

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:	[101154914] – [COMUNE DI QUILIANO] ([ITALY])
PIC number:	[882018285]
Project name and acronym:	[TWINNING IN COMMUNITY] — [TIC]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[WP.1 – D1.2]
Event name:	[Best practice workshop « FROM LITERACY TO READING THROUGH THE CHILDRENS'S PARLIAMENT »]
Type:	[workshop, seminar, training, conference]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[SLOVENIA], [AJDOVŠČINA]
Date(s):	[8/9/10 MAY 2025]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.ajdovscina.si/evropski_projekti/2024080114473599/Projekt%20TIC%20-%20Twinning%20in%20Community:%20Pobratenje%20v%20skupnosti/; https://www.comune.quiliano.sv.it/index.php/progetti-della-citta/1135-twinning-in-community
Participants	
Female:	43
Male:	11
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [ITALY]:	17 females and 8 males
From country 2 [SLOVENIA]:	26 females and 3 males
From country 3 [name]:	
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Total number of participants:	54
From total number of countries:	2
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
DAY 1 – 8 May 2025	

The official opening of the event took place on 8 May 2025 at 4:00 PM, marked by the arrival of the international delegation from Quiliano (Italy) to Ajdovščina. The reception with catering was held at the premises of the Municipality of Ajdovščina and began with a welcoming speech by the Deputy Mayor Mitja Tripkovič. This was followed by a presentation of the project and its partners, delivered by Polonca Vodopivec from the Municipality of Ajdovščina, and a speech by Ms Nadia Ottonello, Councillor at the Municipality of Quiliano. All associated partners were present.

The event was covered by local journalists during a press conference, supported by an official photographer. Following the reception, guests were invited to view an exhibition showcasing the history of twinning activities—past and ongoing—curated by the Regional Archives of Nova Gorica. The exhibition included items dating back to the 1970s, preserved by the Municipality of Ajdovščina, and was translated into Italian to ensure accessibility for our guests.

The day concluded with a guided tour of Ajdovščina's town centre, shared diner and an overnight stay in a hostel.

DAY 2 – 9 May 2025

After the breakfast, the second day of the event began at the Lavrič Library, where participants were welcomed with an introductory speech by the CEO Tina Velikonja and an in-depth presentation of the library's ongoing projects by Franka Koren, with a particular focus on activities for youth and special groups. These included initiatives such as *Poletavci* and *Naj Poletavci* reading programmes, *Reading with Paws*, *People from the Littoral Region Read*, storytime hours, regular visits from kindergarten groups, the monthly puzzle challenge, the *Growing up with a Book* project, and school visits.

The library also introduced its use of the COBISS system for book cataloguing and loans, as well as the Bibliobus – a mobile library serving surrounding villages. Guests toured the library's various departments and participated in a "Wheel of Fortune" game, winning small promotional gifts.

A comic workshop followed, led by two external artists, encouraging cross-cultural collaboration. Participants from both countries worked together to develop stories featuring fictional characters, promoting creativity, literacy, and democratic thinking among youth.

After shared lunch, the group attended a local rally show and visited the Lokar Gallery to learn about the life and work of Danilo Lokar, a prominent local doctor and writer.

The afternoon programme continued at the Youth Hostel in Pale. Desiderata Slivar from AICCRE Liguria gave a presentation on the history and significance of the European Union, followed by a talk from Ms Kristina Valič from the Intermunicipal Association of Friends of Youth on the Slovenian Children's Parliament. This initiative bridges education and democracy by teaching students about governance and civic participation. During a workshop, children from both countries discussed their respective school systems, identifying strengths and areas for improvement while learning how to advocate for change.

In the evening, special guests from *Tačke pomagačke* – the Slovenian Society for Dog-Assisted Therapy – introduced their work. This volunteer-based organization supports individuals with special needs through dog-assisted therapy, including a collaboration with the Lavrič Library on the R.E.A.D. programme, where children read to therapy dogs to improve literacy and communication skills.

The day ended with a shared dinner for all participants and an overnight stay in a hostel.

DAY 3 – 10 May 2025

The final day started with a fun and educational activity for the children – the EU Games – led by Desiderata Slivar from AICCRE Liguria. Children were placed in mixed groups to explore the shared values and diversity within the European Union.

Following the games, a musical theatre performance titled *Bumbarji* was staged by 30 students from the Col Primary School. The play addressed the contemporary challenges faced by children in their daily lives—at school, home, and within society. Afterwards, each group presented their game findings in both Slovene and Italian.

After lunch, the closing ceremony was held at the Lavrič Library. Local author Pavlina Bizjak presented one of her six books—a fable translated into Italian, printed and gifted to all participants. In addition, everyone received a commemorative photo album from the previous event in Quiliano and a certificate of participation signed by the Mayor of Ajdovščina, Tadej Beočanin.

The event concluded with warm farewells, new friendships, and heartfelt good wishes.

All meals for participants were covered by the project, as well as accommodation for the Italian participants.

Communication and Impact

To ensure effective outreach, a detailed communication plan was implemented. The event was promoted through printed promotional materials (T-shirts, posters, certificates, flyers), newspaper articles, social media, websites, local digital display panels, and a press conference on the first day.

All activities were conducted bilingually (Slovene and Italian) and supported by professional interpreter to ensure smooth communication and mutual understanding.

Project Objectives and Target Groups

The event aimed to foster democratic, participatory, and sustainable development by engaging key community actors in building local identity and transnational cooperation. For this reason, the project involved stakeholders recognized for their best practices, including:

- Local public administrators
- Members of twinning committees
- Municipal Children's Councils
- Students (aged 10–15)
- Cultural operators
- Experts in European cultural policy
- Local citizens

These groups form the backbone of the “TIC” project and actively contributed to its success.

The minor differences that occurred in the implementation of the programme, compared to the application form are the following:

- The dates of the event were set on 8/9/10 May which differs from the description in the Form B of the application form. These dates were chosen in order to minimize the absence of children from school and the adults from work.
- The press conference was held at the beginning of the reception of the guests as all the representatives of the partner's companies were present.
- The visit to the Municipality of Ajdovščina was held at day 1 after the press conference, including also the visit of the exposition about the twinning of the towns in local area. The Municipality of Ajdovščina approached the organization of this event with a great seriosity and in order to bring the topic closer to the visitors, decided to translate the exposition to Italian language in with the aim to make it understandable to the guests from Italy.
- The visit at the Lavrič library was set for the morning of the second day and not in the afternoon, the Children's Parliament simulation, however, was held in the afternoon of the same day.
- The final greetings and the donation of the photo album and the book were done on the last day at the premises of Lavrič library.
- The programme was fully implemented as planned, with some minor changes in scheduling the activities and with some additional activities such as the Tačke pomagačke workshop and the Comic workshop, and, the visit of the Rally event in Ajdovščina. The two activities were a contribution in order to present new approaches in literacy pedagogical work with children and other relevant vulnerable groups. The Rally, however, was an ongoing event on the same days, so we took advantage of the time between the activities to see the show.

The event was implemented as planned, achieving all the objectives in terms of equal

opportunities and nondiscrimination in line with the 17SDGs of the 2030 Agenda.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	01.06.2022	Consolidation, formatting and layout changes. Tags added.
	11.04.2024	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, the description of the child protection policy has been added
	11.04.2024	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, only one workpackage was created which includes two deliverables
	11.04.2024	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, we added two deliverables on the website
	11.04.2024	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, we added two milestones on the website
	11.04.2024	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, we added critical risks on the website
	15.04.2024	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, we added the child protection policy
	05.06.2024	The communication plan for the D.1.1 event has been defined and shared among the partners
	01.09.2024	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, the group work with the Sustainable Municipalities Network has been inserted on Friday 6 September 2024.
	08.04.2025	The communication plan for the D.1.2 event has been defined and shared among the partners
	01.05.2025	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, event D.1.2 took place on 8/9/10 May 2025
	08.05.2025	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, the visit to the Municipality of Ajdovščina was held on day 1 after the press conference, including also the visit of the exposition about the twinning of the towns in local area
	08.05.2025	Compared to the proposal presented in September 2023, the visit to the Lavrič library took place in the morning of the second day, while the simulation of the Children's Parliament took place in the afternoon of the same day. In addition, activities such as the "Tačke pomagačke" workshop and the comic book workshop, as well as a visit to the "Gathering" event in Ajdovščina, were added. The final greetings and the donation of the photo album and the book were done on the last day at the premises of Lavrič library.