

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – Athens Network of Collaborating Experts (ANCE)
PIC number:	949971150
Project name and acronym:	Youth Shaping Europe's Tomorrow — U4EU 2.0

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	13
Event name:	Final Conference
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	In-situ
Location:	Greece, Athens
Date(s):	27/03/2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.u4euproject.eu/youre-invited-u4eu-2-0-final-conference/ https://ance-hellas.org/u4eu-2-0-final-conference-march-27-2026/
Participants	
Female:	47
Male:	28
Non-binary:	5
From country 1 [Greece]:	56
From country 2 [Netherlands]:	3
From country 3 [Spain]:	4
From country 4 [Belgium]:	2
From country 5 [Portugal]:	3
From country 6 [Hungary]:	3
From country 7 [Bulgaria]:	3
From country 8 [Italy]:	3
From country 9 [Germany]:	3
Total number of participants:	80
From total number of countries:	9

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The **U4EU 2.0 Final Conference** took place on **27 March 2026 in Athens, Greece**, bringing together **80 participants from 9 EU partner countries** (Greece, Bulgaria, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Germany, Poland, Belgium, and the Netherlands). The event marked the culmination of a long-term journey that began in 2019 and evolved into a strong European initiative promoting youth participation, active citizenship, and dialogue.

The conference aimed to both **celebrate the project's achievements** and **create a space for reflection, exchange, and future planning**, bringing together project partners, young participants, stakeholders, and external guests.

The day began with **energizers and ice-breaker activities**, which helped create a positive and inclusive atmosphere, encouraging interaction among participants from different countries and backgrounds. This initial moment was important in setting the tone of the event, reinforcing the sense of community that has been built throughout the project.

This was followed by a presentation of the **U4EU journey**, starting from its initial phase (*U4EU – Youth Debating the Future of Europe*) to its continuation as **U4EU 2.0**. The evolution of the project was highlighted, emphasizing the transition from collecting youth perspectives to actively **empowering young people to engage in dialogue, advocacy, and policymaking processes**. The presentation included an overview of the **project's objectives, structure, activities, and key results**, showcasing its overall impact at both local and European levels.

Subsequently, each partner organization presented the **activities they implemented in their respective countries**, including youth workshops, trainings, roundtables with policymakers and local events. Partners shared their experiences, methodologies, challenges faced, and the **tangible results and impact on young participants**, such as increased awareness, enhanced civic engagement, and the development of key competences.

A central and particularly impactful part of the conference was the **intervention of young participants**, who took the floor to share their personal journeys within the project. Through their testimonies, they highlighted how their participation contributed to **shaping their perspectives, strengthening their confidence, and motivating them to become more active and engaged citizens**. These contributions brought a human and emotional dimension to the conference, clearly demonstrating the project's real impact.

In addition, **stakeholders and invited guests** were given the opportunity to present **relevant initiatives and projects**, fostering dialogue, exchange of good practices, and potential synergies. This segment helped position U4EU within a broader ecosystem of youth-related initiatives and opened discussions for future collaborations.

The final part of the day was dedicated to **interactive workshops focused on sustainability and future steps**. Participants were divided into smaller groups based on thematic interests (environment, migration, culture, and youth participation), ensuring diversity in each group.

Within their groups, participants engaged in structured discussions guided by key questions, exploring:

- current challenges faced by young people in each thematic area,
- opportunities for continued engagement and cooperation,
- ideas for follow-up initiatives and future projects,
- and concrete ways to sustain the impact of U4EU2.0 beyond its formal end.

Participants worked collaboratively using participatory methods (brainstorming, group discussions, and idea mapping) to develop **practical and actionable proposals**. Each group identified key priorities and formulated **concrete next steps that were collected in a shared padlet**, including potential project ideas, partnerships, and strategies for maintaining youth involvement.

At the end of the session, each group presented their outcomes in plenary, contributing to a **collective reflection and the co-creation of a shared vision for the future of the U4EU2.0 initiative**. These presentations allowed for the identification of common themes, synergies, and opportunities for continued collaboration at European level.

Overall, the conference successfully combined **reflection, celebration, and forward-looking dialogue**, reinforcing the strong network and community built throughout the project. It not only highlighted the achievements of U4EU 2.0 but also laid a solid foundation for its **sustainability and future continuation**, ensuring that the impact of the project will extend well beyond its official duration.