

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Starachowice (Gmina Starachowice)
PIC number:	927702084
Project name and acronym:	“Empowering YOUTH Citizenship for EU Future” (YOUTH for EU)

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	7		
Event name:	EU 4 YOUTH FINAL CONFERENCE ONLINE		
Type:			
In situ/online:	online		
Location:	online		
Date(s):	24 th of April 2024		
Website(s) (if any):			
Participants			
Female:	71		
Male:	47		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Poland]:	36		
From country 2 [Greece]:	32		
From country 3 [Spain]:	28		
From country 4 [Italy]:	5		
From country 5 [Portugal]:	6		
From country 6 [Netherlands]:	11		
Total number of participants:	118	From total number of countries:	6
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
On April 24, 2024, an online conference was held summarizing 2 years of implementation of our international YOUTH 4 EU project, financed by EU funds from the CERV 2021-2027			

Program, in which our partners and young people from Poland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Greece and Italian.

The meeting was an opportunity to present the CERV program, implemented activities and results of the project, share good practices in bringing cities and youth closer to the European Union, share young people's memories of what they learned during the project and present new opportunities and generate new ideas for joint activities.

Overall, over 1,200 people took part in the project, the vast majority of whom were young people aged 16 to 25 and representatives of local governments and youth organizations. We organized 6 international events (1 in each country), with over 50 workshops, conferences, debates, competitions, discussion meetings and study visits. We dealt in particular with European Union topics, including disinformation, ecology, security, social activity, youth policy, EU values, democracy and European citizenship. I involved over 40 organizations in the activities - schools, universities, non-governmental organizations, local governments and organizations supporting EU policies such as Eurodesk or Europe Direct.

A very important aspect was the inclusion of young people - also those with fewer opportunities - in activities, including international ones. A total of 80 young people took part in international events - for many it was the first opportunity to participate in projects and learn about new cultures, use a foreign language and get involved in new initiatives.

For example, Wiktorja learned more about the EU, improved her English and became more confident. Piotr could learn more about the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship and the EU, meet new people, make friends and discover new perspectives. He also realized that Rotterdam was his favorite city in Europe. Klaudia learned many valuable things, gained new inspiration for projects, took part in an Oxford debate on ecology and made lifelong friends. Julia learned more about European law, the European Parliament, the problems faced by the EU, had many valuable conversations and met new friends.

During the conference, there was a debate on how cities can bring the European Union closer to young people. Valuable EU initiatives were presented, such as Europe Goes Local (supporting youth policies in local governments) and Democracy Reloading (supporting the inclusion of young people in decision-making processes).

The conference was also an excellent opportunity for joint brainstorming to generate new ideas for joint activities and continuation of project activities in a refreshed formula. We have developed new ideas for activities that we plan to implement as part of new projects.

The meeting also discussed the upcoming elections to the European Parliament and what young people can do to encourage their adult friends and family to vote.

The most important insights, memories and good practices from partners and youth:

Adrian (Spain)

- networking between countries
- introducing countries among participants
- cross-border cooperation for youth
- engage transnational relationships

Ricardo (Portugal)

- better engagement
- has learnt a lot of new things and skills
- admiring youth work in other partners and now he know that it isn't impossible to succesfully engage young people

- thankful for participation in this project

Sara (Netherlands)

- more interested in The European Union
- work in the open space and connecting with other people
- done many valuable things for young people
- sense of belonging to the European Union
- integration with the polish high school kids and theirs warm welcome

Alexandra (Greece)

- gained experience in youth work
- cooperation with other countries
- has learnt about EU
- met new people
- made around 200 young people more active in Salamina
- fell in love with traveling
- met valuable experts and politicians
- learnt how to organize local events
- can't wait to another project

Ioanna (Greece)

- nice experience
- has learnt valuable skills
- new initiative from young people
- thanks to this project young people spoke up about their opinion
- integration with people from other countries
- got inspiration
- has learnt new culture

Christina (Netherlands)

- thanks to this project people aren't afraid of expressing their opinions
- corporation with other countries
- chance to know more about EU
- this project opened her doors to make new friendships
- has learnt about EU problems

Monia (Italy)

- admired polish teens and their engagement
- what they did matters
- people from her organization has travelled 2/3 times
- unforgettable memories, people
- bond
- warm welcome
- hope to meet again
- gained experience
- workshops about EU
- empowerment
- young people became more active and started to have more influence on others
- Thanks to this project, people rethought their life directions, one girl changed medicine do international relations

Paolo (Italy)

- new experience
- thanks to this project he will always stay in touch with people from this countries
- he told the story how he randomly recognized one person from the polish team a month after their meeting in London
- connecting cities and countries

Iga (Poland)

- grateful for participation in this project
- met new people
- she will always feel sentimental about people from this project

Mael

- his first project
- he started to like meeting new people, traveling and talking in English
- dancing folk dances in Portugal is his favorite memory

Diogo (Portugal)

- thanks to this project he rethought his life direction and changed law to international relations
- has learnt how EU makes decision and what impact it has on young people

Jesús (Spain)

- met new people
- had chance to talk with young people and encourage them to be more active
- has learnt about the difference in other countries and exchanged his perspectives

Klaudia (Poland)

- she feels more European now
- thanks to the people she has met in the projects, she know that she has friends all over Europe
- can't wait to another meeting

Amleto (Italy)

- first project
- found projects nice and beautiful
- admiring the engagement
- his organization has changed approach to young people during this project
- made new friendships

Joao (Portugal)

- first project
- travelled to 2 countries
- met valuable people
- has learnt new things
- had chance to talk with people from his age about their worries and other important things
- still has contact with people he met at the beginning

Bartosz (Poland)

- has learnt a lot of valuable things and skills to use in future
- organized local events
- thanks to this project we have good contact with schools
- festival about other countries culture

TIKTOKs from the project :

Poland :

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZGem83XkX/>

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZGem8bWQV/>

Spain :
<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZGemLA2Xr/>
<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZGemLACYb/>

Italy:
<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZGemLUpr7/>
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CzG9jHSivDS/?igsh=a3VuanF0cngwNGRp>

Portugal:
<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZGemLrFHj/>

Netherlands:
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C01bpztijU3/?igsh=NDhzcm82dXVmZ3h4>
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C0yj8vLifvB/?igsh=MXZzenJqMzY4bDY5MQ==>

Greece:
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CImK0kqjFOT/?igsh=MWN3NG9zdXR5N3Qwaw==>

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