

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Padrón (Spain)
PIC number:	931881523
Project name and acronym:	Strengthening European Identity in times of crisis – us4EU

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Event name:	Youth and EU
Type:	Conferences, lectures, exchange of good practices
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Bordeaux, France
Date(s):	18th – 21st October 2023
Participants	
Female:	33
Male:	29
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Belgium]:	1
From country 2[Czech Republic]:	2
From country 3 [France]:	34
From country 4 [Germany]:	3
From country 5 [Hungary]:	1
From country 6 [Italy]:	2
From country 7 [Latvia]:	1
From country 8 [Lithuania]:	1
From country 9 [Malta]:	3
From country 10 [Poland]:	2
From country 11 [Portugal]:	2

From country 12 [Romania]:	2		
From country 13 [Slovakia]:	1		
From country 14 [Spain]:	6		
From country 15 [Sweden]:	1		
Total number of participants:	62	From total number of countries:	15
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The second event of the project, which was held in Bordeaux from October 18 to 21, 2023 was attended by various delegations from 15 different countries of the European Union, with a great participation of 62 people. It was a significant meeting that brought together delegations from different entities to address key issues related to citizens' rights, European identity, women's rights and youth participation. Here is a dissemination of the activities carried out:</p> <p><b>Day 1 - Wednesday, October 18:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival and registration of the delegations with a warm welcome.</li> <li>• Opening dinner at the hotel.</li> <li>• Initial presentation of participants and entities to establish a collaborative base.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 2 - Thursday, October 19:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official reception at the <i>Maison de l'Europe</i> on citizen rights and pet rights, with the participation of the Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux.</li> <li>• Informative talks about daily working life in Bordeaux and the sociocultural approach of the New Aquitaine region.</li> <li>• Guided tour of the emblematic places of Bordeaux.</li> <li>• Information sessions on the causes and consequences of European identity among young people, women's rights supported by the EU and youth participation through the European Solidarity Corps.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 3 - Friday, October 20:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat excursion on the river to strengthen ties between the delegations.</li> <li>• Presentation of good practices in Europe on empowerment and gender equality, followed by a group debate and the development of a collective E-book.</li> <li>• Free time in the city center to encourage interaction and exchange of ideas.</li> <li>• Lectures on the institution of the Council of Europe and a debate on the future of the EU with the participation of policymakers.</li> <li>• Announcement of the next meeting in Malta and dissemination of the project, followed by a joint evaluation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Day 4 - Saturday October 21:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast and farewell to the participants.</li> </ul> <p>Importantly, the cancellation of MEP Nathalie Loiseau's conference due to bomb threats in France underlines the sensitivity and importance of the issues addressed during the event. The dissemination of knowledge and experiences contributed to strengthening collaboration between delegations and advancing the understanding of fundamental issues for the EU.</p>			

The program of activities of the second event was designed to combine participatory activities along with conferences and lectures. The main goals were:

- \*creating a strong and long lasting partnership through networking activities
- \*debating about women empowerment policies and good practices in Europe
- \*bringing close civic participation through the knowledge of democratic institutions
- \*promoting dialogue between citizens and policymakers at regional level
- \*understanding the value of the European Union for Young people and promoting citizens engagement through youth mobility programs such as: European Solidarity Corps

Apart from the networking, focus groups and workshops aiming to get to know the participants expectations, realities and personalities, we invited several experts on the field of topics addressed.

Participants were encouraged to upload pictures on social networks giving visibility to the event and trying to give impact to European Commission projects. Most of the participants did so and we estimate a number of 3500 thousand impressions considering the average followers of the participants.

Furthermore, local journalists attended the activities and the lecturers were broadcast live on the facebook profile of Mouvement Europeen Gironde, host participant.

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