

## Strengthening civil society in the Danube region for a joint Europe

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### Folklore Festival "Mulled Rakiya and Sauerkraut Soup from the Olden Days"

**Implementation by** the Cultural Community Centre „Nikola Yonkov Vaptsarov - 1927“, Babovo, Slivo Pole Municipality

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#### Objectives/focus of work

- To unite the target groups coming from various ethnic groups
- To represent various regional, national and international holidays through food, music and dance.
- To preserve the culture along the Danube
- To foster respect for customs and traditions in new generations.

**Target group:** educators and learners of all ages

#### Cooperation partners:

21 Clubs of Pensioners and 11 Cultural Community Centres of the Slivo Pole Municipality

#### Important findings/results/experiences:

On 14 February 2024 the festival gathered more than 9 000 participants of all ages and from all regions of Bulgaria.

The participants met friends and took part in various activities such as:

- folklore individuals performances
- folk singer/dance groups performance
- competition of "Most authentic olden days table": tables for „St. Nicola Day“, Christmas, Easter, etc.
- competitions of the "Best mulled rakiya", "Most delicious sauerkraut soup", and "Most handsome young man".



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