

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Sinaia (SINAIA)
PIC number:	947243704
Project name and acronym:	Cultural Activities, Sports, Traditions, Learning, Exchange and Sustainability - CASTLES

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	2
Event name:	Event in Sinaia
Type:	Cultural and sport activities; workshop
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Sinaia, Romania
Date(s):	23-27/02/26
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.comune.venariareale.to.it/it/page/castles-scambi-culturali-e-educativi-venaria-reale-sinaia-vizille https://www.primaria-sinaia.ro/2025/12/30/proiect-castles-cultural-activities-sports-traditions-learning-exchangeand-solidarity/
Participants	
Female:	59
Male:	45
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Italy]:	26
From country 2 [Romania]:	78
From country 3 [France]:	0
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Total number of participants:	104
From total number of countries:	2
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The event in Sinaia (23–27 February 2026) constituted the Romanian mobility phase of the CASTLES project (Cultural Activities, Sports, Traditions, Learning, Exchange and Sustainability). It brought together a total of 104 participants, including students, teachers, local representatives, host families and citizens from Romania and Italy, in a structured programme of educational, cultural and sports activities aimed at strengthening intercultural dialogue, European identity and active citizenship, in line with the objectives of the CERV Town Twinning action .

The mobility event involved 26 international participants, including 3 representatives of the Municipality of Venaria Reale, 19 Italian lower secondary school students and 4 Italian teachers. These participants were welcomed by 78 local participants, including 15 Romanian students, 6 Romanian teachers and 57 citizens of Sinaia, who actively contributed to the organisation and atmosphere of the event, turning it into a genuine celebration of culture, winter traditions and local heritage. Overall, 59 participants were female and 45 male, ensuring a balanced and inclusive participation.

On Monday 23 February, the Italian delegation from Venaria Reale arrived at Bucharest Băneasa Airport during the night and was welcomed by the Romanian hosts. The transfer to Sinaia and the accommodation with host families marked the beginning of the intercultural exchange, fostering immediate integration and informal interaction between participants.

On Tuesday 24 February (Day 1), students were officially welcomed at the “George Enescu” Secondary School. The morning included institutional greetings, a school visit and the presentation of the mobility programme. This was followed by a creative workshop entitled “My city in images and text”, where students shared previously prepared materials and collaborated on a collective collage project. The activity encouraged cultural exchange, creativity and mutual understanding. In the afternoon, participants visited the Sinaia City Museum and took part in a guided walk through Dimitrie Ghica Park and the town centre, strengthening their awareness of local heritage and its European dimension. The day concluded with informal time in host families, reinforcing interpersonal relationships.

On Wednesday 25 February (Day 2), a day dedicated to sports and outdoor activities was initially planned to include skiing in the mountain area. However, due to adverse weather conditions (strong wind), the programme was adapted to ensure participants’ safety. The group instead took part in an ice-skating activity at the local rink in the central park. This alternative activity preserved the educational objectives of the project, promoting physical well-being, teamwork, inclusion and social interaction in a safe and accessible environment. The afternoon was spent with host families, allowing further informal exchange.

On Thursday 26 February (Day 3), activities focused on history, culture and sustainability, within a “car-free day” approach. Participants moved on foot through the town, promoting environmentally sustainable mobility. The group visited the Peleş Castle and the Sinaia Monastery, exploring European history, royal heritage, spirituality and architecture. These visits fostered reflection on the preservation of cultural heritage and its role in shaping European identity. In the afternoon, participants visited the Sinaia Casino and took part in a walk along pedestrian pathways leading to the plateau area.

The day concluded with a final event hosted at the school, including a tasting of traditional Romanian products and an artistic programme featuring music and karaoke. The strong participation of the local community contributed to creating a festive and inclusive atmosphere. During this public moment, participants celebrated the outcomes of the mobility, received certificates of participation and engaged in a collective reflection on the experience. The event also contributed to dissemination and visibility at local level, involving the school community and reinforcing connections between the partner municipalities.

On Friday 27 February (the fourth day), the participants took part in a final cultural activity, which involved a visit to the Sinaia train exhibition, followed by a closing meeting at the school, group photos and a farewell lunch. In the afternoon, the Italian delegation departed for the airport, marking the conclusion of the Romanian mobility phase.

Throughout the entire mobility, accommodation with host families played a fundamental role in fostering informal learning, intercultural dialogue and long-term relationships between the communities of Sinaia and Venaria Reale.

Overall, the event successfully combined education, culture, heritage, sport and sustainability. It strengthened mutual understanding, encouraged active citizenship and reinforced cooperation between European local communities, fully aligning with the objectives of the CASTLES project and

the CERV Town Twinning programme, which promotes intercultural understanding, youth engagement and shared European values.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).