cooperation on projects and initiatives between the cities involved. Involving young people is of paramount importance. Europe will endure if we succeed in anchoring the European idea in the minds and hearts of young people.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPUcsn_p2Co&t=429s

EU Project RegenerACTION - Conference Presentations 2024

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiRWIeCGxKc>

EU Project RegenerAction Bad Windsheim - CONFERENCE 2024

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9F32P8f21k&t=24s>

EU Project RegenerAction Meeting Bad Windsheim - Event Bad Windsheim 2024

<https://youtu.be/FgM7z4IaMso>

EU Project RegenerAction Bad Windsheim – Exhibition The EU needs you

<https://freilandmuseum.de/>

Franconian Open-Air Museum / Fränkisches Freiland Museum

<https://www.staedtepartnerschaften-bw.de/post/7-eu-projekte-regener-action-2024-2025>

RegenerACTION Town of Bad Windsheim:

<https://stadt.bad-windsheim.de/aktuelles/eu-programm-regener-action-2024-25>

<https://stadt.bad-windsheim.de/partner-vereine/staedtepartner/este>

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