



NAME OF THE GOOD PRACTICE/PROJECT

Cyril and Methodius Festivities in Bojná

Keywords:

Festival, presentation of history, authentic environment

The aim of the project:

The aim is to bring the visitors closer to the history and creation of our national and territorial identity, as well as to experience the "Great Moravian life". The program is focused strictly on the Early Middle Ages – the greatest glory and fall of Great Moravia. The cooperation between the Czech Republic and Slovakia in organizing the event has become one of the main priorities in the previous years of the festival. This participation consists mainly in the creation of the program by individual performers (period groups and historical companies) and the mutual cooperation between them.

Partners:

The Great Moravians, Tribeč Education Center, Archaeological Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences in Nitra

Project implementation time:

6. 7. 2019, held annually

Budget:

€5200

Granted by:

Various sources

Priority line/Specific objective: if it is related to a specific priority line or objective

Context: please describe the socio-economic context of the project (300-400 words)

This event is educational in an interesting and playful way. The media support and interest ensures a comprehensive flow of information is provided not only to the visitors of the event but also to the general public and puts to the fore the unpublished parts of our history from the period of Great Moravia.

Description: please describe the good practice (half a page)

Results: please describe the outcomes of the project (200-400 words)

The most important outputs from the project are intangible. The photographic and video documentation of the event and the respective articles about the event are a given. This project presents one of the most famous periods of our history and nation. Due to the sheer quantity and width of archeological finds, the Slavonic *Valy* fortification is one of the largest archaeological sites, and not only in our territory. By promoting the themes of Cyril and Methodius and Great Moravia, the identity and roots of our nation are presented to all visitors and participants together with the difficult life of our ancestors through a number of contemporary examples related to this period. High attendance – in 2018, the visitor count exceeded 3000, and the cross-border cooperation of the municipality and the civic association *The Great Moravians* from the Czech Republic as a co-organizer of the event, were some of the inseparable by-products. The opening and presentation of a completely restored Eastern Gate of the *Valy* fortification was the biggest output from the Cyril and Methodius Festival in 2018.

Success factors: preferably this kind of information should be requested from partners involved in the good practice, please also add your insights. (300-500 words)

The Cyril and Methodius Festival in Bojná is an all-day event that takes place in the authentic environment of an archaeological site – the *Valy* fortification in the cadastral district of the village of Bojná. The aim is to bring the visitors closer to the history and formation of our national and territorial identity and to try out the "Great Moravian lifestyle" in an experiential way. The program is focused strictly on the Early Middle Ages – the greatest glory and fall of Great Moravia. Thanks to this approach, the visitors have the opportunity to go back 1200 years in time and experience period life. Craft workshops, combat training, period cuisine, battles for the fortified settlement and the presentation of elements of the Slavic religion intermingled by Christianity gives the visitors an opportunity to experience the disputes and conflicts of the time. The aim is to attract the general public and present the way of life from the said period.



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The event, which is held in the Nitra Region in the village of Bojná, showcases the period life and the nature of Slavic settlements in our territory, and it promotes the Cyril and Methodius Cultural Route.

- The benefits also include the presentation of latest and most interesting research by the relevant experts.
- Promotion of Great Moravian themes
- An interesting way of presenting the history of our country

Limiting factors: preferably this kind of information should be requested from partners involved in the good practice, please also add your insights. (300-500 words)

Applicability and upscaling: based on success and limiting factors, and the context can this be applied in a different area? If yes, what are points that need to be taken into consideration? If no, what are the barriers? (300-400 words)

Others: please provide pictures, links, references etc. related to the good practice, please make sure that all of the pictures are copyright free or have permission to be used on our website.

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