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Preparatory activities (if applicable): the activities involved nine (9) people (1 staff per partner organisation). In the Final Documentary, 137 young people from 9 EU countries, who participated in the U4EU video.

Location / Dates: Greece, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Belgium and Netherlands. Most preparatory activities took place during the first months of the project (March 2020 – October 2020) for the preparation of activity 1 – Video/Documentary "What Does Europe Mean for Me...?" and they continued throughout the project lifetime.

Short description: Most preparatory activities have been done for the **activity 1** "What Does Europe Mean for Me...?". These activities consisted of: preparatory documents for the video production (video methodology, technical requirements, instructions for content creation, questionnaires, consent forms and their translations to the national languages), recruitment of participants, selection of service provider and/or rental of equipment. These materials set the technical requirements and a common strategy to be followed by each partner for the development of the national videos and ensured the smooth development of the final integrated documentary. In the end, all partners translated the national videos from their national languages to English. All national videos and the final documentary can be found on the project website (<https://www.u4euproject.eu/deliverables-and-resources/>) and on the YouTube channel of the coordinator (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtmc3NNtxytVD0idY3Q0zIA/videos>).

The coordinator of the project was also responsible for the successful **dissemination** of the project. For that reason, during the first months of the project, they developed the dissemination plan of the project, which was the master plan for all dissemination activities to be implemented during the project's life cycle to achieve a maximum effect and reach the relevant audiences. They also prepared all the dissemination material and the U4EU dissemination identity (U4EU logo, events' e-invitations, events' posters, project leaflet and project banner, dissemination material for the social media). All dissemination materials were translated to all partners' languages. During the project, 4 newsletters were developed by the coordinator, they were translated in all partner languages and widely disseminated in all participating countries. The project website and social media were set and were used on a regular basis. All the content of the project website was translated in all partner languages. Further information can be found on the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/>

In addition, before the end of the project an **e-publication** has been developed, entitled "What Does Europe Mean for the European Youth?: Views from the Field", where a summary of all project events is presented. The overall objective of this document is to widely disseminate the results produced during the seven U4EU Community Dialogue Events, the 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. The e-publication can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/U4EU-e-publication.pdf>

Finally, a lot of time and efforts have been put by all partners in order to organise the **Video screening in Brussels** and the partners agreed to finance this activity by their own, as it was not budgeted in the initial project proposal.

Events:

Ten (10) events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 – U4EU Community Dialogue Event in Germany

Participation: The event involved seventy (70) participants from Germany, Bulgaria, Spain, France and Afghanistan. From the partner countries: 2 from Bulgaria, 2 from Spain and 63 from Germany.

From other countries: 2 from France and 1 from Afghanistan.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Karnitz (Germany) and it lasted two days, from 18/09/2021 to 19/09/2021.

Short description: The aim of this event was to generate a debate about the future of the EU and to facilitate intercultural dialogue. Participants were informed about the project scope, its activities and the U4EU Documentary was

projected. The documentary was used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants attending the event and the invited stakeholders. During the event various thematic workshops took place, where EU policies and the strengths and challenges that Europe is facing were discussed. Provision of alternatives to existing problematic situations and recommendations for a better future for the EU were made.

Topic/Issues discussed: Biodiversity; Democracy; CO2 emissions; Diversity; Climate activism and mitigation; Critical consumption; Land use.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/1st-u4eu-community-dialogue-event/>

Event 2 – U4EU Community Dialogue Event in Italy

Participation: The event involved forty (40) participants from Italy, Spain and Bulgaria.

From the partner countries: 34 from Italy (including different nationalities living in Italy – see below), 3 from Spain, 3 from Bulgaria.

From other countries: No, but there were participants from Italy with migration background (1 from France, 1 from Spain, 3 from Tunisia, 1 from Portugal and 1 from Latvia).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Naples (Italy) on 26/11/2021.

Short description: The aim of this event was to generate a debate about the future of the EU and to facilitate inter-cultural dialogue. Participants were informed about the project scope, its activities and the U4EU Documentary was projected. The documentary was used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants attending the event and the invited stakeholders. During the event various thematic workshops took place, where EU policies and the strengths and challenges that Europe is facing were discussed. Provision of alternatives to existing problematic situations and recommendations for a better future for the EU were made.

Topic/Issues discussed: 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.

More information about the event can be found in the project website:

<https://www.u4euproject.eu/u4eu-community-dialogue-event-in-italy/>

Event 3 – U4EU Community Dialogue Event in the Netherlands

Participation: The event involved forty one (41) participants from Netherlands, Hungary, Germany and Italy.

From the partner countries: 34 from the Netherlands (including different nationalities living in the NL – see below), 2 from Hungary, 2 from Germany and 2 from Italy.

From other countries: No, but there were participants from the Netherlands with migration background (1 from Turkey, 1 from Croatia, 1 from Spain and 1 from Italy).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Amsterdam (Netherlands) and lasted two days from 13/11/2021 to 14/11/2021.

Short description: The aim of this event was to generate a debate about the future of the EU and to facilitate inter-cultural dialogue. Participants were informed about the project scope, its activities and the U4EU Documentary was projected. The documentary was used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants attending the event and the invited stakeholders. During the event various thematic workshops took place, where EU policies and the strengths and challenges that Europe is facing were discussed. Provision of alternatives to existing problematic situations and recommendations for a better future for the EU were made.

Topic/Issues discussed: the concept of “Buen Vivir” (“Living well”); Cultural incubators; Sustainability; Environment; Food consumption; Equality.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/2nd-u4eu-community-dialogue-event-in-the-netherlands/>

Event 4 – U4EU Community Dialogue Event in Belgium

Participation: The event involved forty two (42) participants from Belgium, Germany, Portugal and Hungary.

From the partner countries: 2 from Portugal, 2 from Hungary, 3 from Germany, 35 from Belgium (including different nationalities living in Belgium – see below).

From other countries: No, but there were participants from Belgium with migration background (4 from Germany, 1 from the US, 1 from France, 4 from the Netherlands, 6 from Turkey, 1 from Portugal).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Brussels (Belgium) and it lasted two days, from 04/12/2021 to 05/12/2021.

Short description: The aim of this event was to generate a debate about the future of the EU and to facilitate inter-cultural dialogue. Participants were informed about the project scope, its activities and the U4EU Documentary was projected. The documentary was used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants attending the event and the invited stakeholders. During the event various thematic workshops took place, where EU policies and the strengths and challenges that Europe is facing were discussed. Provision of alternatives to existing problematic situations and recommendations for a better future for the EU were made.

Topic/Issues discussed: How involved youth is in European politics and the role of the media in drawing attention to European issues; The volunteering opportunities for young people and how they could get involved; The importance of younger generations participating and being heard in politics; The involvement of youth in space affairs and sustainability; The transatlantic cooperation.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/u4eu-community-dialogue-event-in-brussels-belgium/>

Event 5 – U4EU Community Dialogue Event in Hungary

Participation: The event involved twenty six (26) participants from Hungary, Greece and Belgium.

From the partner countries: 23 from Hungary (including different nationalities living in Hungary – see below), 2 from Greece, 1 from Belgium (country of origin NL).

From other countries: No, but there were participants from Hungary with migration profile (2 from Turkey and 1 from Italy).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Budapest (Hungary) on 27/01/2022.

Short description: The aim of this event was to generate a debate about the future of the EU and to facilitate inter-cultural dialogue. Participants were informed about the project scope, its activities and the U4EU Documentary was projected. The documentary was used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants attending the event and the invited stakeholders. During the event various thematic workshops took place, where EU policies and the strengths and challenges that Europe is facing were discussed. Provision of alternatives to existing problematic situations and recommendations for a better future for the EU were made.

Topic/Issues discussed: Cultural and historical diversity of Europe; Integration of migrants in the EU.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/u4eu-event-in-budapest-hungary/>

Event 6 – U4EU Community Dialogue Event in Spain

Participation: The event involved fifty (50) participants from Greece, Portugal and Spain.

From the partner countries: 46 from Spain (including different nationalities living in Spain – see below), 2 from Greece, 2 from Portugal (1 participant originated from Italy, but lived in Portugal).

From other countries: No, but there were participants from Spain with migration background (1 from Chile, 2 from Argentina, 1 from Ethiopia, 1 from Eritrea, 5 from Morocco, 1 from Syria, 2 from Senegal, 9 from Gambia, 2 from Pakistan)

Location / Dates: The event took place in Barcelona (Spain) on 30/04/2022.

Short description: The aim of this event was to generate a debate about the future of the EU and to facilitate inter-cultural dialogue. Participants were informed about the project scope, its activities and the U4EU Documentary was projected. The documentary was used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants attending the event and the invited stakeholders. During the event various thematic workshops took place, where EU policies and the strengths and challenges that Europe is facing were discussed. Provision of alternatives to existing problematic situations and recommendations for a better future for the EU were made.

Topic/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.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/u4eu-community-dialogue-event-in-spain/>

Event 7 – U4EU Community Dialogue Event in Portugal

Participation: The event involved thirty six (36) participants from Portugal (both Portuguese + different nationalities living in Portugal – see below), Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Spain.

From the partner countries: 3 from Italy, 2 from the Netherlands, 1 from Belgium (country of origin Germany), 4 from Spain, 25 from Portugal (including participants with migration background from Algeria, Italy, and Brazil).

From other countries: 1 from France

Location / Dates: The event took place in Lisbon (Portugal) on 06/05/2022.

Short Description: The aim of this event was to generate a debate about the future of the EU and to facilitate inter-cultural dialogue. Participants were informed about the project scope, its activities and the U4EU Documentary was projected. The documentary was used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants attending the event and the invited stakeholders. During the event various thematic workshops took place, where EU policies and the strengths and challenges that Europe is facing were discussed. Provision of alternatives to existing problematic situations and recommendations for a better future for the EU were made.

Topics/Issues discussed: Mechanisms of civic participation that exist in the European Union and on the multiple ways youth can influence the processes of policy making and decision making at a European level. During the workshop, topics related to immigration, environment, employment, EU policies were thoroughly discussed.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/u4eu-community-dialogue-event-in-portugal/>

Event 8 – U4EU Info Day in Athens

Participation: The event involved fifty two (52) participants from Greece, the Netherlands, Portugal, France, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg.

From the partner countries: 37 from Greece, 1 from the Netherlands, 1 from Portugal, 4 from Spain, 2 from Germany, 1 from Hungary, 1 from Belgium and 4 from Italy.

From other countries: 1 from France and 1 from Luxembourg.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Athens (Greece) on 30/05/2022.

Short description: The purpose of this Info-day was to gather young people and youth workers from different European countries in order to share experiences and to get informed about ESC, the importance of volunteering and about current international, national and local volunteering projects.

More information about the event can be found in the project

website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/%ef%bf%bcu4eu-info-day-in-greece/>

Event 9 – Youth Workshop in Bulgaria

Participation: The event involved thirty two (32) participants from Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Greece, Italy, USA, Armenia, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

From the partner countries: 21 from Bulgaria, 1 from the Netherlands, 2 from Spain, 2 from Portugal, 1 from Hungary, 1 from Greece and 1 from Italy.

From other countries: 1 from USA, 1 from Armenia and 1 from Ukraine.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 13/06/2022.

Short description: The aim of this youth workshop was to provide an opportunity to young people from all the partner countries to gather together, to debate and to draft recommendations on the future of the EU. The U4EU project results were presented and they were used as a starting point for a debate among the young participants and the stakeholders, who were invited to give their contribution and to receive feedback and proposals from the young participants. Two rounds of parallel thematic workshops took place, in which experienced facilitators framed youth discussions on various topics.

Topic/Issues discussed: EU and youth participation; Migrant/refugee integration; Hate speech; Climate change.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/u4eu-youth-workshop-in-bulgaria/>

Event 10 – U4EU Final Event in Greece

Participation: The event involved fifty two (52) participants from all nine (9) participating countries + other countries.

From the partner countries: 35 from Greece, 2 from the Netherlands, 2 from Portugal, 1 from Spain (country of origin Chile, but lived in Spain), 1 from Germany, 2 from Hungary, Belgium, 2 from Italy, 2 from Bulgaria

From other countries: 2 from France, 1 from Moldova, 1 from Argentina, 1 from Chile.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Athens (Greece) on 04/07/2022.

Short description: This event was the final event of the project. The aim of this event was to discuss about the project results, partners' and participants' experiences from the project and future cooperation. The project and its results were presented to the general public and to young participants from different countries and all together celebrated the end of the project with traditional Greek music and dances.

More information about the event can be found in the project website: <https://www.u4euproject.eu/the-u4eu-final-event-rebetiko-music-has-been-completed-successfully-on-the-4th-of-july-%cf%84%ce%bf-%ce%ba%ce%b1%cf%86%ce%b5%ce%bd%ce%b5%ce%af%ce%bf-%cf%83%cf%84%ce%b7%ce%bd-%ce%b1%ce%ba%ce%b1/>