

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET***(To be filled in and uploaded as deliverable in the Portal Grant Management System, at the due date foreseen in the system.)***⚠ Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)**

PROJECT	
Participant:	Fundacja Autokreacja
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Project name and acronym:	"SOLIDARITOWN – Solidarity Across Towns

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	3
Event name:	WP3: SOLIDARITY, CHRISTMAS, DIVERSITY AND MULTICULTURAL DIALOGUE IN EUROPE
Type:	Intercultural workshop, open forum, study visits
In situ/online:	<i>in-situ</i>
Location:	Poland, Gorlice Region
Date(s):	8 – 9 October 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://autokreacja.org/blog/2024/10/11/solidaritowns-spotkanie-w-gorlicach/ FILM : https://youtu.be/SoX_m-oiHgM https://autokreacja.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/event-description-sheet_Poland_revised.pdf
Participants	
Female:	23
Male:	32
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 Poland	40
From country 2 Spain	5
From country 3 Romania	2
From country 4 Slovenia	2
From country 5 Ukraine	2
From country 6 Belgium	1
From country 7 Italy	1

From country 8 Portugal	2		
Total number of participants:	55	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The Autokreacja Foundation, in collaboration with the Municipality of Gorlice Community, hosted the third meeting of the "Solidaritown - Solidarity Across Towns" project. This event proved to be particularly intense and fruitful.

On the first day, participants were welcomed by the Mayor of the Municipality of Gorlice, Jan Przybylski, the Deputy Mayor, Magdalena Czech, and the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Mieczysław Skowron. The hosts introduced the guests to the wealth of the region, its tourist attractions, the local brand "Karpating," the annual Christmas market, and the latest investments. Given the current situation in the region and the ongoing war in Ukraine, the municipality also showcased its efforts toward integration and support for Ukraine.

The central theme of the meeting was solidarity, diversity, and **multicultural dialogue** in Europe. The Beskid Gorlicki region, a historical crossroads of various cultures, was a fitting backdrop for these discussions. Participants had the opportunity to visit the Pogórzeńska Village Museum and the B.I. Antonycz Cultural Center, dedicated to Lemko culture. It is worth noting that one of the most famous descendants of the Lemkos was Andy Warhol, who spoke Lemko with his mother at home. At the Pogórzeńska Museum, attendees also sampled traditional regional cuisine, emphasizing the role of food as a carrier of culture and tradition. After **the study visits representatives from different nationalities and cultures reflected together on the value of multiculturalism and the significance of solidarity in today's world during the collaborating workshop.**

The second day began with an **open forum focused on European policies and strategies regarding cultural integration, dialogue, and migration.** The Mayor of Gorlice, Rafał Kukla, joined the discussion. The forum was preceded by presentations reviewing migration policies at both national and regional levels.

As part of expanding their knowledge of the region, participants visited the Gorlice Museum, where they were reminded of one of the largest battles of World War I, which took place near Gorlice. Many soldiers of various nationalities are buried here, giving the region significant historical importance. During the visit, it was also mentioned that the first oil lamp, invented by Ignacy Łukasiewicz, was lit in Gorlice. Additionally, John D. Rockefeller once studied oil refining in this area, which later contributed to building one of the wealthiest family dynasties in history.

Another highlight of the program was a visit to the Bielanka73 Gallery, where participants admired the work of a local artist inspired by the region's diversity. Bielanka itself is an excellent **example (best practice) of harmonious coexistence between different cultures and religions.** To conclude, the group visited the local agritourism farm "Skrawek Nieba," renowned for its regional products, and the

municipality's latest investment—the observation tower in Dominikowice, built at the request of local residents.

The meeting provided an opportunity to deepen knowledge about the region and exchange experiences on the importance of multiculturalism and solidarity in Europe. We look forward to the next gatherings as part of the CERV (Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values) initiative.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	10.10.2024	Initial version (new MFF).
	18.12.24	Calculation double-check