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I-4 – Festival in Ipoly Valley

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The total budget of the project is EUR 58,068.30, of which the subsidy from the European Regional Development Fund is EUR 49,358.06.

The purpose of the project is to implement cross-border cooperation in the lower bank of the Ipoly, to preserve culture and traditions of the local Hungarian and Slovakian settlements. We would like to implement it through the three day festival between the municipalities and civil organizations. This festival series was firstly organized in 2019 under title, "IpolyFeszt". The venues for the festival within the project in 2021 will be municipality of Ipolydamásd and the municipality of Letkés, and on the Slovak side the municipality of Chľaba and the municipality of Vyškovce nad Ipľom.

The aim of IpolyFeszt is to help to people, arriving from all over the country or even arriving beyond the borders, to know this area, its unique character, and cultural values. The festival is a good opportunity to connect Hungarians living on both sides of the Ipeľ River.

We hope that many festival participants will fall in love with the Ipeľ Valley on both sides of the border, to Burda and the Börzsöny, this means that they might return, or even find a home for themselves here, hence the region might be rejuvenated.

Further aim of the festival is to continue and strengthen the long existing and established international cooperation between the border settlements, to widely promote the region culturally and in tourism spheres and to involve citizens of all ages in the activates of cultural programmes.



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A II. IpolyFeszt is going to be held on 18-19-20 of June, this year. Besides of introducing the natural treasures of Börzsöny, its region and the Ipoly Valley, besides of introducing cultural values, built heritage and the works of the craftsmen living in the 12 settlements - Szob, Ipolydamásd, Kemence, Márianosztra, Vámosmikola, Perőcsény, Kóspallag, Vyškovc and Iplóm, Chľaba, Zalaba, Letkés, Nagybörzsöny, the festival aims to highlight the undiscovered richness of this wonderful region, the beauty of its landscape and the cohesion of people living on both sides of the Ipeľ River.

As part of the IpolyFeszt festival, which will be held for the second time between 18th and 20th of June, more than hundred programs for free are available for the participants. The quality of the event is guaranteed by programs, like well-known performers, family programs, church concerts, programs for children, art exhibitions, water, and hiking tours. The programs are enriched by diverse and rich offer of gastronomic and craft products.

The event is an all-arts festival with a variety of genres, where all the ages can find opportunities for relaxation and entertainment. The organizers paid special attention that there should be a daily classical church music concert on each settlement, thus combining the sacred culture with the secular one.

Chief Defender of the event is Congressman Rétvári Bence.

Project website: www.i4feszt.hu

IpolyFeszt festival website: www.ipolyfeszt.hu

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