



ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE  
HODOŠ & MURSKA SOBOTA - SLOVENIA

# Building Bridges

26th JULY - 4TH AUGUST 2024

## BUILDING BRIDGES - YOUTH EXCHANGE

From 26th of July to 4th of August 2024, a youth organisation Društvo kreativne mladine hosted Youth Exchange in Hodoš called "Building Bridges" where young people gathered from 7 countries: Romania, Hungary, Portugal, Poland, Croatia, Estonia and Slovenia. Main objective was to combine culture, solidarity, art and to build bridges among all of us. The project was founded by European Union in the frame of Erasmus+ Youth programme and Slovenian National Agency MOVIT.

## FIRST ENCOUNTERS AND CULINARY DELIGHTS

Embarking on a new adventure filled with excitement and a touch of nervousness about travel plans,

we finally arrived in Hodoš. Dinner with new friends set the stage for a vibrant experience. Creating a safe environment for expressing and getting to know other cultures in a fun and creative way. By night of the second day, we organized a cuisine market where we connected culture and taste buds.

## EMPATHY IN ACTION

We delved into the power of volunteering and explored how each participating country (focusing on the Roma community, LGBTQIA+, racial and ethnic minorities, the elderly, and the homeless) addresses vulnerability. Sharing experiences and ideas, we found inspiration in each other's approaches to making a difference.





## ACTS OF SOLIDARITY: HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

Immersing ourselves in real-life examples of solidarity, we connected deeply with the communities we visited. We visited Homeless shelter Murska Sobota, Elderly home Murska Sobota, Business point Murska Sobota, Youth center Dnevna soba, Inter-generational center Hiša Sadeži družbe Murska Sobota & Mikk youth center Murska Sobota. The afternoon brought us an exciting City Run game, revealing the hidden gems of Murska Sobota through a fun and interactive adventure.

## UNLEASH YOUR INNER ARTIST

Our diverse art workshops were all about freedom and creativity. We were working in diverse group and expressed our artistic freedom. The groups were: video, podcast, photo, journalism, theatre, music, dissemination, art, social media and sewing. With no rules to hold us back, we let our



imaginations soar, creating unique pieces that expressed our individual artistic visions.

## CONNECTING THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Visits to the Roma radio station in Murska Sobota and the Elderly Home in Rakičan were heart-warming highlights. We learned about Roma culture, shared our own through singing and dancing, and crafted bracelets with the elderly residents. It was an emotional and joyful experience for everyone and every generation.

## DRAGON TALES: EXPLORING LJUBLJANA

The trip to Ljubljana and the House of European

Union was magical. Exploring the city of dragons, we embraced the summer rain, which only added to the fun as we created unforgettable memories in the enchanting streets of Ljubljana.

## TEAMWORK AND CREATIVE GROWTH

Working in dynamic groups, we honed our creative and teamwork skills through non-formal methods that made learning a blast. The enthusiasm was contagious, and the new competences we gained will stay with us long after the exchange.



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