

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Limina Municipality (Italy) Ugarchin Municipality (Bulgaria) Milvus (Slovacchia) Federacion de Asociacions Xuvenis para a Mobilidade Europea (Spain) GOK Olesnica (Polonia) Paszto Municipality (Ungheria)
PIC number:	Limina Municipality Pic Number 941376659
Project name and acronym:	A dialogue on Democracy, Freedom and Peace in Europe EU4PEACE

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Project n°	101091154
Event name:	WP1 Meeting di Gemellaggio
Type:	Activities organized: Working group, Interactive Seminar, public workshops, round table, exchanges of best practices, discussions and debates, visits of the territory to develop an active citizenship and to foster interactions between the citizens' involved, Networking, Reflection Group and Final evaluation.
In situ:	In situ
Location:	Limina
Dates	From 5 to 10 March 2023
Website:	https://www.comune.limina.me.it/
Participants	
Female:	90
Male:	103
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 GOK Olesnica (Polonia)	39
From country 2 Ugarchin Municipality (Bulgaria)	10
From country 3 Federacion de Asociacions Xuvenis para a Mobilidade Europea (Spain)	15
From country 4 Paszto Municipality (Ungheria)	22
From country 5 Milvus (Slovacchia)	27
From country 6 Limina Municipality (Italy)	80
Total number of participants: International Participants Local Participantys	193 113 80
From total number of countries:	6

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The Municipality of Limina (Italy) promoted a Town Twinning titled "A dialogue on democracy, freedom and peace in Europe".

The activities were held from 5 to 10 March 2023 in Sicily with the participation of different European municipalities coming from Italy, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Spain.

The thematic Focus of the project, with a strong reference to the program guidelines and considering the annual priorities of CERV Program, focused on the promotion of the European fundamental Values as Peace, Democracy, and tolerance.

The actual situation linked to the Ukraine war, An humanitarian disaster, just in the heart of Europe, seems necessary for hear the opinion of citizens concerning the awareness of the most important historical and social dynamics in recent European history: conflicts and peace processes that have marked the social, economic, cultural life of our continent, with the aim to know the long road for arriving to peace in Europe, through the role played by the EU, since its establishment until today, for the promotion democracy and security in the continent.

The main goals were oriented to increase awareness on understanding the values, rights and opportunities created by the EU, making local citizens advocates by making them feel part of it, and feel save under the same flag.

The activities plan has been created with the suggestion and support of the different target group and have been organized thought public workshops, round table, exchanges of best practices, discussions and debates in order to develop an active citizenship and to foster interactions between the citizens' involved.

Through these activities, the citizens and local entities shall raise their knowledge and their awareness of the role of EU policies, therefore they will be able to give a contribution to the implementation of the European challenges.

Number of individual direct participants: 193 (number of participants in the entire event)

Number of invited/international participants: 113

Brief Description of the target groups: political representatives, associations, civil society organizations, citizens and young people, experts on the topics covered. The project involved a rather large number of organizations, public bodies, and countries, in order to ensure a strong impact at local and European level.

Not only public bodies were concerned but also the plurality of social actors and stakeholders at different levels, and subjects who have never taken part in initiatives of this kind.

Dissemination activities:

The plan of communication and dissemination activities was at the centre of the action of the project promoted by the Municipality of Limina. The groups of participants, already coordinated in the preparatory phase in this regard, had the task of cooperating in order to disseminate the project's objectives and its results, with specific actions and tools. In fact, each Partner has implemented measures for the dissemination and exploitation of the results on their own territory, in order to ensure the greatest possible visibility, and to expand the latter in a European context.

It was supported and recommended to all partners to give great prominence to the initiative, involving the relevant local media, in order to convey information in the countries they belong to, highlighting the general and specific objectives of the project and the CERV programme, highlighting the opportunities it offers.

News and insights relating to the event were published by local online newspapers and printed paper, which took care to follow all the events included in the program and highlight them.

With the active support of the partner institutions, a broad and structured communication plan was developed with the aim of giving maximum dissemination and visibility.

The dissemination of the results, through the use and application of the results themselves, has made it possible to create a multiplier effect, acting as a stimulus to give birth to further initiatives, adapting them in different contexts.

At the end of the project, meetings were organized in the area, where they had the opportunity to tell their own experience, through the presentation of the initiative, the results achieved, conveying the positive messages that were learned in relation to the values of solidarity, of human rights, democracy, friendship between peoples in the EU, social inclusion and active participation: the opportunities that the new program CERV offers in terms of promoting European citizenship, rights and values.

Activities and number of participants:

The Twinning Meeting took place in Limina (Italy) from 5 to 10 March 2023 and lasted 6 days. 113 international participants took part in the meeting between citizens, divided among the various delegations: 10 from the Ugarchin Municipality (Bulgaria), 27 from Milvus (Slovakia), 15 from Federacion de Asociacions Xuvenis para a Mobilidade Europea (Spain), 39 from GOK Olesnica (Polonia) and 22 from Paszto Municipality (Ungheria) with an equal distribution between males and females.

The aim was to involve a total number of 193 direct participants and 160 indirectly involved in the organized activities.

05 March 2023

Arrival of participants at Catania Airport and Transfer to Limina.

Welcome

Presentation of the participants and organizations, in the presence of the Mayor, the Municipal Council and the citizens.

Accommodation in Hotel

Evening: Typical Sicilian Welcome Dinner

06 March 2023

Morning: At the Town Hall the Ceremony of the Flags of the Countries involved and Hymns Performances, in the presence of the students of the elementary, middle, and high schools.

Presentation of the Project "A dialogue on Democracy, Freedom and Peace in Europe" of its Aims and Objectives

Afternoon: Working Group - Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) Opportunities - How Can we Use it for Active Participation? Opportunity to involve citizens in initiatives, debate/in-depth analysis on issues relating to European opportunities.

Dinner and overnight stay

07 March 2023

Morning: Interactive seminar and exchange of good practices "A constructive dialogue on security and peaceful coexistence among peoples in UE"

Open discussion with students on the trends, dreams and hopes of Generation Y kids.

Afternoon: Focus on "The European Solidarity Corps and Youth Mobility Programs"

Comparison and Discussion

Dinner and overnight stay

08 March 2023

Morning: Round table with schools "Ancient and recent conflicts in Europe" The experience of the partner countries and testimonials. Opportunity to involve young people in debate / study initiatives on current issues, so that they can acquire new knowledge and propose new ideas.

Afternoon: Interactive Workshop: "Security and peaceful coexistence among peoples in UE"

Multi-ethnic dinner

09 March 2023

Morning: Interactive seminar: "Peace in Europe: the integration process, the treaties and the Enlargement"

Reflection on the role of the EU as guarantor of peace, stability and security. The concept of peace in the EU protected by the Treaties, and the demographic, economic and social impact of the enlargement process.

Afternoon:

Ceremony of brotherhood between cities with the performance of National and European anthems. Debate and Dissertation on Support for democracy, peace and freedoms are the key priorities of the EU.

Twining Seminar "A dialogue on Democracy, Freedom and Peace in Europe" with interventions by citizens, experts, local and regional politicians, MEPs and local mayors and exchange of gifts
10 March 2023

Networking, Future collaborations on activities to be implemented in common.

Reflection Group and final evaluation of the days lived, Shared reflections.

- Free space to express oneself and express one's ideas
- Administration of initiative evaluation questionnaires.

Ceremony of greeting and farewell between local and international participants.

Return of foreign delegations