

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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<b>PROJECT</b>	
<b>Participant:</b>	FOSTER EUROPE FOUNDATION FOR STRONGER EUROPEAN REGIONS
<b>PIC number:</b>	936899430
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience


<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>Event number:</b>	WP2, D2.1
<b>Event name:</b>	International round table discussion “Wasser, Klimawandel und die Region Fertő-Neusiedler See” (“Water, Climate Change and the Fertő-Neusiedler See Region”)
<b>Type:</b>	Round table
<b>In situ/online:</b>	<i>[in-situ]</i>
<b>Location:</b>	Austria, Neusiedl am See
<b>Date(s):</b>	20-21 November 2024
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.foster-europe.org/konferenzen/wasser-klimawandel-und-die-regi-on-ferto-neusiedler-see">https://www.foster-europe.org/konferenzen/wasser-klimawandel-und-die-regi-on-ferto-neusiedler-see</a> <a href="#">FOSTER Project - Alda Europe</a>
<b>Participants</b>	
Female:	16
Male:	36
Non-binary:	N.A.
From country 1 Austria:	34
From country 2 Hungary:	6
From country 3 Slovakia:	4
From country 4 Belgium:	1


From country 5 Italy	3		
From country 6 Spain	1		
From country 7 Romania	1		
From country 8 Greece	1		
From country 9 Germany	1		
Total number of participants:	52	From total number of countries:	9
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The aim of the WP2 was to introduce and brainstorm on the necessity to have a forward looking, participative, and transparent approach for future oriented solutions to broader social and economic challenges on a regional but trans-border level. Based on a local case study, the issue in question is the water management in the RegionFertö-Neusiedler See, a Austro-Hungarian border region with very special climatic and aquatic characteristics.</p> <p>The WP2 event was composed of four elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) a detailed seminar on the specifics of the region with regard to water management, the National Park and the Lake, including dimensions of economy (tourism), nature, biodiversity and participation (embedding the National park in the socio-economic landscape of the region).</li> <li>2) This was followed by an expert seminar on water management in the region with a wide range of stakeholders from civil society, local administration, science, international water protection and management, agriculture, tourism and youth. The seminar was open to the public.</li> <li>3) The seminar was followed by a public- round table on water management, climate change and the region. The part convened a wide range of expert stakeholders in addition to the seminar with sports clubs (sailing, rowing) and water cooperatives.</li> <li>4) The next day 16 pupils from the local Gymnasium exercised a role play where the youngsters slipped into the role of different interest groups (Government, National Park, Tourism, Agriculture, local residents) and tried to define their key interests as well as possible solutions for a compromise. The role play was very well accepted and combined elements of learning on the local water situation with elements of civic education and participation of youth. The project partners joined the groups in order to discuss and advise them in their opinion building a negotiations process.</li> </ol> <p>While the parts 1) and 4) were held in English, the parts 2) and 3) were held in German, in order to reach out to the ordinary local citizens and offered simultaneous translation for the international guests.</p> <p>The feedback both, from the seminar and the public-round table (more than 50 participants) was very positive. Water management and its adaptation to the expected climate change effects is a long standing issue for all stakeholders on both sides of the border. Plans to install a large water supply from the Danube to the region brings in additional stakeholders (international Commission for the Protection of the Danube River Basin, Vienna) and the federal state of Lower Austria.</p> <p>Besides intense debate among the stakeholders it was agreed that the project's approach to the issue is timely and of high need, as the climate change is already affecting the region hard. The approach to have an open, transparent, public debate including all interested stakeholders in a period of 24 months and beyond was explicitly welcomed by various stakeholders.</p> <p>At project and consortium level, through the proposed case study, this event offered significant food for thought on how to identify possible points of contact between different stakeholders and enable dialogue, fostering a multistakeholder approach to long-term local governance of climate change related phenomena.</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>In total the event gathered 69 participants from 9 different EU countries.</p>			


Considering that 16 over 69 participants were students between 16-17 years old, they are not eligible for the project reporting according to the EU commission regulation. Thus, 52 participants from 9 EU countries are reported in this document.

**Useful links:**

Conference PPT:  Wasser, Klimawandel und die Region Fertő-Neusiedler See.pdf

Conference poster and agenda:  A1 plakat - WP2 - 20-21. november 2024 Neusiedl (2).pdf

 Podiumsdiskussion Neusiedl am See 20112024 - Programm.pdf

 WP2 Infopack - Neusiedl am See - updated.docx (1).pdf

Attendance list:

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