

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Nadur Local Council
PIC number:	938598967
Project name and acronym:	CJAATNE - CERV-2026-CITIZENS-TOWN-NT

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Collaborative Journey of Art, Agriculture, and Tradition.		
Type:	Town Twinning Exchange		
In situ/online:	☐ in-situ ☐ online		
Location:	Zafferana Etnea – Sicily, Italy		
Date(s):	12th – 15th March 2026		
Website(s) (if any):	https://nadurc.gov.mt/en/		
Participants			
Female:	25		
Male:	25		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Malta]:	25		
From country 2 [Italy]:	25		
From country 3 [name]:			
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Total number of participants:	50	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

Official Welcome and Presentations

This opening event formally launched the exchange programme between Nadur Local Council, Comune di Zafferana Etnea, and Pro Loco. Activities included institutional presentations, introductions of participating delegations, discussions on the objectives of the twinning partnership, and exchanges regarding local governance, community initiatives, and cultural cooperation. Participants also shared information about the cultural and agricultural characteristics of their respective localities, particularly the importance of honey production in Zafferana Etnea and citrus cultivation in Nadur. The event created the foundation for intercultural dialogue, strengthened relations between participating communities, and reinforced the common objectives of the partnership.

Networking Lunch

The networking lunch provided participants with an informal setting to strengthen interpersonal relations and encourage exchanges between local authorities, community representatives, artists, and stakeholders. Discussions focused on local traditions, community engagement, agricultural identity, and opportunities for future collaboration within the framework of the twinning agreement. The activity also facilitated direct interaction between participants from Malta and Sicily, encouraging the sharing of experiences related to rural life, local events, and cultural preservation.

Apiculture and Local Economic Visit

Participants attended an educational visit focused on apiculture and local economic activity at Oro dell'Etna. The activity included demonstrations related to honey production, explanations of beekeeping methods linked to the volcanic environment of Mount Etna, and tasting sessions of locally produced products. Participants exchanged experiences regarding agricultural traditions and discussed how local produce can strengthen territorial identity and support sustainable economic activity. The visit provided practical insight into how Zafferana Etnea successfully integrates agriculture, tourism, and cultural promotion.

Cultural and Artistic Exchange

This activity brought together participants, local artists, and cultural stakeholders through an art exhibition and cultural exchange programme. The event promoted artistic expression linked to local identity, traditions, and Mediterranean heritage while encouraging intercultural dialogue between the Maltese and Sicilian communities. Participants discussed the role of art and artisanship in preserving cultural heritage and strengthening community identity. The initiative also highlighted how artistic activities can complement local events and contribute to the visibility of rural communities.

Culinary Heritage Event

The culinary heritage event promoted intercultural exchange through traditional Maltese and Sicilian gastronomy. Participants explored the

relationship between food, agriculture, and cultural identity while sharing experiences linked to local culinary traditions and products. Particular attention was given to how gastronomy can be used to promote local territories and preserve intangible heritage. The event also showcased the similarities and differences between the two communities' agricultural products and culinary practices, encouraging appreciation of Mediterranean cultural diversity

Environment and Heritage Visit

Participants visited environmental and heritage sites including Parco dei Miti and Piano dell'Acqua. The activity focused on the relationship between landscape, volcanic territory, agriculture, and cultural heritage. Participants gained practical insight into environmental preservation, sustainable land use, and the importance of natural heritage within local identity and tourism development. Discussions also focused on how the surrounding environment influences agricultural production and contributes to the uniqueness of local products and traditions.

Wine Tasting and Cellar Visit

The event included a guided cellar visit and wine tasting experience aimed at showcasing local agricultural production and traditional wine-making practices. Participants were introduced to production methods linked to the volcanic characteristics of the Etna region and discussed the importance of promoting local products through tourism and cultural events. The activity encouraged exchanges on sustainable rural development and highlighted the role of local producers in preserving agricultural heritage and supporting local economies.

Church and Mass Visit

Participants attended a guided visit to the main church and participated in a religious service, allowing them to experience local traditions, religious heritage, and community life. The activity highlighted the cultural significance of religious practices within Mediterranean communities and promoted mutual understanding of shared traditions and values. Participants also gained insight into the role of religious and historical sites in preserving local identity and supporting community cohesion.

Historical Walk

The guided historical walk through Zafferana Etnea included visits to significant community and heritage sites such as Cisternazza, Pisano, the main square, principal streets, the community belvedere, park, and amphitheatre. Participants explored the town's cultural identity, historical development, and the use of public spaces for community engagement and cultural activities. The activity demonstrated how local heritage, urban spaces, and community events contribute to territorial promotion and strengthen civic identity.

Cultural Exploring in Catania

Participants engaged in cultural exploration in Catania, allowing them to experience the city's historical, architectural, and cultural heritage. The activity encouraged intercultural learning and informal exchanges while broadening participants' understanding of Sicilian identity and Mediterranean cultural diversity. Exposure to a larger urban and cultural context complemented the experiences gained in Zafferana Etnea and provided additional insight into regional heritage and tourism promotion.

Final Gathering and Evaluation

The final gathering concluded the exchange programme and included evaluation discussions, reflections on the activities implemented, and exchanges regarding future cooperation opportunities. Participants discussed the knowledge and experiences acquired throughout the programme, particularly regarding cultural promotion, agriculture, local events, and community engagement. The event also marked the formal renewal of the twinning agreement between Nadur Local Council, Comune di Zafferana Etnea, and Pro Loco Cicciano, reinforcing long-term collaboration and shared European values while establishing the basis for future joint initiatives, cultural exchanges, and community-based cooperation.

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