

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Gyöngyös
PIC number:	891034532
Project name and acronym:	Citizens For Towns - CFT

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	6.		
Event name:	LIVABLE TOWNS WEBINAR		
Type:	Online conference		
In situ/online:	online		
Location:	Gyöngyös - Hungary		
Date(s):	05/02/2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.we4eu2022.hu/en/cft">https://www.we4eu2022.hu/en/cft</a>		
Participants			
Female:	105		
Male:	52		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Poland:	31		
From country 2 Slovakia:	42		
From country 3 Romania:	40		
From country 4 Hungary:	44		
Total number of participants:	157	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
First online Citizens 4 Towns „meeting” in Gyöngyös			
<p>On 5 February, the first CFT event of the year took place, which was also the first online meeting in the history of the project. The aim of the event was to introduce Gyöngyös-based civil organisations and to network with representatives from the twin towns of Târgu Secuiesc, Łodygowice and Losonc. The online partners were thus given the opportunity to</p>			

gain an insight into the diversity of civil life in Gyöngyös and the work of its active communities.

#### DETAILED PROGRAMME

EU RE-AWAKENING ON-LINE CONFERENCE 05/02/2025

09:00 Welcome, Tamás Kobzi, Managing Director, Gyöngyös City Region Development Nonprofit Ltd.

09:15 Summary of the current status of the project, Norbert Misi

09:15 - 11:20 Presentation of good practices of local NGOs, with video clips and discussions

11:20-11:30 Closing of the morning programme

13:00 - 13:10 Presentation of remaining tasks in the project, Misi Norbert

13:15 - 15:15 Presentation of good practices of local NGOs, with video clips and talks

15:15 Closing of the event

In the first block of the event, four civil organisations were presented, each active in a different field but all playing an important role in the life of the local community.

- „Vachott Kör Irodalombarát és Alkotói Egyesület” – (Vachott Circle Literary and Creative Association). Their aim is to boost the local literary and artistic life and organise community-building programmes.
- BlackJam! Dance Association. He underlined that dance education is not only about movement, but also about community building and personal development.
- Anti-Cancer League of Gyöngyös. In a sensitive yet inspiring presentation, the president of the organisation emphasised that cancer is not a taboo subject and that it is important for everyone to participate in regular screening.
- Mátra Association for large families. The speaker gave both scientific and historical examples of the important role that strong extended family communities play in society and communities.

In the afternoon, three more organisations were presented, which are involved in the preservation of urban traditions, amateur art and environmental awareness.

- Friends of the City of Gyöngyös. This long-established association is the organiser of many local events. Their work was recognised by the city with the Pro Civitate award in 2016.
- CASINO TEAM Amateur Arts Association. They create vocal and stage productions that are performed not only in Gyöngyös but also in several places in the country.
- Environmental Association for a Livable Mátra. Representatives of the organisation talked about their achievements so far, such as the tree planting programmes and regular litter picking activities. The organisation is open to cooperation with other civil organisations with similar objectives.

The day clearly showed that the civic life of Gyöngyös is extremely rich and diverse. Organisations from different fields contribute to the development of the community, be it culture, arts, social issues or environmental protection.

One of the important achievements of the CFT project is that it not only helps to build links abroad, but also strengthens cooperation between local organisations. During the event, several organisations expressed the need to get to know each other better and to meet regularly, and this event was an excellent starting point.

All in all, a successful and inspiring day was concluded, confirming that the commitment and cooperation of civil society is essential for the development of the city and its region. The programme will continue next time with a presentation of the NGOs of the Polish partner.

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The program was opened by Tamás Kobzi, the new head of Gyöngyösi Városterseg Fejlesztő

