

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	COO Alsómocsolád Község Önkormányzata - Alsómocsolád
PIC number:	925847929
Project name and acronym:	Alsómocsolád-Xghajra-Moravske Toplice Cooperation - AXM

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	EV3		
Event name:	Meeting in Alsómocsolád		
Type:	Workshop, study visit		
In situ/online:	in situ		
Location:	Hungary, Alsómocsolád		
Date(s):	23-25.04.2026		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	49		
Male:	44		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Slovenia]:	35		
From country 2 [Malta]:	21		
From country 3 [Hungary]:	37		
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Total number of participants:	93	From total number of countries:	3

Description*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

23.04.2026 – arrival of the Maltese (21 people) and Slovenian (35 people) group, dinner together with local people (37), cultural program, folk dance

24.04.2026 – professional program at the Conference Hall

Introduction to the Hungarian Local Government System

In his presentation, Dr. Zoltán Kocsis, notary of the Joint Municipal Office, introduced the Hungarian public administration system, the responsibilities of local governments, and the everyday practice of local administration to the international partners. The presentation provided an overview of how local, national, and European-level processes are connected in the operation of municipalities.

Participants gained insight into the specific features of the Hungarian local government system, the organization of public services, and the role of local communities in strengthening democratic participation and active citizenship. The presentation also created an opportunity to exchange experiences and compare administrative practices across different countries.

The Role of Networking and Cooperation in Community Development

In her presentation, Zsuzsa Halmai, director of the North Hegyhát Microregional Union, spoke about the importance of networking and cooperation at local, microregional, and international levels. She explained how collaboration between communities and institutions can support local development, knowledge sharing, and the effective management of shared challenges.

The presentation highlighted that partnerships are especially important for smaller settlements, as they create opportunities for joint projects, exchange of experiences, and access to new development possibilities. International relations and town twinning cooperation can also strengthen openness, resilience, and long-term cooperation between communities.

Introducing Alsómocsolád –

Local Values and Community Innovation

In his presentation, László Dicső, Mayor of Alsómocsolád, introduced the key milestones of the village's development, its community initiatives, and innovative local solutions. The presentation provided an overview of how a small rural settlement can become an open, cooperative, and continuously developing community by building on local values and active civic participation.

Beyond presenting development projects and programs, the presentation also highlighted the mindset that shapes the community of Alsómocsolád. Through thought-provoking examples — such as the “half-full or half-empty glass”, the difference between equality and equity, and the idea that people are not simply “cutting stones” but “building a cathedral together” — participants were encouraged to reflect on the importance of shared vision and community thinking.

Participants also learned about Alsómocsolád's community development programs, international partnerships, and initiatives supporting the long-term sustainability and liveability of the settlement. The presentation demonstrated that even small communities can create innovative solutions that are relevant and valuable at an international level.

Sustainability and Community Vision – SDG Workshop and Collaborative Reflection

In his presentation, Örs Szokolay, project manager of the CERV project, introduced the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a special focus on sustainable communities, digital transformation, energy efficiency and community cooperation. The

presentation highlighted that sustainability is not only a global challenge, but also a shared local responsibility in which municipalities, communities and citizens all play an important role.

Workshop

Following the presentation, participants took part in an interactive workshop where international teams discussed questions related to different SDG topics. The groups shared experiences, local initiatives and future development ideas connected to sustainable mobility, public spaces, energy resilience, data security and intergenerational cooperation.

The aim of the workshop was to encourage participants to reflect together on local challenges and opportunities that can help make their communities more liveable, sustainable and resilient in the long term. The discussions generated many new ideas, potential future partnerships and shared development directions.

Village Walk

The guests toured the village of 300 people in three groups, with the help of local "tour guides". They received brief information about the notable places, and were able to participate in wine tasting, pálinka tasting, a flight simulator trip and a test of medical equipment.

They stopped at the following stations:

- Health Studio,
- Planetarium,
- Calvary,
- Mol Cellar,
- Children's Paradise,
- Playground,
- Church, Church Garden,
- Autumn Light Nursing Home,
- Village House,
- Herbal Garden,
- Kemencés Yard,
- Tourist and Conference Center,
- Restaurant

Signing of the Cooperation Agreement

The leaders of the three municipalities signed the previously agreed Cooperation Agreement in the Village Hall in the presence of all participants.



Planting a memorial tree

From the Village Hall, the participants marched to the shore of the Fish Pond and planted three willow trees in memory of the meeting, symbolizing the importance of community, environmental commitment and the connecting effect of the EU.

dinner together

25.04.2026 – visit to Pécs city and Bikal adventure estate – cultural program

26.04.2026 – departure of the Maltese and Slovenian group

Participant Evaluation Summary – Alsómocsolád Meeting (23-25.04.2026)

A total of **27 participants** provided feedback on the Alsómocsolád meeting (primarily Slovenian participants and a smaller number of Hungarian participants). Overall, the evaluation results indicate a **very high level of satisfaction across all aspects of the programme**.

1. Overall Satisfaction

The overall assessment of the meeting was exceptionally positive:

- **Excellent:** 24 responses
- **Good:** 2 responses
- **Average / Needs improvement:** 0 responses

This demonstrates that the event was perceived as highly successful by participants, with no negative evaluations recorded.

2. Professional Programme

The professional content received very strong ratings:

- **Excellent:** 18
- **Good:** 7
- **Average or below:** 0

Participants clearly valued the thematic content and knowledge exchange elements of the programme.

3. Organisation and Communication

Feedback on organisation and communication was also highly positive:

- **Excellent:** 17
- **Good:** 8
- **Lower ratings:** 0

This reflects effective coordination, clear communication, and smooth implementation of activities.

4. Accommodation

Accommodation quality was rated positively:

- **Excellent:** 14
- **Good:** 11
- **Lower ratings:** 0

No negative feedback was recorded, indicating a consistently good participant experience.

5. Meals

Catering received one of the highest satisfaction levels:

- **Excellent:** 20
- **Good:** 4
- **Average:** 1

Participants particularly appreciated the quality and availability of meals.

6. Other Programmes (Cultural and Social Activities)

Social and cultural elements were especially well received:

- **Excellent:** 21
- **Good:** 4
- **Lower ratings:** 0

This highlights the importance of informal and community-building activities within the programme.

7. Perceived Impact and Outcomes

Participants highlighted several key outcomes of the meeting:

Knowledge and Learning

- “New knowledge/experiences, contacts, friendships”
- “EU knowledge, future cooperation possibilities”
- “New perspectives on rural development”

Networking and Relationships

- “Friendship... future cooperation possibilities”
- “We met and shared ideas on various subjects”
- “Good friendships and many new contacts”

Inspiration and Ideas

- “New ideas which we can implement at home”
- “Examples of good practices”
- “Motivation for future projects”

8. Future Cooperation

Participants clearly expressed interest in continued collaboration. Identified areas include:

- Sustainable development and Green Deal topics
- Energy communities and renewable energy
- Tourism development
- Agriculture and rural innovation
- Education and social issues

Examples of responses:

- “Green Deal and energy communities”

- “Tourism development”
- “Cooperation with schools, eco-agriculture”

9. Participant Experience and Emotional Feedback

The emotional tone of responses was overwhelmingly positive. Frequently used expressions included:

- “Excellent” / “odlično”
- “Friendly” / “barátságos”
- “Energized”
- “Satisfied”
- “Positive and memorable”
- “Love”, “joy”, “pleasant experience”

This indicates strong engagement and a meaningful participant experience.

10. Suggestions for Improvement

Most participants indicated that **no major changes are necessary**. However, a few constructive suggestions emerged:

- Provide more detailed daily schedules in advance
- Increase the number of structured discussions or working groups
- Improve multilingual accessibility in presentations
- Consider additional time for informal activities

Example feedback:

- “We should communicate the daily programme more clearly in advance”
- “More working groups to discuss problems and solutions”
- “Language accessibility could be improved”

11. Conclusion

The evaluation results confirm that the Alsómocsolád meeting was **highly successful in achieving its objectives**, particularly in:

- strengthening international partnerships
- facilitating knowledge exchange
- fostering community building and intercultural dialogue

The overwhelmingly positive feedback and strong interest in future cooperation demonstrate the **long-term value and sustainability of the project outcomes**.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	09.06.2026	Final