

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	2 - Stichting Cross Cultural Bridges (CCB)
PIC number:	907215684
Project name and acronym:	Youth Shaping Europe's Tomorrow - U4EU 2.0

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	4
Event name:	Workshop on Environment and Inclusive Governance
Type:	Workshop
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	The Netherlands, Amsterdam
Date(s):	14th and 15th of June, 2025
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="http://www.crossculturalbridges.org">www.crossculturalbridges.org</a> <a href="https://www.u4euproject.eu/news-events/">https://www.u4euproject.eu/news-events/</a>
Participants	
Female:	25
Male:	25
Non-binary:	2
From country 1 [Germany]:	4
From country 2 [Italy]:	3
From country 3 [Spain]:	3
From country 4 [Portugal]:	3
From country 5 [Belgium]:	2
From country 6 [Greece]:	4
From country 7 [Hungary]:	3
From country 8 [Bulgaria]:	3
From country 9 [the Netherlands]:	27
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Total number of participants:	52	From total number of countries:	9
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**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The youth workshop in Amsterdam brought together 52 youth participants from across 9 European countries and more than 20 nationalities to explore the intersection of environmental issues, inclusive governance, and democratic participation. The workshop was designed to introduce participants to biocentric and ecocentric perspectives and challenge traditional anthropocentric approaches to policymaking.

Through a combination of **practical exercises, expert-led discussions, and interactive group work**, participants examined how environmental concerns can be more effectively integrated into governance frameworks. A central theme was the idea of **deep ecology**—viewing nature not as a resource but as a stakeholder in decision-making.

Activities included ecosystem mapping, small group dialogues, sensory workshops, and the drafting of policy recommendations. Participants were invited to reflect on their connection with nature, engage with the concept of the "Parliament of Things," and contribute to a **EU Recommendation Board**, presenting tangible ideas for policymakers at EU and national levels.

This two-day workshop aimed to foster systems thinking, empathy towards non-human actors, and civic engagement in shaping inclusive and sustainable public policies.

**Agenda**

**Saturday, 14 June 2025**

- **09:00–10:00** | Breakfast & Informal Arrival
- **10:00–10:20** | Opening Circle & Welcome
- **10:20–11:00** | Ice-breaker: Knowing Each Other (Being Part of Nature)
- **11:00–12:00** | *Parliament of Things*
- **12:00–13:00** | Lunch
- **13:00–14:00** | Sensory Workshop
- **14:00–14:15** | Workshop Introduction
- **14:15–14:45** | Actor Card Reflection
- **14:45–15:15** | Small Group Dialogue
- **15:15–16:00** | Group Ecosystem Mapping
- **16:00–16:20** | Break
- **16:20–16:50** | Balancing the Ecosystem
- **16:50–17:15** | EU Recommendation Board Writing
- **17:15–17:30** | Closing Circle
- **17:30–18:30** | Break / Free Time / Walk
- **18:30–20:30** | Food for Thought: Cooking Together
- **20:30–22:00** | Evening Program at Stadshoeve (Flexible)

**Sunday, 15 June 2025**

- **09:30–10:00** | Light Breakfast
- **10:00–11:00** | *Loop van de Hoop* / Walk of Hope
- **11:00–12:30** | Nature Jewelry Workshop
- **12:30–13:00** | Final Circle
- **13:00** | Lunch

**Key Takeaways:**

The Amsterdam workshop concluded with a strong sense of collective purpose and deeper environmental awareness. Participants emphasized the importance of:

- Recognizing nature as an active stakeholder in governance processes
- Moving beyond short-term, human-centered policies toward long-term ecosystem-centered thinking
- Strengthening youth participation in shaping inclusive, sustainable decision-making
- Promoting environmental education that nurtures empathy and systems thinking
- Advocating for structural policy changes through youth-led recommendations

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