

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Obec Mokrance
PIC number:	884216014
Project name and acronym:	RAISE: Rural Resilience – Volunteers Association in Synergy for Europe

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Comprehensive Community Resilience Building event		
Type:	International Meeting with theoretical, practical and cultural activities.		
In situ/online:	In situ		
Location:	Mokrance (SK)		
Date(s):	From July the 4th to July the 8th 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.mokrance.sk/		
Participants			
Female:	173		
Male:	177		
Non-binary:			
Slovakia :Mokrance	145		
Hungary : F e l s o z s o l c a	149		
Serbia :R A Z V O J N I C E N T A R V O J V O D I N E	30		
Czech Republic :Višňové	26		
Total number of participants:	350	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

The “Comprehensive Community Resilience Building Event” held in Mokrance, Slovakia, from July 4th to 8th, 2025, represents a key milestone within the broader framework of the RAISE – Rural Resilience project. Co-financed by the European Union, the RAISE project seeks to enhance the emergency response capacity of rural and geographically isolated communities through the mobilization of young volunteers, the engagement of local firefighting units, and structured cooperation among municipalities from different EU Member States and neighbouring countries. The event gathered youth representatives, volunteer firefighters, civil society organizations and local authorities from Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Serbia for five days of training, cultural exchange, practical demonstrations, and institutional networking. Its primary objective was to foster transnational cooperation in the field of civil protection by facilitating direct interaction between those at the forefront of rural emergency response and the new generation of civic volunteers.

The program was designed to combine theoretical insight, practical engagement, and cultural immersion. The first day welcomed participants with logistical support upon arrival, followed by an intercultural dinner and social activities hosted at the Mokrance Cultural House. The second day was dedicated to contextual learning, featuring a guided excursion through key cultural and natural heritage sites in the Košice region, including the historic Andrassy Mansion in Betliar and the Slovak Karst area. These visits provided participants with a tangible understanding of the environmental landscape in which emergency response systems in rural Slovakia operate. The core activities took place on the third day in Mokrance, where a comprehensive presentation of the local volunteer fire brigade was held at the town’s fire station. This included an overview of emergency protocols, equipment demonstrations, and a practical simulation of firefighting techniques. In the afternoon, all participating organizations formally introduced themselves and their work in a structured round of presentations, setting the stage for mutual learning and collaboration. A large-scale demonstration at the community sports field followed, where two fire trucks and volunteer units showcased various intervention techniques, enabling participants to observe best practices in rural emergency management. The day concluded with a visit to the local Roman Catholic Church and a cultural dinner.

On the fourth day, the delegation visited the city of Košice to explore the urban dimension of civil protection infrastructure and engage with Slovakia’s historical and civic identity. The guided tour included architectural and cultural landmarks such as St. Elizabeth’s Cathedral and Rákóczi’s Crypt, combined with leisure time and group dinner in the vibrant city centre. This contrast between urban and rural contexts offered valuable insight into the scalability and adaptability of emergency response strategies.

The final day was devoted to departure coordination and individual reflection, supported by the organizing team to ensure smooth return travel for all delegations.

Beyond its immediate activities, the event contributed to a broader European dialogue on civil protection in marginalised and underserved areas. It underscored the value of structured youth engagement in emergency services and highlighted the importance of cross-border municipal collaboration in enhancing rural resilience. Insights gathered from the event will directly feed into the development of a digital platform currently being designed within the RAISE project. This platform will serve as a central hub for training materials, coordination tools, shared protocols, and documentation of best practices, promoting consistency and efficiency in rural emergency responses across Europe.

The Slovak event has laid a solid foundation for further cooperation among the participating regions and has demonstrated the transformative potential of aligning grassroots volunteerism with institutional emergency frameworks. It stands as a testament to the collective European commitment to building safer, more resilient communities through inclusive, collaborative, and forward-thinking civil protection strategies.

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