

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:	3 rd
Event name:	Promoting democratic participation in times of crisis
Type:	Conferences, lectures, exchange of good practices
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Kirkop, Malta
Date(s):	13 th – 16 th December 2023
Link(s):	<p>Post published on Minister's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BonniciOwen/posts/pfbid0D2pBfFdsTPDG2i1XYGZUHL9iHqNLVx1QZUgiaqAQSS87PnAfiFXL2EdvDFpuCbFI</p> <p>Posts published by host entity – Municipality of Kirkop: https://www.facebook.com/halkirkop/posts/pfbid0sE9BHc5HGqPt8wuKgdNLazEkV5oweVqPTP11vMTNpkQBBzpYbhmmh7WQ72P6hthul https://www.facebook.com/halkirkop/posts/pfbid02n4aRMEJDUwY7mJVpLjgLo7JhHcGADxwYzp7MPzYesycQMNg3ZrKFrFfS6ERLfv5JI</p>
Participants	
Female:	41
Male:	35
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Belgium]:	1
From country 2[Czech Republic]:	1
From country 3 [France]:	1
From country 4 [Germany]:	1
From country 5 [Greece]:	2
From country 6 [Hungary]:	1

From country 7 [Italy]:	4		
From country 8 [Latvia]:	1		
From country 9 [Lithuania]:	2		
From country 10 [Malta]:	51		
From country 11 [Poland]:	1		
From country 12 [Portugal]:	1		
From country 13 [Romania]:	3		
From country 14 [Slovakia]:	2		
From country 15 [Spain]:	6		
From country 16 [Sweden]:	1		
Total number of participants:	76	From total number of countries:	16
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The event in Kirkop, Malta, from December 13th to 16th, 2023, was a significant gathering that saw the participation of 76 individuals, including 51 local participants and 25 representatives from European partners. The international gender ratio was 15 males and 10 females, and the local ratio was 20 males and 31 women. Here's a summary of the activities carried out during the event:</p> <p>Day 1 - Wednesday, December 13th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arrival of delegations, check-in, and welcome at the hotel. - Opening dinner followed by the presentation of participants and involved entities. <p>Day 2 - Thursday, December 14th:</p> <p>08:30 Departure from the Hotel</p> <p>09:30 Welcome at Ғal Kirkop Local Council. Greetings by:</p> <p>the Mayor of Ғal Kirkop – Mr. Terence Agius</p> <p>the Mayor of PADRÓN – Mr. Anxo Arca</p> <p>the Minister for National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government – Hon. Dr. Owen Bonnici</p> <p>10:00 Conference – European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights by Dr. Lorenzo Vella representative of the European Commission in Malta</p> <p>10:30 Conference – The Reality of Migrations and the Mediterranean Sea by Dr. Jean Claude Cachia</p> <p>11:00 Coffee Break</p> <p>11:30 Local Heritage in Ғal Kirkop: Walk along the quiet roads in Ғal Kirkop info about St. Leonard Band Club, Annunciation Chapel, St. Joseph Band Club and visit to St. Leonard Parish Church</p> <p>12:30 Leave Ғal Kirkop to Imgarr for lunch</p> <p>14:00 Lunch Imgarr</p> <p>16:00 UNESCO World Heritage – Visit to Mdina: The Silent City – guided visit, learning about</p>			

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18:00 Departure to the Hotel

20:00 Dinner

Day 3 - Friday, December 15th:

08:30 Departure from the Hotel

09:30 Welcome at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology

09:45 Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Program - Citizens' Engagement and Participation by Ms. Edel Cassar – discussion on civic participation

10:15 MCAST's Erasmus + Journey by Engineer Louis Aquilina

10:40 Quick Coffee Break

10:45 Departure to Valletta

11:30 Visiting the Parliament of Malta discussing Today's Opportunities and Challenges for Malta

12:30 Exchange of Gifts

15:15 UNESCO World Heritage – Visit round Valletta: St. John Co-cathedral & Upper Barrakka

17:00 Free time

18:30 Departure to the Hotel

20:00 Event Evaluation

20:30 Preparation for the next event in Poland – March 2024

Day 4 - Saturday, December 16th:

- Breakfast and departure of participants.

The event was characterized by active participant engagement, knowledge exchange, and promotion of civic participation. The presence of local journalists helped increase event visibility, particularly through social media, with an estimated 2500 impressions. The official visit to the Minister and the National Parliament underscored the importance of the topics discussed at the event.

Additionally, several significant results were achieved during the event:

1. Active Participation: More than 75 individuals participated in the event, including political representatives, educators, and public officials, reflecting a strong commitment to strengthening European identity and promoting citizen participation.
2. Intersectoral Dialogue: Conferences and debates on key topics, such as the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the reality of migrations in the Mediterranean, fostered constructive dialogue and the exchange of ideas among participants from different countries and professional backgrounds.
3. Civic Awareness: Discussions on citizen participation and youth mobility programs, such as Erasmus Plus, increased awareness of the importance of active participation in building

a more inclusive and democratic Europe.

4. Cultural Exploration: Visits to cultural heritage sites in Malta, such as Mdina and Valletta, provided participants with a deeper understanding of cultural diversity and European history, fostering respect for different European identities and traditions.

5. Best practices in the local civic engagement: Participants were encouraged to share their experiences and local best practices within the field of civic engagement. It is compile in a single PDF for the dissemination of results between social media and through physical entities.

In conclusion, the event "Strengthening European Identity in times of crisis" in Kirkop, Malta, provided a valuable space for the exchange of ideas, critical reflection, and collaboration among participants from different countries and professional backgrounds. Through deep discussions and interactive activities, progress was made in strengthening European identity and promoting the fundamental values of the EU. It was a catalyst for strengthening European identity, fostering intercultural dialogue, and promoting active citizen participation, leaving a lasting impact on participants and the local community in Malta. However, it is clear that there is still much work to be done to build a more inclusive, democratic, and solidarity-based Europe. It is the responsibility of all European citizens to continue working together to realize this shared vision of a better future for Europe and its citizens.

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