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## Preservation of traditions and culture along the Ipel' and the Danube

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The municipalities of Mužla and Ipolydamásd (HU) received a total 49 887.51 EUR on the basis of Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme, Small Projects Funds, Priority Axis 1: Nature and Culture, within the framework of project SKHU / WETA / 1901 / 1.1 / 032, with title "Preservation of traditions and culture along the Ipel and the Danube".

The target group of the project is the population of the border region, the visiting tourists, who participate at the cultural events of the two municipalities, and the local citizens who visit the events of the municipalities beyond the border.

In the municipality of Mužla, the outdoor stage was completed within the framework of the project. It is located in the center of the municipality and it serves as a venue for several cultural and tradition preserving events in a year. Within the frame of the project, the 110 m² outdoor stage, as well as the installation of the energy and cost-effective ceiling structure from curved beams and the electrical installation work was completed. The inauguration of the stage took place within the framework of a joint, regional tradition preserving cultural event at the end of August 2019. The municipality of Mužla organizes a celebration event of the vintage harvest within the frame of the project that will be located at the new outdoor stage on 19<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.

With the aim to increase the visibility of the region, the municipality of Ipolydamásd renovated the water block, which is part of the sport field, hence turning it into a more comfortable space. Water block is located next to the outdoor stage and next to the community playground. These works included the followings: renovation of building engineering - water and electric wiring - and the expansion of the capacity of the toilet. Reconstruction is justified by the growing number of cultural and sport events and the increasing number of participants. Inauguration of the renovated building happens on 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. At this event, the residents of Mužla and also international organizations for preserving traditions participate. The structure will also help to implement the already successful IPOLYFEST SK-HU project in Ipolydamásd.

The project will be presented to the media at a press conference on 8th of September 2020 in Mužla.

A summary film is made about the joint cultural events. The two municipalities present the project cooperation in a brochure.

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