

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	ASSOCIAZIONE ARCI SOLIDARIETA ONLUS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY/CENTRE SOCIAL JEAN FERRAT CULTURE ET ANIMATION FAKTOR TERMINÁL EGYESÜLET MANDRAGOLA EDITRICE SOCIETÀ COOPERATIVA DI GIORNALISTI SZUBJEKTIV ERTEKEK ALAPITVANY ALTERA JEF EUROPE
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[4]
Event name:	[Workshops on the forms of democratic participation]
Type:	[Workshop]
In situ/online:	<i>[in-situ]</i>
Location:	Malta Melliha Bulgaria Sofia Italy Bari Italy Ventotene Italy Turin [three events] France Arques [seven events] Hungary Bánk Hungary Nagyharsány Hungary Budapest [two events] Hungary Debrecen

Date(s):	17/03/2023
	30/04/2023
	18/05/2023
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	21/08/2023
	23/08/2023
	24/08/2023
	6/09/2023
14/09/2023	
16/09/2023	
29/09/2023	
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.wordsofeurope.eu/
Participants	
Female:	200
Male:	185
Non-binary:	7
From country 1 [Italy]:	133
From country 2 [France]:	58
From country 3 [Hungary]:	140
From country 4 [Malta]:	6
From country 5 [Spain]:	2
From country 6 [Germany]:	3
From country 7 [Greece]:	2
From country 8 [Latvia]:	2
From country 9 [Ireland]:	2
From country 10 [Lithuania]:	2
From country 11 [Belgium]:	11

From country 12 [Poland]:	1		
From country 13 [Luxembourg]:	1		
From country 14 [Romania]:	2		
From country 15 [Netherlands]:	2		
From country 16 [Czech Republic]:	6		
From country 17 [Austria]:	4		
From country 18 [Bulgaria]:	15		
Total number of participants:	392	From total number of countries:	18

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Within the context of WP4, carried out by partners Arci Solidarietà, Altera, Association Community, Faktor Terminal, JEF Europe, and Szubjektív Értékek Alapítvány, a total of 19 events were organized. These events involved 392 participants from 18 eligible countries. The task of managing the communication, including the coordination of podcast production, was executed by Mandragola.

The events were hosted in various locations, spanning from Melliha (Malta), Sofia (Bulgaria), Bari and Ventotene (Italy), to three gatherings in Turin (Italy), seven events in Arques (France), as well as in Bánk, Nagyharsány, Budapest, and Debrecen (Hungary).

WP4, Workshops on Participatory Democracy, was a series of thought-provoking events designed to encourage brainstorming and the sharing of insights on how to strengthen citizen participation in democratic life. The workshops organized by our diverse partners showcased different approaches to engage participants and raise awareness about democracy.

To ensure that all partners were aligned with common guidelines, Altera, as the leader of the WP, conducted an internal online training session on April 14, 2023. During this session, participants delved into the concept of participation and were presented with a range of suggested activities to actively involve all participants.

The workshops incorporated a variety of strategies to engage a broad spectrum of participants with diverse background. The workshops were carefully tailored to the specific characteristics and backgrounds of the participants to ensure inclusivity and relevance. Moreover, the Work Package provided a valuable opportunity to gather and document best practices, which have been compiled in the dedicated deliverable "Hub of Existing Resources About the Forms of Democratic Participation". This comprehensive resource repository offers valuable insights and knowledge that can benefit future initiatives related to democratic participation. In detail:

Altera's contribution (three events in Turin) focused on involving young civil service volunteers. In one event, participants were divided into groups representing different actors in a democratic society, such as NGOs, government, media, and citizens. They engaged in negotiations and relationship-building exercises. The event concluded with an expert providing theoretical insights into various forms of democratic participation. Another workshop organized by Altera featured a role-playing game where participants took on the roles of various factions, including conservative and populist parties and the Muslim community. They gathered for a Town Council Meeting to decide whether a new mosque should be built, simulating a real democratic decision-making process.

Arci Solidarietà (one event in Bari and one in Ventotene) focus on involving young people in the framework of this WP. It organized two events as part of WP4, the Workshop on Participatory Democracy. The first event focused on the future of Europe, featuring an open debate structured around two key questions: the essential elements of democratic participation and how different forms of participation relate to global issues. Participants discussed topics such as inclusiveness, sustainable green communities, and breaking down power hierarchies. In a separate workshop, Arci Solidarietà gathered attendees' ideas for the future of participation in Europe. These proposals are used to create a political agenda for presentation to European Parliament candidates. Arci Solidarietà also initiated an ambassador program to support a group of interested attendees, who became the

Words of Europe Ambassadors, committed to contributing to future project phases.

Association Community (seven events in Arques) organized a series of events under the theme "La participation à la vie démocratique" targeting diverse groups to discuss democratic participation. In one event, they engaged migrants accommodated by Association Coallia, focusing on democracy in France and areas for improvement. Another event involved young locals, where discussions centered on the concept of democracy, the rights protected by it, and a role-play scenario regarding a toxic waste dump, stimulating an understanding of democratic participation. For a group less familiar with democracy, participants were shown a video and engaged in a quiz to enhance their awareness. They also built a vocabulary around democracy and discussed potential changes in national legislation. Events for young people from the region included discussions on democratic rights and a role-play activity regarding a toxic waste dump, with participants sharing their thoughts on legislative changes, often related to altruistic subjects. Involving a migrant group, a vocabulary-building activity was conducted, followed by the same role-play scenario to explore democratic participation dynamics and raise awareness among participants.

JEF Europe (one event in Melliha and one in Sofia) organized two workshops for Work Package 4. The first workshop in Malta explored various forms of political participation and limitations, emphasizing the concept of 'chains of equivalences' to understand interconnected societal issues. Participants shared their democratic aspirations and used an online platform for engagement. The second event in Sofia, "Young Europe: Forms of Democratic Participation," aimed to train young activists from various regions. They learned about EU democratic processes and engaged in interactive activities, brainstorming solutions for issues important to them. An outdoor activity involved painting a bench in European colours to symbolize youth participation. The day ended with participants presenting their solutions, fostering a sense of community and the idea of multiplying knowledge among their peers.

Faktor Terminál (one event in Debrecen and one in Budapest) conducted two workshops, focusing on democratic participation and related discussions. In the first workshop for young men at the Correctional Institution of Debrecen, participants aged 13 to 18 engaged in conversations about democratic participation and took part in an interactive theatre play. The discussion emphasized the importance of respecting their rights and dignity in the context of democracy and participation. The second workshop, involving girls aged 13 to 17 at the Rákospalota Correctional Institute and Central Special Children's Home, also began with a discussion on democratic participation. The interactive theatre play further highlighted the significance of respecting rights and dignity as an integral part of democracy and participation. These topics were new and insightful for the participants.

The **Subjective Value Foundation** (three events in Bánk, Nagyharsány, Budapest) conducted three workshops titled "Mit lehet tenni?" (What can we do?). The workshops aimed to engage participants interested in democracy and active citizenship. Each workshop involved introductions, discussions about personal definitions of democracy, and an exploration of Roger Hart's ladder of participation. Participants also engaged in a land art activity, filled out surveys on Covid and the EU, and discussed upcoming Words of Europe activities. The workshops encouraged participants to map the communities they could be active in and fostered dialogue on democratic participation.

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