

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Harghita County Council (Consiliul Județean Harghita)
PIC number:	944391225
Project name and acronym:	<i>Connecting Rural Europe: Networking and development in small towns</i> Rural EU

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	8 (WP8)
Event name:	Rural Intercultural Festival – Rural Youth Festival Mission
Type:	Rural Intercultural Festival
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Harghita County, Romania (main activities in Odorheiu Secuiesc)
Date(s):	26–29 June 2026
Website(s) (if any):	Italian, Spanish and Croatian young people in Harghita County – Consiliul Județean Harghita
Participants	

Female:	54		
Male:	56		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Romania]:	104		
From country 2 [Italy]:	2		
From country 1 [Croatia]:	2		
From country 1 [Spain]:	2		
Total number of participants:	110	From total number of countries:	4
Description <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
From 26 to 29 June 2026, the Harghita County Council hosted the RURAL Youth Festival, organised within the RURAL-EU project – <i>Connecting Rural Europe: Networking and development in small towns</i>, funded through the European Commission's CERV programme. The four-day event brought together young people, project partners, local representatives and community stakeholders from Italy, Spain, Croatia and Romania. The main topics were youth participation in community life, the exchange of good practices, intergenerational cooperation and the development of rural communities. The programme included several activities aimed at introducing participants to the local community and heritage. Participants took part in a Mountain Cart activity in Ivó, followed by cultural activities for young people in Odorheiu Secuiesc. A key activity was the Rural Youth Festival Mission, an interactive programme through which participants discovered local civic initiatives, traditional crafts, intergenerational activities and youth-led initiatives. The activity encouraged teamwork, experience sharing and dialogue between participants from different countries. The programme also included visits to Lake Saint Anne and the Mohos Peat Bog, giving participants the opportunity to discover the natural heritage of Harghita County and learn about sustainable tourism and the preservation of local natural and cultural values.			

The festival provided an opportunity for exchange of experiences, networking and strengthening cooperation between young people, local stakeholders and European project partners. It also allowed the Harghita County Council to present local youth initiatives and the cultural and natural heritage of the county to international participants.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	30.09.2026	Updated the project webpage link, corrected the participant numbers, added the required information about the event topics