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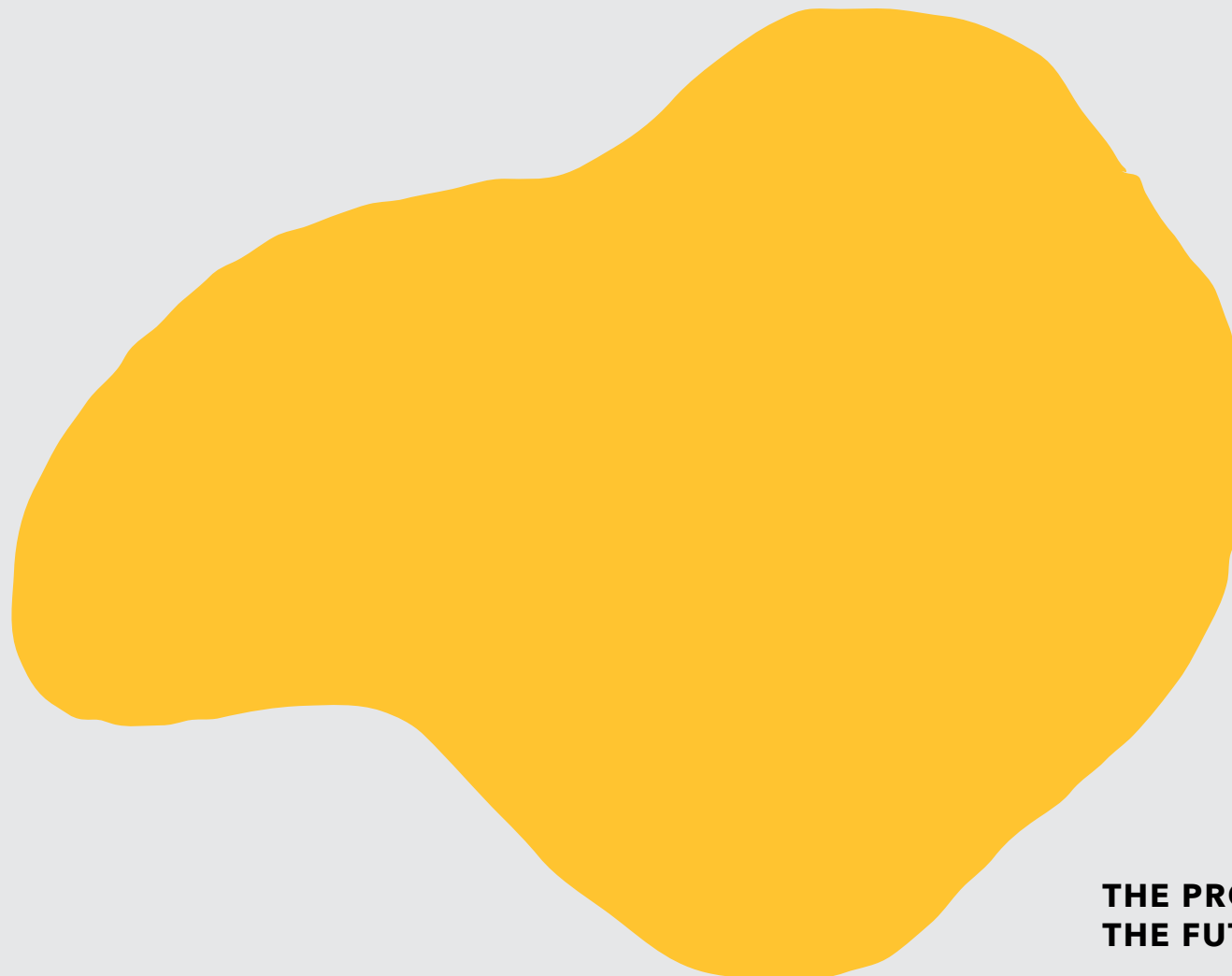
Views from the Field

What Does Europe Mean for the European Youth?

"Youth Debating the Future of Europe" (U4EU)



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document provides a summary of the **7 U4EU Community Dialogue Events, the Info Day and the Youth Workshop** that were organised during the implementation of the project “Youth Debating the Future of Europe (U4EU)” in nine European countries (Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, Hungary, Portugal, Spain, Greece, and Bulgaria) from September 2021 until June 2022. During these events, 396 young people (in total) from different EU countries were participating with the purpose to generate a debate about the future of Europe, to provide alternatives to existing problematic situations and to get informed about the project and the importance of volunteering and youth participation. These events aimed to suggest ways of creating a more democratic Union and to develop stronger sense of ownership about the E.U. During these events, the Video **“What Does Europe Mean to Me...?”** that was produced during the first months of the project, was projected and informational lectures about EU institutions and policies were organised.

The overall objective of this document is to widely disseminate the results produced during the 7 U4EU Community Dialogue Events, the U4EU Info Day and the Youth Workshop across Europe and to inspire and encourage young people to get more actively involved in the process of strengthening the European consciousness regarding the European Union and its future and for the EU to take into consideration these voices and adapt their policies accordingly.

We thank the Contracting Authority and the EFC programme for providing us this opportunity to discuss, hear and understand the views of young people in Europe regarding the EU and its future. We also would like to thank all participants for their engagement and the host organisations for the successful implementation of the events.

THE PROJECT “YOUTH DEBATING THE FUTURE OF EUROPE” (U4EU)

The last years a number of events took place across Europe and have challenged the founding values of the European Union: the Eurozone crisis, the refugee crisis and Brexit have led to an increase of Euroscepticism.

As a consequence of the harsh situations that Europe faces, it is time for both young people to get actively involved in the process of strengthening the European consciousness regarding the European Union and its future, as well as for the EU to take into consideration these voices and adapt their policies accordingly.

The project **“Youth Debating the Future of Europe” (U4EU)** aims, therefore, to give voice to young people from 9 different European countries (Greece, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Belgium and the Netherland) and to provide them with the opportunity to express their views and concerns to the public sphere, exchange their ideas, produce their own suggestions and generate a multicultural community dialogue concerning the future of Europe.

The implementation of the U4EU project was devised in the 7 following activities and it lasted from Sep 2020- Sep 2022.

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"WHAT DOES EUROPE MEAN FOR ME..?"

Production of 9 national and 1 international videos where young people shared their views and concerns about the future of Europe.



REFLECTING ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

1 youth workshop was organised in Sofia (Bulgaria), where young people coming from different European countries had the opportunity to debate and draft recommendations about the future of the EU.



LET'S TALK ABOUT EUROPE..

7 community dialogue events among citizens and other stakeholders were organized in Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary and Portugal.



GIVE VOICE, GIVE POWER!

The final U4EU video will be projected in the European Parliament.



MAKE AN IMPACT: LESSONS FROM CSOS

CSOs representatives and youth workers from different EU countries were brought together in Athens (Greece) in order to inform citizens about the importance of volunteering.



SOCIAL MEDIA CITIZEN'S ENGAGEMENT

All project videos, activities and deliverables are spread on social media and on the project website.



WHAT EUROPE MEANS FOR THE EUROPEAN YOUTH

A summary of the community dialogues' results are presented into an e-publication.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT IN

GERMANY



Title of the event: "Jugendkreativfestival"

Organiser/Host Organisation: KMGNE

Dates/time: 18th & 19th September 2021

Event's place: Projekthof Karnitz e.V., Karnitz 9, 17154 Neukalen

Participating countries: Bulgaria, Netherlands, Spain, France, Germany, Afghanistan

Number of participants: 70 - 80 participants (with / without speakers)

Summary of the event, Results and Recommendations:

On the 18th and 19th of September 2021, the 1st Community Dialogue Event took place in Karnitz, Germany. The event was combined with the 7th edition of the "Jugendkreativfestival", which if translated to English means "Youth Creative Festival". Every year, a group of young people organize a gathering for other people of their generation to discuss on matters such as development policy topics, such as sustainability, integration, ac-

tivism etc. This year, the festival was also part of the U4EU project and thus the organizers were able to welcome guests from several other countries such as Spain, Bulgaria and the Netherlands.

Saturday, at 10am, music started playing in Karnitz' great hall. French singer Lucie Carouille welcomed all participants with her guitar and voice. The organization team, artists, young people and workshop leaders as well as more than 60 people attended the event that took place in Karnitz. After an hour-long concert, the hosts continued with the an-

nouncement of the concept and purpose of the event. This was then followed by the presentation of the U4EU project and of the event's scheduled program for the next two days: which included workshops, music, creative corners, vegan food, readings, etc.

The first pair of workshops that the attendees could choose from were that of the "Counter-argumentation" and the video workshop "What are your wishes for the future". It was followed by the vegan lunch buffet which opened at 12:30. All the participants had the opportunity to eat

together and exchange their different experiences from the workshops. By 2:30 pm the break was over and the participants went on to choose between two new workshops: "Diversity and Antisexism" and "System Criticism". A second break ensued accompanied by music. The participants were guided back to the great hall in order to watch videos: the musical clip "Voice of the youth - Can anybody hear us ?" by high-schoolers of the Malchin Gymnasium; and the U4EU videos. Both projects were presented and received a lot of attention and interest from the participants. After that, everyone had dinner and the preparation for the party began. Participants were invited to help one another put some make up, enjoy the clothes trading corner and answer to the questions asked on large posters hung all over the venue: such as "What are your wishes for the elections?" "What gives you strength?" "What do your utopias look like?" "I stand up for..." and many more. At 10pm, the band "Brass Riot" from Berlin played music and participants enjoyed saxophone and drums. Finally, the DJ replaced the band on stage and continued to run the party.

On Saturday, at 8:30 am, a waking up yoga class was organized for the more energetic participants which was followed by a breakfast that everyone enjoyed. The activities for the day followed. These included: creative writing/rap workshop, herb tour, free arts and crafts (e.g. screen printing on textile). At 12:00 Yannick Weineck gave a lecture about self-empowerment in time of climate change. After that, another vegan lunch was provided, during which the participants of the creative writing workshop had the opportunity to present to the rest of the participants what they had produced. There were also songs, an improvised poem and some guitar and piano. Then the author, Viola Kühn, read from her novel "Lebensfalle oder j. w. d." ("Live cases or j. w. d."), about a young woman discovering the island Rügen while researching for the writing of a theater play. While the spontaneous reading from a local author took place, some music was played and her books were presented. The uniqueness of the the book was due to its point of view being that of the animals. The day was finished with a last reading from author Steffen Dobbert from the novel "#Heimatsuche, 80 Tage durch Mecklenburg-Vorpommern" (#Lookingforhome, 80 days through Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania"), accompanied by country music of Malchin from Jan Tessin.

All participants, local and international departed with many memories, smiles and new friendships.

Topics/Issues discussed:

Biodiversity, democracy, CO2 emissions, diversity, climate activism and mitigation, critical consumption, land use, etc



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT IN ITALY



Title of the event: "U4EU In Napoli - Youth Debating the Future of Europe"
Organiser/Host Organisation: Nous
Dates/time: 26th November 2021, 10:30am
Event's place: Naples, Gesco Formazione, Via Vicinale Santa Maria del Pianto Torre 1 11° piano
Participating countries: Italy, Spain, Bulgaria
Number of participants: 40 in total

Summary of the event, Results and Recommendations:

The event was aimed at presenting the results of the activities of U4EU project and its topic, using them as a starting point for a debate among the participants attending the event and the stakeholders invited to give their contribution and receive the proposals from the young participants.

Topics/Issues discussed:

In the morning, the debate workshop was divided into 3 tables where each covered a different topic: youth and initiatives against climate change and for environmental protection; youth and integration for the refugees and migrants; youth and school, education and job market. The three tables discussed these topics, with the help

of facilitators experienced in the fields. The current situation in the various countries represented by the participants was established. Then followed by the identification of the problems and main root causes behind them. Finally the participants listed a set of proposals and suggestions to improve the situation at local, regional and national level and how Europe could contribute to implement them. >>

In the afternoon the viewing of the video of the project U4EU occurred and was presented to the audience. Some notable honorary guests were present: a researcher of the Observatory of Youth Culture and Policies, University of Salerno; the Councillor of Youth of the Municipality of Naples; and a representative of the OECD.

The proposals collected in the 3 tables were presented by the representative of each group to the three stakeholders invited. Thanks to the knowledge acquired from the screening of the video, this led to a discussion on how these proposals and ideas could be integrated into future policies and initiatives. The outcome of the event has been presented in various other events held jointly with the University of Salerno where Nous representatives presented the proposals. The latter were also uploaded in the Conference for the Future of Europe platform.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT IN THE NETHERLANDS



Title of the event: Community Dialogue Event
Organiser/Host Organisation: Cross Cultural Bridges
Dates/time: 13th & 14th of November 2021
Event's place: Stadshoeve, Zunderdorpergouw 29, 1027AT Amsterdam-Zunderdorp
Participating countries: Netherlands, Spain, Germany and Italy
Number of participants: 41 participants

Summary of the event, and Topics/Issues discussed:

On Saturday, the event started with group workshops and discussions on how participants perceive "living well". In the afternoon the activity "game changers" was played, the U4EU project was presented and the video 'What Does Europe Mean for Me?' was projected and

discussed. In the evening, the dinner was prepared, while the attendees partook in philosophical conversations ("Food for Thought"). Because of the lock-down in the Netherlands at the time of the event, it was not possible for the participants to go out in the evening. However, they instead stayed longer after the dinner and partook in various discussions. On Sunday morning, everyone had breakfast

in the Ceuvel, which is an "incubator" spot in Amsterdam-North. Finally, a walk was organized, visiting other incubator spots in the city. The general atmosphere and energy was exceptional during the whole weekend. >>

Results and Recommendations:

The hosts received very enthusiastic feedback, and are looking forward to have future follow-up activities with this group of young participants (as a youth community).

Furthermore, the partner organization expresses willingness to follow-up on the U4EU project, and to maintain the coalition with the 9 other organizations.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT IN BELGIUM



Title of the event: Citizens Participation, Youth, and the Future of Europe
Organiser/Host Organisation: Young European Leadership (YEL)
Dates/time: 4th & 5th of December 2021
Event's place: Square de Meuûs 35, Brussels
Participating countries: Belgium, Germany, Portugal, Hungary
Number of participants: 40

Summary of the event, and Topics/Issues discussed:

On 4 December 2021, Young European Leadership organised its U4EU event in Brussels - Square de Meuûs 35. During this event, four workshops were organised by different organisations focusing on

one common theme of Citizens Participation, Youth, and the Future of Europe.

The first workshop was organised by JEF Brussels, the Young European Federalists organisation. After presenting their views on European federalism, a debate was started on how involved youth is in European politics and the

role of the media in drawing attention to European issues. The European Year of Youth, which takes place this year (2022), was also introduced. In addition, the opportunities this could bring to youth organisations were also introduced. Two workshops took place in parallel. The first one, organised by Rotaract, the Rotary Club youth organ-

isation, focused on volunteering opportunities for young people and how they could get involved. The follow-up discussion was centred around the importance of younger generations participating and being heard in politics. The second workshop was organised by Young European Leadership. It focused on the involvement of youth in space affairs and sustainability.

Lastly, the fourth workshop was organised by YATA, the youth component of the Atlantic Treaty Association. After a presentation and the first debate on transatlantic cooperation, a quiz took place through an online platform. An issue (e.g. trade, information technologies) was presented through a short case-study, and attendees had to choose what they thought was the best solution to the issue. A discussion followed, during which everyone was invited to present their views on the matter and why they thought the solution they chose was relevant.

After all workshops ended, a vegetarian and sustainable buffet was served for dinner. The U4EU video for Belgium was then shown to participants.

On the second day, partners were invited to visit the Parliamentarium, the European Parliament museum. Through interactive tools, attendees had the possibility to discover European institutions in more detail, learn about the EU and its member states'

history, as well as the concrete functioning of the European Parliament. This day ended with a brunch and attendees returning home.

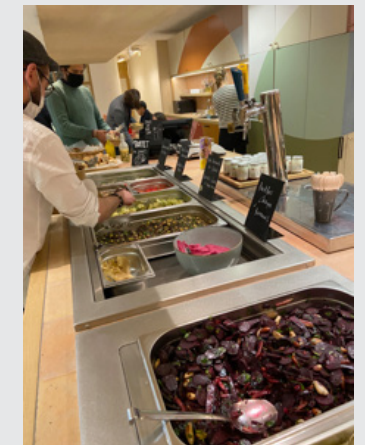
At the main event in the evening, 40 young people found their way to us. Most of the participants resided in Belgium, nevertheless the audience was still very international. As Brussels has many European expats. In addition, guests from the U4EU project from Germany, Portugal and Hungary were invited and participated.

Results and Recommendations:

Thanks to this event, a better understanding of the context and different perspectives and interests was established among the individual participants.

There was a mutual agreement on the benefits of a stronger European cooperation and integration between candidate countries.

However, there were a few disagreements on how this should be established and whether it should also take place in terms of a federal system or military cooperation. Finally, the importance of youth in such European processes was underlined.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT IN HUNGARY



Title of the event: Youth debating the future of Europe
Organiser/Host Organisation: UNITED for Intercultural Action
Dates/time: 27th January 2022
Event's place: Budapest, Hotel Benczur
Participating countries: Hungary, Italy, Greece, Turkey, the Netherlands, Brussels
Number of participants: 26

Summary of the event, and Topics/ Issues discussed:

The 5th U4EU Community Dialogue Event took place on the 27th of January in Budapest (Hungary)!

The event was organized by UNITED and young people from partner countries (Hungary, Greece, Italy and the Netherlands) had the

chance to discuss social inclusion in political action, active participation of migrants in the EU, participate in activities and watch altogether the U4EU documentary.

During the event some of Europe's biggest future challenges were discussed. The cultural and historical diversity of Europe can be a strength and a weakness at the same time and it will

depend on European citizens and how they handle the matter.

The integration of immigrants is also another topic which was considered as an important issue - with the successful approach everyone can win and feel safe, while there are forces and political movements which would like to divide the people and create conflicts between them.

A solution can be found through proper communication. States and institutions have a great responsibility and have to handle all these questions. While the active young citizens should do their part by supporting the good practices and show a positive example toward the greater society.

Results and Recommendations:

- Creating successful and positive narratives about the diversity of Europe is essential
- All citizens have their role to build a better world and society and should support each other
- The civil organisations are important actors in this field, young people should take more active part in their work (volunteering is a great tool for that)
- Involving people in activities through different practices to help with their integration
- The EU institutions and other donors should prioritize this type of actions



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT IN SPAIN



Title of the event: "Youth, Borders and Rights in Europe"

Organiser/Host Organisation: Teleduca. Educació i Comunicació SCP

Dates/time: 30th of April 2022

Event's place (city and hall): Barcelona - Nou Bostik (C/ Ferran Turné 1-11)

Participating countries: Greece, Portugal and Spain

Number of participants: 50 participants

Summary of the event, and Topics/Issues discussed:

On Friday 29th of April, a first meeting with the participants of Youth Debating the Future of Europe (U4EU) was organised, in order for them to get to know each other and to introduce the topic of the event: "Youth, borders and rights in Europe". There were two young participants from Portugal, two others from Greece and about 10 people from Spain (U4EU participants and Teleduca's team). Through different activities and dynamics, the participants managed to introduce themselves, presents their organization, work on the backgrounds in terms of origin, ethnicity, race and mobility between frontiers.

On the 30th of April the public Community Dialogue event took place. The hosts started by introducing themselves. Then presented the international video of U4EU project: "What does Europe mean to me?" Afterwards the participants had a conversation with an expert called Irina Samy who is a project technician of migration projects at Novact. She gave a recent prospective of migration, refugee and asylum policies of the EU. Her presentation generated an interesting and participatory debate where some of the young people shared relevant information and their own experience on this topic. Later on, the attendees worked in 4 different groups in order to debate, share and

exchange experiences, information, feelings and different realities of young people in terms of borders and rights in the EU.

One of the groups worked on laws and human rights. They discussed about how and who should make the laws and how human rights are used as an excuse to wage wars. Another topic of this group was raised by the question "How does one manage to get the legal papers according to their origin?" and some of the topics related to this are: Decalogue of the good migrant, gender, minors, trafficking, rooting pathways, immigration, etc.

Another group talked about the idea of fortress Europe, internal borders and how does one actually define migration. Some of the topics were related to the intersection of social class and gender, institutional racism, right of mobility, colonialism, etc.

The last group debated on personal experiences and discussed about the legal circuit for unaccompanied foreign minors: from the moment of their arrival until they turn 18 years old and how it likely continues afterwards. They've shared personal experiences on how the minors' centers work in Catalonia and other places in Spain. And they've mentioned all the obstacles they had to go through in order to live in Europe.

Afterwards every group presented what they have discussed. >>





Then, there was a young participant trained in History called Nacho Ibáñez Bercero who did an explanation about how the fortress Europe works in terms of political borders and how human rights are violated. He talked also about the conflict in Ukraine and the different treatments they are having in comparison to other people from other territories that are victims of war/conflict.



After this talk and a pause, 4 participatory workshops ensued through reflective dynamics led by local organizations:



Fronteras Invisibles (Invisible Borders) is an organization that had developed a participatory board game to reflect on the limitations, obstacles and rights violations suffered by migrants and all the difficulties of the migration process. <https://fronteresinvisible.wixsite.com/frinvisibles> Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.

Prollema is an organization that works with young people who migrated alone in a situation of severe social exclusion which enables them, after training, as teachers of their mother tongue. <https://prollema.org>. There was a young participant of the project that talked about his own journey and his experience.

Mescladís is a NGO that works with young people, job opportunities and social integration. They gave an explanation about their work and experiences and an inspirational talk. <http://www.mescladis.org>

El Casc Antic works through linguistics support and training to promote the inclusion of young migrant people from different backgrounds. <https://www.eicascantic.org/qui-som/>. They explained their work and did some dynamics.



Topics/Issues discussed:

Migration, refugees and asylum; EU's laws and human rights (right of mobility); Colonialism, cultural appropriation and capitalism; Intersection of social class and gender, institutional racism; Fortress Europe.



Results and Recommendations:

The most notable result of the event was that more than 40 young people, most of them migrants from Africa and Latin America, had the opportunity to share their own experiences between themselves and other European young people as well as get to know each other. There was a good opportunity to share different points of view and to talk in person about how the EU policies actually affect young people, depending the intersections (nationality, social class, gender, etc.) each person is crossed by.

The fact that some local organizations and two experts on borders, EU policies and rights, which work especially with young people gave a theoretical framework to expand information for the group.



INFO DAY IN GREECE



Title of the event: U4EU Info Day - "The Importance of Volunteering"
Organiser/Host Organisation: ANCE N.G.O.
Dates/time: 30th of May 2022
Event's place: Myrtillo Cafe, Athens, Greece
Participating countries: Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal, France, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, Italy and Luxemburg
Number of participants: 52 participants

Summary of the event, and Topics/Issues discussed:

The U4EU Info Day has been completed successfully on the 30th of May at Myrtillo, in Athens (Greece). The event was organised by ANCE, while young people and youth workers from different European countries participated, shared experiences

and got informed about ESC, the importance of volunteering and about current international, national and local volunteering projects.

During the event, the U4EU project was presented and the Final video was projected and discussed. In the event participated volunteers and representatives from more than 12 Greek organisations and

they presented their work and their volunteering projects on different topics and scales.

Results and Recommendations:

The attendees actively participated in the event. The event started with an icebreaker activity, which allowed to know each other and participants' back-

grounds. Then an interactive activity took place, entitled "What Does it Mean to be a Volunteer?", where young people had the chance to discuss and share ideas about the notions of volunteering, youth participation, civic engagement, the benefits and the types of volunteering. Afterwards, a short presentation followed providing statistics, differences and facts, and formal definitions about volunteering, while participants mentioned the specificities of their home country when it comes to volunteering. More specifically, participants mentioned that:

In France volunteering is tied mostly with Universities. After graduating, people usually have to stop.

In Germany, it appears to be difficult to engage in a full-time volunteering as it is not paid at all and the state doesn't help with funds or scholarships. Volunteering is not well perceived by a part of the population who views volunteers as lazy people trying to avoid working. The latter feel like their contribution to the society's well-being is underestimated.

In Italy, people in general volunteer a lot and there are volunteering associations. However, a participant mentioned that most get involved in volunteering during their studies and quit when they graduate, because CSOs require too much work, time, and energy from their members, which is hardly compatible with the professional life.

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In the Netherlands, people, especially adults, seem to engage more in sports volunteering than in other countries, which focus more on humanitarian and social help. A Dutch participant said that most parents get involved in sports clubs for children.

In Portugal, volunteering doesn't seem to attract a lot of students or people in general but there are waves of increased interest in participation: with the Covid-19 crisis volunteering rates went up very quickly for instance.

In Spain, one participant mentioned that youth are interested in volunteer work, but combining the social and work life with volunteering was a real challenge

Finally, for Greece, the hosts of the info day said that interest in volunteer work spiked during the 2004 Olympic Games. After that, the movement got even more strengthened by the refugee crisis in 2015. It should be noted, however, that volunteers dealing with refugees in Greece often suffer with trauma - there is a need to create some support structures for people working with difficult target groups.

After that, the U4EU project was presented, while the final video was projected and discussed. Young participants commented on the video and they all agreed that it provides a diversity of opinions about the EU, which reflects the current situation.

Finally, the event continued with numerous presentations and discussions about the European Solidarity Corps, as well as about international, European and local volunteering projects. In the end some volunteers shared their personal experiences from their participation in volunteering projects. All young participants claimed that the event was very informative for them and that they got inspired and willing to volunteer more!



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE EVENT IN BULGARIA



Title of the event: U4EU Youth Workshop
Organiser/Host Organisation: Multi Kulti Collective
Dates/time: 13th of June 2022
Event's place: SofiaLab, Sofia, Bulgaria
Participating countries: Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Greece, Italy, USA, Armenia, Ukraine and Bulgaria
Number of participants: 32 participants

Summary of the event, and Topics/ Issues discussed:

On 13 June 2022 Multi Kulti Collective had the pleasure to welcome to Sofia a wonderful group of 32 active young people from the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Greece, Italy, USA, Armenia, Ukraine and Bulgaria to spend a whole

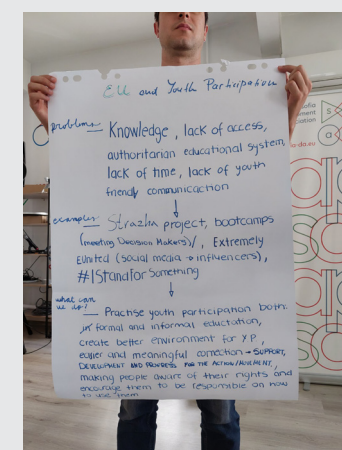
day debating about Europe and its future. For the beginning of the event Dr. Liliya Elenkova from European Youth Card Bulgaria discussed about the youth initiative #StandForSomething (<https://istandfor.eu/>), which gives young people a voice at European level. Then two rounds of par-

allel thematic workshops took place, in which experienced facilitators framed youth discussions on the topics of:

- EU and climate change,
- EU and the integration of migrants / refugees,
- EU and youth participation and EU and
- EU and countering hate speech.

These workshops were hosted by representatives from the For the Earth Association, Multi Kulti Collective, European Youth Card Bulgaria and Infinite Opportunities Association who gave informative speeches. In workshop the participants heard some input givers from Bulgaria who shared best practices with youth-led initiatives. All discussions were framed so that the young people debated about the main challenges, good practices from their countries of origin and make recommendation to various stakeholders such as the EU politicians, national politicians, local authorities, NGOs, media, etc. Then these were presented to the whole group and discussed again with everybody.

For lunch, the group visited the restaurant of Freddy Benjamin, a refugee from Iraq, who discussed about Middle Eastern cuisine and his integration in Bulgaria. >>



For the end of the event, the European video "What does Europe mean to me?" was projected, in which young people from 9 countries share whether they feel European, what they associate Europe with, what they like and dislike about the EU and share their dreams for the future of Europe. Then the group discussed what surprised them and what being European means to them.

Results and Recommendations:

The young participants got the chance to learn and exchange views on several topics related to the EU and youth participation, climate change, hate speech and migrant/refugee integration. Some of the recommendations included:

EU and youth participation:

- Embed youth participation in both formal and informal education
- Create better environment for youth participation
- Raise awareness among young people about their rights
- Encourage young people to be responsible on how to use their rights

Migrant/refugee integration:

- Raise awareness about discrimination and racism
- Support volunteering as a way to bridge the newcomers and the host society
- Create more local-level initiatives for integration
- Take extra care of unaccompanied minors

Hate speech:

- Define "hate speech" in national laws and on EU level
- Prosecute high-level politicians and influencers who use hate speech
- Offer psychological support to the victims of hate speech
- Raise awareness about the harm hate speech does both at personal and social level

Climate change:

- Raise awareness about the climate change and its negative effect on humanity
- Encourage more collective actions (community power)
- Ban unsustainable practices
- Invest in green innovations



Many thanks to our partners:



NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE U4EU PROJECT

3.622+

people directly and indirectly participated
in the U4EU project!

Direct participants:

137

young people participated
in the U4EU video

390+

young people participated
in the U4EU project events

527+

direct participants
in total

Indirect participants:

385+

people follow U4EU on FB

245+

people follow U4EU
on Instagram

80-100

relevant stakeholders per
country (approx. 900 in total)
received the 3 U4EU Newsletters

1.565+

unique visitors in the
U4EU project website

3.095+

indirect participants
in total



Athens Network of Collaborating Experts (ANCE)

is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation based in Athens, Greece.

It was established in 1996 by a group of Greek experts in international development cooperation and technical assistance and today has succeeded to create an extensive network of collaborators and volunteers for the promotion of sustainable development and the support of vulnerable social groups in the European Union and the developing countries.

ANCE is collaborating with other non-governmental organisations, local development agencies, local authorities, Universities and research centres, and the private sector in Greece and abroad, for:

- combating all kinds of racism, xenophobia, marginalisation and social exclusion
- the sensitization of EU citizens on the problems of the developing world
- the promotion of democracy and the protection of human rights
- the support of populations affected by natural disasters and wars
- the distribution of humanitarian aid
- the support of entrepreneurship and sustainable economic development in areas of Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America
- the implementation of income generating projects for the weakest and most disadvantaged groups of society
- the improvement of women's access to the labor market
- environmental protection and preservation of the cultural heritage.

ANCE is also a member of:

- The Greek National Network of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures (ALF) that promotes understanding between cultures and exchanges between civil societies.
- The European Civic Forum (FCE), a transnational network of over 100 associations and NGOs across 27 countries in Europe, which aims to encourage a civic and popular ownership of Europe by facilitating the networking of local, regional and national associative and NGOs actors working in their countries in the field of citizenship education and civics but also by the implementation of common actions aiming at "awakening the European citizen".
- The MIO-ECSDE Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development, a non-profit Federation of 127 Mediterranean Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) working in the fields of Environment and Development in 28 countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area.
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