

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	[1] - [Comune di Foglianise - Città di Foglianise]
<b>PIC number:</b>	876454365
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Revitalizing Rural Communities: Empowering Youth through Agriculture, Tourism, and Traditions - YOUTH RURAL WEALTH

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	[1]
<b>Event name:</b>	Youth rural wealth
<b>Type:</b>	Conference; laboratory (cooking-artisanal); folk tradition shows; public traditional parade
<b>In situ/online:</b>	<i>In situ</i>
<b>Location:</b>	FOGLIANISE - ITALY
<b>Date(s):</b>	14th-16th august 2025
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	
Participants	
Female:	> 1000
Male:	> 1000
Non-binary:	unknown
From country 1 [ITALY]:	>3000
From country 2 [CROATIA]:	48
From country 3 [POLAND]:	24
From country 4 [LITHUANIA]:	27
From country 5 [ALBANIA]:	23
Total number of participants:	3122
From total number of countries:	5
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The "YOUTH RURAL WEALTH" town twinning event was held in Foglianise, Italy, from August 13th to August 17th, 2025, bringing together international participants from Poland, Lithuania, Albania, and Croatia. The event was structured as an immersive 3-day program of intercultural exchange and dialogue focused on the challenges and opportunities for youth in European rural areas.

The main activities included:

An Official Conference on August 14th featuring institutional stakeholders, local experts, and international speakers, which culminated in the solemn signing of a Twinning Pact between the municipalities of Foglianise (IT), Piława Górna (PL), and Fushe-Arrez (AL).

A series of Practical Workshops designed to share cultural heritage, including two culinary workshops focused on Polish and Albanian traditions and demonstrative sessions on local straw-weaving craftsmanship by the local community of Foglianise and the community from Croatia, which is expert in a different approach to strows handmade pieces of art.

Cultural Visits to significant local sites, such as the historic city of Benevento (Arco Traiano, Museo del Sannio, Teatro Romano) and the natural landscape of Monte Caruso, to deepen mutual understanding of the region's heritage.

The Active Participation of all international delegations in the traditional "Festa del Grano" (Grain Festival) parade on August 16th, where they marched in their national folk costumes in front of hand-made straws pieces of art representing symbols and buildings in Coratia, Albania, Lithuania and Poland, creating a powerful moment of European unity.

A Final Folkloric Show, where delegations presented traditional dances and music, serving as the celebratory conclusion to the week's collaborative activities.

The project was designed to produce tangible and lasting outcomes; in particular:

A digital booklet will be published and serve as the main report, summarizing the key discussions, conclusions, and best practices shared during the conference on August 14th. It is designed as a stand-alone toolkit containing insights on rural development, youth empowerment, and the valorization of local traditions. This booklet will be disseminated to all partners and stakeholders and will be used as the foundational material for the follow-up activities.

Twining Pact: A significant and formal outcome was the official Twinning Pact, solemnly signed by the mayors of Foglianise (Italy), Piława Górna (Poland), and Fushe-Arrez (Albania).

Of course. Here is the translation:Local citizens' involvement was achieved through a combination of formal and informal events. The public conference offered a platform to understand the European scope of the project, while the artisan and culinary workshops (which were also enjoyed by local people) facilitated direct, non-formal interaction with local artisans.

IMPACT: The feeling of isolation was directly addressed during the conference, where young participants heard speakers from Poland and Albania describe challenges similar to their own. This created a sense of shared European experience, solidified during informal moments like the shared dinners and the mixed-nationality groups at the artisan workshops. The conference provided concrete tools for empowerment through expert talks on "restranza" and tradition. A key moment of empowerment occurred when representatives of the twinned towns gave the floor to women entrepreneurs, who shared their business experiences and future visions for their cities, providing powerful role models. This was complemented by the culinary workshops at Cantina del Taburno, where foreign and local delegations collaborated to prepare traditional recipes, sharing skills with the younger participants and demonstrating how gastronomic heritage can be a source of pride and opportunity. The most powerful moment for strengthening European identity was the Festa del Grano parade. Marching in their traditional costumes alongside the local floats made participants feel like active protagonists in a shared European celebration. This feeling was reinforced by the signing of the Twinning Pact and the final Folkloric Show, turning the abstract concept of "Europe" into a concrete reality of shared experiences.

LINK1: <https://www.ntr24.tv/2025/08/12/foglianise-abbraccia-leuropa-il-14-agosto-la-conferenza-pubblica-del-gemellaggio-youth-rural-wealth-leuropa-il-14-agosto-la-conferenza-pubblica-del-gemellaggio-europeo-youth/>

LINK2: [https://www.ottopagine.it/bn/daicomuni/400020/foglianise-abbraccia-l-europa-gemellaggio-youth-rural-wealth.shtml?fbclid=IwY2xjawMcVIZleHRuA2FibQlxMQBicmlkETF1Ynh4ckxQaXdQM3NOT3pDAR7IEVjJ8-5wqh5YWjYta1Qie9t0VT\\_co-uXKGvPY9t8eum05AlgxZsty00kRg\\_aem\\_ScUeXPhkCpKH0K1dCSp5Q](https://www.ottopagine.it/bn/daicomuni/400020/foglianise-abbraccia-l-europa-gemellaggio-youth-rural-wealth.shtml?fbclid=IwY2xjawMcVIZleHRuA2FibQlxMQBicmlkETF1Ynh4ckxQaXdQM3NOT3pDAR7IEVjJ8-5wqh5YWjYta1Qie9t0VT_co-uXKGvPY9t8eum05AlgxZsty00kRg_aem_ScUeXPhkCpKH0K1dCSp5Q)

LINK3: <https://www.informazione.campania.it/benevento/243303-foglianise-conferenza-del-gemellaggio-europeo-youth-rural-wealth-dal-titolo-giovani-territori-opportunita-e-sfide-nelle-aree-rurali-europee.html>

LINK4 Foglianise City about Town-Twinninw: collegato alla pagina:<https://comune.foglianise.bn.it/vivere-il-comune/youth-rural-wealth/>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).