

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Lučenec - Slovakia
PIC number:	917022384
Project name and acronym:	Citizens for towns - CFT

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	9.		
Event name:	EU RE-AWAKE ONLINE CONFERENCE IV.		
Type:	online conference		
In situ/online:	online		
Location:	Lučenec – Slovakia (Losonc)		
Date(s):	28/05/2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.we4eu2022.hu/en/cft		
Participants			
Female:	75		
Male:	37		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Poland:	25		
From country 2 Slovakia:	25		
From country 3 Romania:	32		
From country 4 Hungary	30		
Total number of participants:	4	From total number of countries:	112
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

Summary – IV. CITIZENS FOR TOWNS ONLINE PROJECT EVENT "RE-AWAKE CONFERENCE"**Host:** Lucenec, Slovakia**Date and time:** 27/05/2025**PROGRAM****10.00** Start of the conference - technical contact**10.05 – 10.15:** Welcome by the Mayor**10.15 – 10.30:** Introduction**10.30 – 10.55:** Slovak-Polish relations in Lučenec during the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union: 1 January - 30 June 2025 - ED ŽILINA**10.55 – 11.20:** ŽIVENA - Slovak Women's Association**11.20 – 11.40:** KLUB SENIOROV - SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB**11.40 – 12.00:** The Youth Parliament**12.00 – 13.00:** break**13.00 – 13.30:** TRH Halič - market of producers and craftsmen**13.30 – 14.00:** Cultural programme from young people**14.00 – 14.30:** ALTERNATIVE - Independent Lifestyle Centre**14.30 – 15.00:** THE ANIMAL SHELTER LUČENEC**15.00 – 15.30:** Questions and answers

Closing of the programme.

Slovak-Polish relations in Lučenec during the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union: 1 January - 30 June 2025 - ED ŽILINA

During Poland's presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first half of 2025, Slovak-Polish relations in Lučenec and the broader Banská Bystrica region were marked by deepened cooperation in regional development and cohesion policy. A key initiative was the signing of a cooperation agreement between Poland and Slovakia, aiming to enhance the management and implementation of EU funds. This agreement focused on sharing experiences and best practices, particularly in the utilization of cohesion policy funds, which are vital for economic development in both countries.

ŽIVENA - Slovak Women's Association

Živena – Slovak Women's Association (Slovak: *Živena, spolok slovenských žien*) is a historic women's organization in Slovakia, active since 1869. Its local chapters – such as the one in Lučenec (Losonc in Hungarian) – focus on the following areas:

Education for Women and Families

Cultural and Community Life

Publishing and Public Awareness

Recognition and Awards: They recognize outstanding community and social work through awards such as the "Elena Maróthy Šoltésová Memorial Medal."

In addition to the central organization, local chapters like the one in Lučenec operate as active grassroots community groups. They participate in local cultural events, support women and family education, host public forums and community events, and build on shared values and traditions.

KLUB SENIOROV - SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Lučenec's Senior Citizens' Club (in coordination with Europe Direct) offers seniors a rich array of activities that include:

Cultural gatherings — singing showcases, concerts, and musical evenings

Educational events — quizzes, lectures on digital consumer rights, health technologies

Social spaces — a day-care centre where older adults can gather, socialize, and access support

Together, these programs aim to engage seniors intellectually, emotionally, and socially, helping them stay active and connected.

The Youth Parliament

Lučenec's Youth Parliament is a **municipal forum** where teenagers come together to represent their peers, develop civic engagement, and coordinate local youth initiatives. The group meets regularly and elects its own leadership—mirroring a democratic structure at the municipal level.

“Europe for Youth” Events

Europe Direct Lučenec organized the regional round of “Mladý Európan”—a quiz focused on EU history, policies, and institutions—for high schoolers

Purpose & Roles

Empowering youth voices in municipal matters—giving young residents a platform to propose ideas, plan events, and interact with local officials.

Skill-building in communication, civic responsibility, teamwork, and leadership.

Fostering European awareness via quizzes, debates, and EU civic education events.

TRH Halič - market of producers and craftsmen

The Trh Halič is a regular market in Halič that showcases local producers and craftsmen, offering a variety of high-quality regional foods and handmade goods. Visitors can find products like homemade jams, fresh bakery items, honey, flowers, and traditional crafts. The market is part of the Slow Food movement, promoting sustainable, fair, and authentic food production. It also features local wines and craft beers, creating a vibrant community event supporting local agriculture and artisans.

ALTERNATIVE - Independent Lifestyle Centre

The Lifestyle Centre is an NGO registered in Lucenec in 2020. Their main activities are:

1. Early prevention (0-7 years with developmental risks or disabilities, and their families.)
2. Social Rehabilitation: Offers both ambulant and field-based rehabilitation services under the law §21 for adults with severe health limitations or in crisis.

The key programs:

“From School to Life” Transit Program

Serves young people aged 17–29, mainly from Roma or socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

Aims to ease their path into social and working life through:

- Non-formal education
- Assisted employment (with workplace counselors)
- Cooperation with employers
- Legal advice & financial literacy training

The Centre got the „Roma Spirit 2024” award.

THE ANIMAL SHELTER LUČENEC

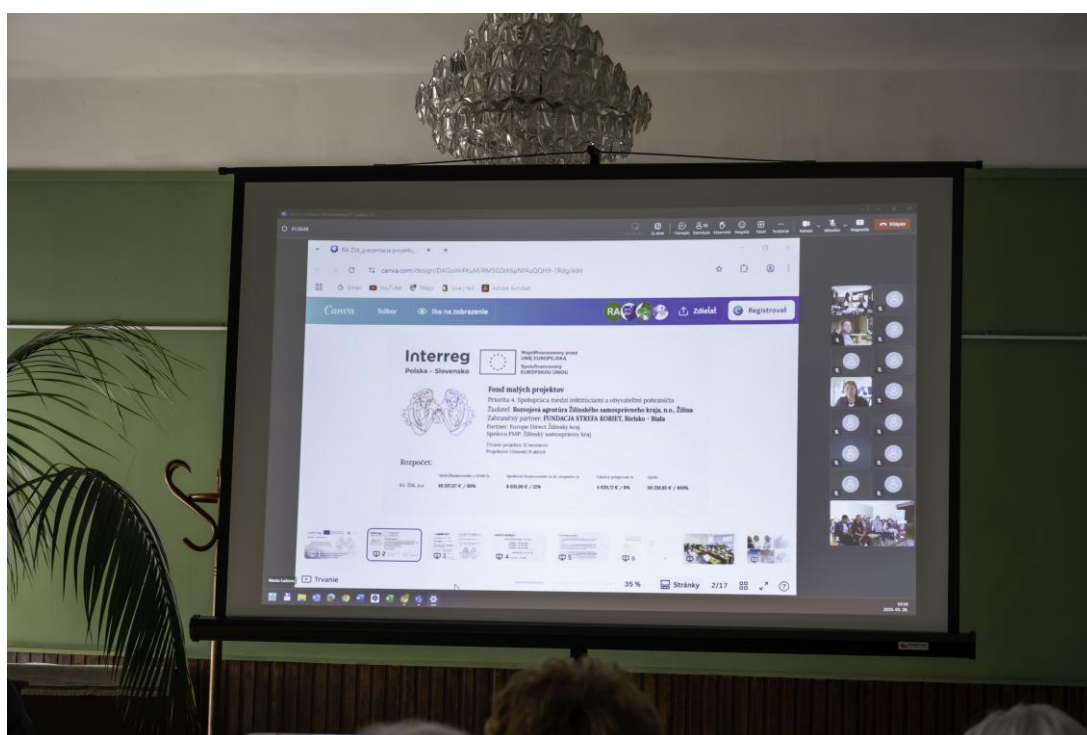
The Animal Shelter in Lučenec, operated by the nonprofit Sloboda zvierat, is one of Slovakia's largest and oldest private no-kill shelters. It provides care, veterinary treatment, and rehabilitation for around 450 dogs and 40 cats annually, focusing on rescuing strays and abandoned animals. The shelter works closely with local authorities to capture stray animals and offers adoption services with thorough support for new pet owners. Their mission emphasizes lifelong care, community engagement, and promoting responsible pet ownership.

The presentations were available online and all four partners offered the possibility to attend in person for those who could not join the event online.

After the presentations, the speakers answered questions from participants. They then evaluated the presentations.

Pictures of the presentations with the audience gathered at the venue in Gyöngyös







HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).