



Report from *EU 4 Youth Event in Greece*



Salamina, Greece 21-25.11.2022 r.





Organization & participation

Municipality of Salamina - Hosting organisation



- Despina Papadaki
- Nikos Antonakakis
- Joanna Chatziantoniou
- Aleksander Kotyska
- Katerina Spathi

The Municipality of Salamina, is an island in the bay of Attica. Mainly renowned for its historical milestone, for being the place where the United Greek City States defeated, in a naval battle, the Achaemenid Empire in 480 B.C. The importance of this battle is regarded by the historic society as a milestone for democratic values and a pivotal point affecting western democracies. Capitalizing on its history, the Municipality of Salamina, seeks to maintain its democratic values, which are the foundations of European Citizenship.

Municipality of Starachowice



- Martyna Stępień
- Aleksandra Niewczas
- Wiktoria Sadrak
- Kacper Zięba
- Krzysztof Domański

Starachowice is one of the biggest administrative, economic and cultural centres of the Świętokrzyskie Province, found in the middle of the woodland in the northern part of the province, at the foot of the Świętokrzyskie Mountains. Starachowice is an industrial city with nearly 50,000 inhabitants. The mission of the City of Starachowice is to provide professional, reliable, and friendly service to the citizens and to meet the needs of the local community by implementing the principle of self-government.

Municipality of Alzira



- Adrian Navalon
- Serra Ausina Mar
- Jose Almansa
- Susana Chaquet
- Nurai Hernandez
- Isaac Llinares

Alzira is a Spanish city of 44 225 inhabitants located in the "Community of Valencia", 40 km away from Valencia in Spain. For many years and despite the economic crisis, the priorities of Alzira have been the economic and social development in order to offer the citizens the possibility to live in a fair and cohesive city

Associação Mentalidade X (on behalf of Municipality of Santarem)



- Andre Gomes
- Bernardo Pixao
- Ricardo Rato
- Joana Gomez
- Sara Pereira

The city of Santarem will be represented by the Mentalidade X Association - a newly established organization founded by local government officials who completed their mission in Municipality in 2021. However, these people still feel responsible for the youth policy and youth in the city, therefore they will work for the common good in a different form. The partners were selected in a transparent manner taking into account their activities in the youth field.





Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy Netherlands (on behalf of Schiedam Municipality)



- John Karvouna

Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy Netherlands (HICD NL) is a scientific non-governmental organization which General Committee is formed by local development stakeholders and specialists from various sectors of the civil society and European Member States: academics, NGOs, development agents, association managers, civil servants and social economy companies, as well as European organizations for local development. HICD NL mission is to consistently provide innovative high quality services that improve the economy of regions and the quality of life in urban and rural areas by supporting and promoting experience sharing between its members and partners for sustaining international cooperation, skillful networking and further progress and growth.

Unione della Romagna Faentina



- Monia Scarpa
- Leticia Casochm
- Davide Agresti
- Angelo Verma
- Maria Solaroli

Unione della Romagna Faentina is a Union between six neighbouring Municipalities located in the south-east area of Emilia-Romagna Region (Italy): Faenza (which the coordinator), Brisighella, Casola Valsenio, Castel Bolognese, Riolo Terme and Solarolo. It covers an area of 597 km2 and has a population of approx. 90.000 inhabitants. Unione della Romagna Faentina is in charge of the main functions of the local authorities represented: social and economic development, urban planning, culture and tourism, school and education, security, etc. Activities realized by the Social Department of Unione della Romagna Faentina – Youth Service, aimed at: realizing information and training on European opportunities and local ones (job and training); Realize events aimed at youngsters; Promoting the Volunteering service at national level, creating places in the organization for young people and assisting them in their experience



EU 4 Youth Event in Greece

21th of November 2022

Programme – Day 1

Venue: Salamina

12:00 - 18:00	Arrivals
18:00 – 19:30	Management meeting
19:30	Welcome dinner

Arrivals and Departures

Transportation for the groups from/towards the Airport to the island of Salamina and the local transportations inside the island for the activities planned during the working day, are covered by the hosting Municipality.





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22th of November 2022

Programme – Day 2

Venue: Salamina, City Hall

9:00 -9:30	Transport from the Hotel to City Hall in Salamina (by bus)
9:30 – 10:00	Welcoming of Participants/Registration
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Welcoming Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Georgios Panagopoulos, Mayor of the Municipality of Salamina, Welcoming Speech • Ms. Martyna Stępień, Representation of Starachowice Municipality, Lead of Project “YOUth for EU”, Presentation of the Project • Ms. Despina Papadaki, Project Manager, Practical Arrangements of the Activity • Presentation of Partner organizations <p>Icebreaking Activity – Menti Game</p>
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 14:00	<p>Debate EU4 YOUth in Salamina</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ioannis Sakiotis, Head of Media Department, European Commission Representation in Athens, “Europe for youth” • Q&A Session • Contest with Young Service Designers
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 17:00	<p>Kahoot Game</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Questions about EU <p>Roundtable Discussions “The future of E.U. and the new member states” Reflection of the Day</p>
17:00 – 18:00	Evaluation and management meeting
18:00 – 20:00	Free time
20:00 -	Dinner

City Hall of
Salamina





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23th of November 2022
Programme – Day 3
Venue: Salamina, City Hall

9:00 -9:30	Transport from the Hotel to City Hall in Salamina (by bus)
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:30	Icebreaking Activity “Got it” World Café Activity on European citizenship, ecology, health, cybersecurity & fake news
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 14:00	Workshops on European citizenship led by experts Mr. Nikos Antonakakis, Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs – I.R.T.E.A. ECI – Ambassadorship Presentation of European Citizenship Initiative – ECI Data Gathering Workshop “Speed Dating” Activity Reflection of the Session Intercultural Session
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 17:00	Cultural Visit Folklore Museum of the Municipality of Salamina Cultural visit at the Tomb of Salaminomachon Study visit #1 – meeting with local government officials and experts, exchange of good practices regarding youth policies Reflection of the Day Coordinators Meeting
17:00 – 20:00	Free time
20:00 -	Dinner





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24th of November 2022
Programme – Day 4
Venue: Salamina, City Hall

9:00 -9:30	Transport from the Hotel to City Hall in Salamina (by bus)
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:30	Icebreaking Activity “Chairs of Similarities” International workshops for young people about common values Topics to be addressed: 1. Youth participation & EU elections 2. Challenges for service design 3. Ecology, Green Growth 4. Fake news (information, disinformation, misinformation) Reflection of the activity
11:30-12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 14:00	Study visit#2 – meeting with local government officials and experts, presentations of youth projects, networking, discussions, Youth City Councils in Salamina Tik-Tok Session for the project’ results Creation of National tik tok videos for the project TBC: Lead by Tik Tok – Video maker experts Reflection of the Day/ Evaluation of the Activity Coordinators meeting
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 20:00	Free time
20:00 -	Dinner





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EU 4 Youth Event in Greece

25th of November 2022

Programme – Day 5

Venue: Salamina

9:00 -9:30

Breakfast

9:30 – 11:30

Coordinators meeting and youth networking





REPORT FROM THE MEETINGS

Youth event in Salamina

On November 21-25, 2022, the first International Meeting on youth policy took place in Salamina. The event was held as part of the “YOUth for EU” project implemented under the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values 2021-2027 Programme. The event was attended by representatives of Spain (City of Alzira), Italy (Unione della Romagna Faentina), the Netherlands (Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy Netherlands (on behalf of Schiedam Municipality)), Portugal (Associação Mentalidade X (on behalf of Municipality of Santarem)) and Poland (City of Starachowice). In addition to the project partners, the event was attended by representatives of local authorities, the Youth City Council of Salaminas, students of the Universities of Athens and Piraeus, and volunteers.

DAY 2

The first day began with a speech by the president of Salamina, Mr. Georgios Panagopoulos, who warmly welcomed all those gathered. He expressed his satisfaction that Salamina is part of a project related to increasing social activity among young Europeans. He stressed that Europe is our common country, which we should take care of and cherish to the same extent as our own homeland, and how important inter-European cooperation is for the Greeks, which will help in building the future of Europe together. After this short speech, a presentation on the idea of the project, main assumptions and goals was presented. The leading idea of the project is to show that young people can connect their future with small European towns. Through the project, we will show young people from different European countries that they have a real impact on shaping Europe and that their ideas and thoughts will be listened to by local authorities. Cooperation, exchange of experiences, and good practices between young people from different European countries are the basis for further development and building an internally strong Europe.

Then, the individual project partners were introduced, briefly describing their city or organization and the delegation present. The project partners were represented successively by: Adrian Navalon from Spain, Andre Gomes from Portugal, Monia Scarpa from Italy, John Karvouna from the Netherlands, Martyna Stępień from Poland, and Despina Papadaki from Greece. As part of breaking the ice, the organizers proposed the game Kahoot! The quiz on general knowledge about the EU brought representatives from different European countries closer together and was an introduction to joint discussions. After a short break, Mr. Ioannis Sakiotis – head of the media department, and representative of the European Commission in Athens, began his speech. He gave



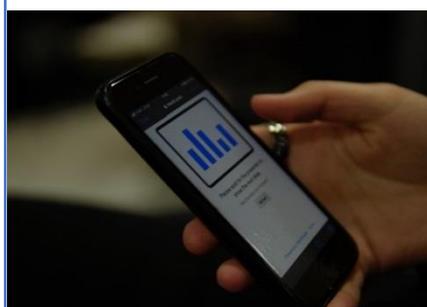


DAY 2

He expressed his full approval of the above-mentioned actions of the project, its ideas, and its activities. He also underlined the importance of youth policy for the European Commission.

The next point planned for that day was a Kahoot! Game. The questions of which concerned basic information about the European Union, such as how many colours the Belgian flag has, how many countries belong to the union, or which of the following countries were the founders of the union.

Representatives of the Salamina authorities prepared a presentation about the city, and its history and introduced the local policy, including social programs. Among other things, a digital culture park and the youth city council of Salamina, established in 2020, were initiated by the current president of Salamis, who is also the youngest president who has ever managed the city. The hosts of the event as part of the Initiative of Salamina City prepared short presentations of 3 ideas that they would like to introduce in the city. The first proposal was to organize a festival entitled "United by the screen" bringing together various social groups through joint activities and watching movies. The next idea was to launch a youth policy campaign called "We Hear YOU(th) Preparing YOU(th) For Tomorrow". The last proposal presented was the launch of a campaign entitled "Recycle, ReYOUse, Repeat" referring to increasing the knowledge of the local community about environmental protection and encouraging them to work together to improve the ecological situation in the city. The proposal that most appealed to the audience and won the competition was the festival.

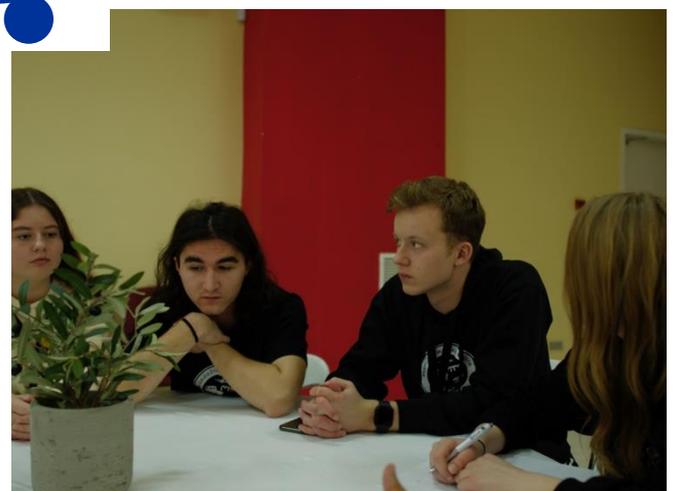
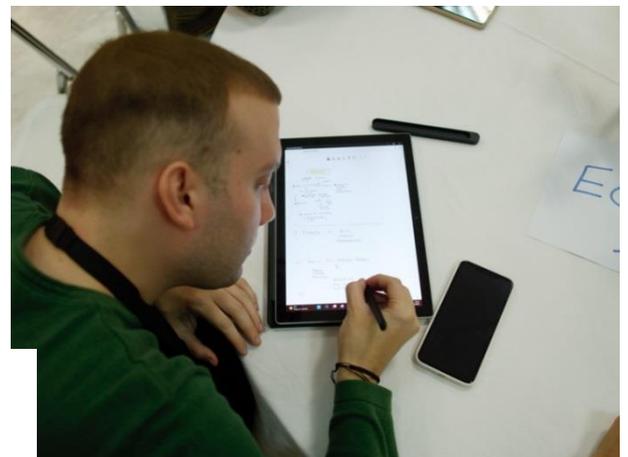




DAY 3

The second day of the event began with a game that was supposed to bring project members together and open to each other. After a short "warm-up", it was time for World Café, in which the partners were divided into 5 groups that currently dealt with the most important topics discussed in the European arena, i.e. European citizenship, ecology, health, digital violence, and fake news. After discussing the problem in the group, each group presented its results. After that, each of the partner countries answered how their city/organization deals with a given problem. Then Mr. Nikos Antonakakis, a member of the I.R.T.E.A organization, performed with a presentation on ECI (European Citizens Initiative). He presented the meaning and ideas of the European Citizens' Initiative as well as showed examples of such initiatives. After providing the most important information about the initiatives and their implementation, work began in groups aimed at presenting how the creation of the above-mentioned projects looks like in practice initiatives.

During the study visit the participants have the opportunity to exchange good practices and experiences with representatives of local authorities and the Youth City Council of Salamina. The joint discussion was combined with a tour of the city hall building and the employees of the office presenting ideas and activities related to the development of youth policy in Salamina.





DAY 3



After finishing the group work, it's time for international delegations to spend time together by showing their culture and what the country is most famous for, to get to know the culture and customs better. It was a great opportunity to get to know the partner countries better. Then the whole group was shown around the Salamis Museum located in the building of the municipal office. We saw what everyday life on the island was like. From clothing to fishing boat equipment. Then we saw the place where the famous battle of Salamis took place in 480 BC. This event aroused many impressions and initiated a discussion on the ingenuity of the Greeks and their historic victory. The next point we saw in Salamina was the house of the writer Angelos Sikelianos and the oldest olive tree on the island, which relates to a timeless love story.





DAY 4



The third day of the meeting in Greece started with an international workshop on local values. Participants were divided into groups, in which they spoke on one of four topics: youth participation and EU elections, decisions related to service design, ecology, and fake news. Each country told how the situation looks in their country, what are the preventive procedures and what are our ideas for dealing with the situation. After exchanging experiences and opinions, it's time for the last activity within the event. Workshops on creating TikTok as a form of project promotion have begun. The delegation from Starachowice: Aleksandra, Kacper, Krzysiek, and Wiktoria presented the other participants with the advantages of creating content on TikTok and showed how to create a viral recording. After theory, it's time for practice. The groups were divided by country and their task was to create a TikTok about what the European Union means to young people. The recordings were presented at the end of the workshop. The event in Greece ended with the presentation of gifts to the participants by the deputy president of Salamina, as well as short speeches and words of thanks.

Links to TikTok published by partners on social media are provided below:

Associação Mentalidade X

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZMFVCnsbP/>

Municipality of Alzira

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZMFVxTkGU/>

Municipality of Salamina

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CIV6y-Ajl4Y/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY=>

Municipality of Starachowice:

<https://www.instagram.com/stories/highlights/18236322550145557/>





MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

During Event, the international steering group addressed the following management topic

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Budget categories lump-sum, financial documents, eligible and ineligible costs, reports (financial part), lump -sum rate accounting documents, invoices ad their descriptions

MANAGEMENT

Reports, setting a timetable, review the Management Plan, problems, risks, COVID-19 situation as an impact on future activities, contracts with young people during trainings, project settlement

EVALUATION

Evaluation of project activities to date, filling in evaluation questionnaires, planning evaluation activities.

- On the first and last day, meetings of the management staff were also held, during which the progress of project matters, finances, and the schedule was discussed, and evaluation and risk analysis were carried out. As a result of the conducted surveys, we came to the following conclusions. Firstly, most respondents noticed an increase in their language skills after the event. They agreed that the most important aspect of the meeting for them was exchanging good practices and discussing youth policy and how it is conducted in various European countries. At a later level of importance was increasing your language skills, making new contacts/acquaintances, and acquiring new skills during the event. 57.9% of participants admitted that the project influenced their development to a large extent.

PROMOTION AND DISSEMINATION

Preliminary work on project publication, review of dissemination activities, establishing a plan of promotional and dissemination activities.



EU Event in Greece meets all the following requirements

1. Preparation and project management

- Coordinators meeting

2. Debate “EU 4 YOUTH” in Salamina

- Project kick-off debate, where young people meet decision-makers (e.g. local government officials, Members of the European Parliament, experts, decision-makers, academic lecturers, etc.).
 - The main theme was to discuss about European citizenship and European values.
 - Organize lectures, an Oxford debate, presentations of youth projects and online joining.

3. Test of Knowledge – contest for youth about EU

- The test of knowledge about the European Union on the Kahoot platform for young people from Salamina schools about the EU - 20 questions

4. World Café discussion

- Table discussions organized in Salamina together with the University of Piraeus discussions on European citizenship, ecology, health, cybersecurity, fake news

5. Study visit about youth policy in municipalities

- Exchange of good practices regarding youth policies at local and regional level, meeting with local government officials and experts, presentations of youth projects, networking, discussions

6. International workshops for young people

- Workshops on European citizenship led by experts (e.g. from Team Europe, university lecturers, etc.)

7. Evaluation

- Evaluation (ex ante and ex post surveys)
- 180 participants took part in the whole event



The following project objectives have been achieved

Enrich youth's knowledge of the importance of active citizenship and participation thanks to their participation in the events and contest, their interaction with people from other countries, different backgrounds and different ages.

Increase their awareness of the importance of the shared history of Europe, the significance of the values it stands for and their appreciation of diversity as intrinsic part of European societies.

Increase their level of understanding of the values, rights and freedoms of the EU through increasing young people's capacity for contextualization and encourage young people to get involved in social life and civic activity

Gain encouragement to engage for the future of their community through better understanding of the policies of the EU and the instruments the Union provides for employment, mobility, education and training and volunteering.

Gain awareness of the impact of political choices individual citizens and communities make on the long-term welfare of society.