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Day 1

23th of October 2023

8:00 - 18:30	Arrival of participants to Faenza
18:30 - 19:15	Meeting of welcome by the institutions (Mayor <i>Massimo Isola</i> and Councillor <i>Davide Agresti</i>). Guided tour in the City Hall.
19:00 - 22:00	Welcome dinner

From 23th to 27th of October we had a chance to participate in the fourth "YOUth for EU" event that was happening in Faenza, Italy. We met to increase young people's knowledge of the importance of active citizenship and raise the awareness of Europe's history and values, and appreciate diversity as an integral part of European society. Engage the values, rights and freedoms of the EU and discuss how to increase the number of people to be more active in active citizenship for the community through the development of technologies and the tools the Union provides for employment, society, training and volunteering.



23rd of October was the first day of the event. Most of the delegations arrived in Faenza around 6 p.m. After the accommodation at Hotel Vittoria, we went to the town center. We visited the city hall, where we were welcomed by the Deputy Mayor, Davide Agresti. The Mayor gave us a tour of the building and told us some interesting facts about the town and its history. We also took a group photo of every delegation holding its country's flag.

Day 2

24th of October 2023

8:00 - 8:45	Breakfast at hotel
8:45 - 9:00	Walk to the City Hall in Faenza
9:00 - 10:00	Meeting at the City Hall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation about "Youth for EU" - National presentations done by the Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Dutch, Polish and Italian delegations - Presentation of the Linguistic High School and its project
10:00 - 11:15	Photo Exposition made by local youngsters Documentary report about the floods created by FUORILUOGO Podcast
11:30 - 12:30	"WALKshop"
12:30 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 16:00	Youz - Generation of Ideas - presentation of the project led by: Alessandra Sanseverino Workshop - Generation of ideas
16:00 - 18:00	Guided tour prepared by local students from Linguistic High School Flag throwing Show
18:00 - 19:30	Free time
19:30 - 22:00	Dinner



We started Tuesday with a presentation about the “YOUth for EU” (made by the Polish delegation) at the City Hall. We talked about the aims of the project, our past and future events. Then every delegation made a national presentation of their town and organisation. We also talked about youth policies. After that, students from the local Linguistic High School Torricelli-Ballardini welcomed us and showed us their own authorial project. Afterwards, Davide Agresti told us more about the floods that occurred last May in Faenza and how the town dealt with them. We also had a chance to see a photo exhibition made by the local youngsters that showed the realities of the lives and labours of the town's citizens at that time. We finished the meeting with a documentary report about the floods created by FUORILUOGO Podcast. The Italian delegation took us for a walk around Faenza (“WALKshop”) so we were able to see the damage that the flood had caused.



After lunch, we came back to the city hall for a meeting with Alessandra Sanseverino - Civil servant at the Youth Policies Office of the Emilia-Romagna Region. She introduced us to “Youz” - a tool for dialogue and engagement with young generations for the participatory definition of future regional policies. We also took part in workshops, “Generation of ideas”. Together we shared our experience with youth policies – our strong and weak sides. At the end, every delegation made a poster of things that they want to put into practice and learn from the others.

The last part of the day was a city tour led by students from the Linguistic High School. They showed us quaint parts of the city such as church or the fountain and told us the history and legends that are behind them



Day 3

25th of October 2023

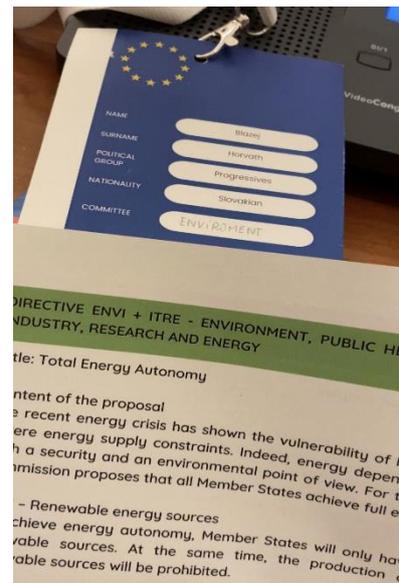
8:00 - 8:45	Brakfast at hotel
8:45 - 9:00	Walk to the International Museum of Ceramics in Faenza
9:00 - 10:30	Guided tour with Monica Gori - expert guide of the International Museum of Ceramics in Faenza
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:45	Ceramic creative workshops with Dario Vali - expert ceramist
12:45 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 15:15	Walk to the City Hall in Faenza
15:15 - 15:40	Kahoot contest in groups about the European Union
15:40 - 18:30	European Parliament Simulation pt. 1
18:30 - 19:30	Free time
19:30 - 22:00	Dinner

Faenza is known as a world centre of ceramics and has a rich history related to production of ceramics. On 25th of October we had a chance to visit the International Museum of Ceramics in Faenza that houses thousands of exhibits from all over the world and from each epoch. An expert guide - Monica Gori - presented us the exhibitions and told us about the history of ceramics. Then, we participated in ceramics creative workshops conducted by an expert Dario Vali. The results of the activity were handmade clay vases!





The meeting in the City Hall started with a Kahoot contest on the EU. We could get to know more about the history and main institutions of the EU during a presentation. Then the live action role-playing game began. It was led by youth workers Kingsley Ngadiuba and Elena Padua from LibrAzione Soc. Coop. Participants got their characters and political groups and then were assigned to particular committees that were working on some directives connected to topics such as environment, employment, gender equality, culture and education or social affairs.



Day 4

26th of October 2023

7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast at hotel
8:15 - 8:30	Walk to the City Hall in Faenza
8:30 - 12:00	European Parliament Simulation pt. 2
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:30	Transfer to Brisighella by bus
14:30 - 14:50	Exhibition of posters related to internet security by local students
14:50 - 17:00	Digital wisdom for a happy "onlife" workshop with expert, psychologist Michele Piga
17:00 - 17:30	Transfer to the Medieval Castle in Brisighella by bus
17:30 - 18:00	Guided tour throughout the Medieval Castle in Brisighella
18:00 - 19:30	Tour in the historic centre of Brisighella with italian youngsters delegation and exhibition of the young medieval drummers "I Tamburini"
19:30 - 22:00	Dinner
22:00 - 22:30	Transfer to the hotel by bus

In the morning we continued the European Parliament Simulation. "Members of the EP" debated on the topics mentioned above in the committees. Their task was to reach the agreement and introduce amendments to the directives. Afterwards, the amendments were put to a vote. The simulation was aimed to raise awareness of the legislative process in the EU, develop the ability of cooperation among the participants and show the participants some issues that the EU is facing nowadays.

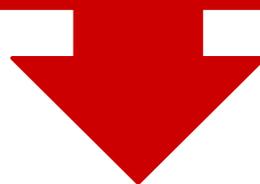




The next point of that day were posters exhibition made by local students and workshops related to the internet security. The workshops were conducted by a psychologist and expert on digital awareness, stereotypes and digital discrimination - Michele Piga. As a result- we got to know more about how to use internet in a safe way, how to protect our data and passwords and how internet influences on our well-being and self-image. It was a space to share our experiences and our opinions.



After workshops we attended a guided tour in the Medieval Castle in Brisighella. The castle has a rich history - it was built around 1300. Then the delegation of Italian youngsters showed us the clock tower and the historical centre of Brisighella. We were welcomed there by the Deputy Mayor of Brisighella and young medieval drummers "I Tamburini". That is how the day came to an end.





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Departure day
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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. 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 acquiring new skills during the event and making new contacts/acquaintances. 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 Italy meets all the following requirements

1. Preparation and project management. Online meetings with partners, working on Management Plan, public procurement, DEOR, information and promotion, formal documents, etc. Offline meetings in each partner.
2. European Parliament Simulation
European Parliament Simulation is an educational game in which participants can play as fictional Members of European Parliament (MEP). The simulation was aimed to raise awareness of the legislative process in the EU, develop the ability of cooperation among the participants and show the participants some issues that the EU is facing nowadays. The simulation was led by Kingley Ngadiub, Elena Padua and others specialists. Organized lectures and presentations of youth projects.
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 Italian group about the EU.
4. 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.
5. International workshops for young people. Workshops on European citizenship led by experts (e.g. from YOUZ organization, Europe Direct della Romagna, etc.).
6. Evaluation
 - Evaluation (ex ante and ex post surveys)



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.