

#### • SATURDAY 23 APRIL

08:00 Transfer to Erdőkürt

09:30 Greetings:

- Mihály Balla, member of the Parliament, representative of Nógrád county

- Nándor Skuczai, President of Nógrád county

- Katalin Palik, mayor of Erdőkürt

Reply by the Mayor of Rois – Ramón Tojo

10:30 Balázs Berkes, mayor of Egyházasdangeleg

- Topic: Fostering twin city relations during the Russian-Ukrainian war

10:50: Coffee break

11:15 European policies at local level: examples in our daily life where the European Union is touchable – by Anna Bíró, Hungarian National Rural Network Nógrád County Representative

- Topic: Rural development of Nógrád

11:35 Introduction of the Equestrian Civil Guards of Erdőkürt

11:50 Traditional dances

13:00 LUNCH AT HÉJHALOM

Transfer back to Budapest – visit to the Buda Castle

20:30 DINNER HOTEL BENCZUR

#### • SUNDAY 24 APRIL

Departure of the participants

## PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



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## EUROPEAN VOICES CHALLENGING EUROSCEPTICISM

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS "PROGRAMME 2014-2020"

### MEETING III

**ERDÖKÜRT (HUNGARY) | 21-24 APRIL 2022**



HOST:  
**MUNICIPALITY OF ERDÖKÜRT  
(Hungary)**

STRAND 2: DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION  
2.2 NETWORK OF TOWNS

## PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

### • THURSDAY 21 APRIL

Arrival of the participants

20:30 Welcome dinner

22:00 Welcome speech and summary of the program of activities

### • FRIDAY 22 APRIL

09:15 Departure from the Hotel Benczur

Location: Matthias Corvinus Collegium

10:00 Greetings:

- Katalin Palik, mayor of Erdőkürt

- Ramón Tojo Lens, mayor of Rois

Topics to be addressed: refugees, migration, Hungarian involvement in the current crisis

10:30 Caritas Hungarica: Richárd Zagya, Deputy country director

- Topic to be addressed: Humanitarian help in times of crisis

10:50: Coffee break

11:15 Expert professor from the MCC

- Migration in Hungary

11:35 Researcher from the University of Public Service

- Refugee situation in Hungary

11:35 – 12:30: Roundtable discussion, Q&A

13:30 LUNCH

14:00: Visit to the Parliament of Hungary

Free time in the city

20:30 DINNER HOTEL BENCZUR

## GREETINGS

Dear Guests!

On behalf of the Erdőkürt Municipal Council and the population of our village, I would like to welcome you with respect and affection to Hungary, and to Erdőkürt in particular. It is important for the inhabitants of our municipality to feel that they are part of the European Union and that their opinion is also important. Residents of small towns and cities sometimes feel distant from the EU institutions, but projects such as this can help to reduce this feeling of isolation.



The meetings are an opportunity for representatives from the 27 countries of the European Union to discuss a range of issues on the European political agenda. This will allow participants to share ideas, exchange views and interact at EU level through presentations and joint discussions.

In the current situation, the war between Ukraine and Russia and the resulting wave of refugees are the main concerns. Many of the countries participating in the project experience this conflict as a neighbouring country of the warring parties and the ethnic groups living in the war zones make the situation even more complicated. How can the European Union and Hungary help both in terms of refugees and in bringing the war to an end as soon as possible? How can the civil society get involved and help? Volunteers and civil society organisations play an important role in the crisis, enabling EU citizens to work together at EU level. Relief and temporary reception of refugees is a shared responsibility at European level.

I encourage you to strengthen your old contacts and make new ones during the joint presentations, discussions and activities, thus promoting civic participation. Let the exchange of experiences and joint cooperation lead to the development of European citizenship and the strengthening of democratic commitment.

Katalin Palik Szebenszkiné,  
Mayor of City of Erdőkürt

## PARTNERSHIP



## SUMMARY

European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism - EVCE is a project promoted by the Municipality of Rois (Galicia - Spain) and funded by the European Commission through Europe for Citizens Programme.

The project will be implemented from November 2021 until June 2022 aiming to promote the dialogue between citizens from 27 Member States of the European Union. The main topic addressed will be the Euroscepticism, its causes and its consequences. In order to have a deeper knowledge on the topic, the project includes

### 4 MEETINGS:

#### MEETING I

Spain: Kick off - Brotherhood signature

#### MEETING II

Malta: the unsolved reality of migrations

#### MEETING III

Hungary: a rising euroskeptical society

#### MEETING IV

Greece: the Foundations of the European Union

The programs of activities is designed to encourage citizens to debate actively about the proposed topics with local speakers and experts. Sessions will be based on non formal education: including round tables, workshops and cultural opportunities to discover what joins the European citizens. The partnership includes local bodies, NGO's, educational centres as well as Youth Centres, which creates a very transversal atmosphere to address and challenge the main topic: euroscepticism.

