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### EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Comune di Vacone – Comune di Buzet
PIC number:	887546509
Project name and acronym:	Project 101091178 — Town Twinning

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	3
Event name:	Final Conference Town Twinning Vacone/Buzet
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Remote
Date(s):	23 February 2024
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.buzet.hr/">https://www.buzet.hr/</a> - <a href="https://comune.vacone.ri.it/">https://comune.vacone.ri.it/</a>

Participants			
Female:	26		
Male:	19		
Non-binary:	-		
From country 1 [Croatia]:	20		
From country 2 [Italy]:	25		
Total number of participants:	45	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>On the morning of February 23, 2024, the final conference of the Twinning between Vacone and Buzet was organized. The conference was conducted online so that it could be more accessible for all participants. The conference was attended, along with those who actively participated in the twinning, by official representatives of the two municipalities and ordinary people who</p>			

for various reasons were unable to share the twinning experience.

The purpose of the conference was to bring the two municipalities together once again to summarize their experiences and achievements by comparing what twinning has represented.

The conference was opened by the mayor of Vacone and a representative of the mayor of Buzet who spoke, expressing their views on the twinning activities and thanking the organizers who made the project possible.

The project organizers then spoke and brought several points of reflection to the attention of all participants:

First of all, the impressions generated by the contact between two communities that are different from each other were mentioned, particularly about the best practices that affected each of the two communities but especially the ability this meeting had to stimulate the participants through the inherent diversity of the two communities.

The conference discussion then shifted to the role of municipalities and the European Union in the growth and enrichment of communities. In fact, the European Union has played the indispensable role of a bridge between the two municipalities through the Town Twinning project, providing an opportunity for even small entities such as Vacone and Buzet to cross their regional and national borders, comparing themselves with their neighbors, learning new customs and traditions, and making their own contributions.

The organizers stressed the importance of such initiatives, particularly when they involve two communities that have faced political and ethnic conflicts in the recent past. Thanks to these activities, peoples are able to establish new relationships and create a broader community based on cooperation and respect between peoples, while respecting the principles of the European Union.

After the speech of the organizers, citizens from both communities also actively participated in the conference. There were speeches expressing positive and enthusiastic commentary on the twinning experience and the value of the confrontation experienced, and also the reading of a short poem about twinning written by one of the members of the Italian delegation.

Finally, the focus of the conference shifted to future goals. New cultural exchanges were proposed, also involving students from the two states, as well as the production of a local publication on the Italian experience in Istria and the activities that Croatia is carrying out to protect the "Italian" particularities of the people bordering Italy.

In closing, souvenir photos and a video made by editing images and footage of the twinning were broadcast to relive the best moments together.

The record of the conference will be shared in the websites of the two municipalities.





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1.0	31.07.2023	Initial version (new MFF).

**HISTORY OF CHANGES**

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