

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Arci Solidarietà Società Cooperativa Sociale Centre Social Jean Ferrat Culture et Animation/Association Community Faktor Terminal Young European Federalists (JEF) La Ligue de l'Enseignement Mandragola Editrice Subjective Values Foundation Ucca – Unione dei Circoli Cinematografici Arci Altera
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Project name and acronym:	[Words of Europe] — [W.E.]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	9
Event name:	Festival of European Words <i>Languages of participation: Art and Politics of intersectional Voices in the EU</i>
Type:	Workshop and Open Debate
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Belgium, Bruxelles
Date(s):	22-23/10/2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.wordsofeurope.eu/
Participants	

Female:	23		
Male:	10		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Italy]:	11		
From country 2 [France]:	4		
From country 3 [Hungary]:	3		
From country 4 [Netherlands] :	4		
From country 5 [Belgium] :	11		
Total number of participants:	33	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The final conference of the Words of Europe project took place in Brussels on October 22nd and 23rd, bringing together partners from both the first and second editions, along with representatives from civil society, experts, and citizens.</p> <p>The first day began at 4:00 pm at the JEF offices with a meeting to present the main outputs of Words of Europe and to explain its connections with the second edition, Ways of Europe. This preparatory session provided an opportunity to outline the conference objectives and discuss the final steps needed to conclude the project.</p> <p>At 5:30 pm, the event moved to Bar Kamilù, beginning with the screening of video messages from MEPs on the theme of inclusive participation. They emphasised the importance of Words of Europe and the need for continuity in initiatives like this to foster new spaces for democratic and representative participation.</p> <p>Two external experts contributed to the introduction of the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Martina Corti, representing Civil Society Europe, presented CSE's perspective on strengthening civic engagement and participation in European Union processes. Her speech highlighted the need to further engage underrepresented groups and explored ways to ensure that civil society continues to play a key role in building European democracy. 2. Alessia Rogai, Knowledge Management and Learning Expert, focused her speech on inclusivity in participatory processes, with particular attention to practices that can make participation more equitable and accessible. <p>The second part of the event focused on sharing experiences from the partners involved in Words of Europe, along with the presentation of artworks related to the collected proposals and keywords, which were showcased at the venue. Partners recounted how the project aligned with their objectives and visions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arci Solidarietà described Words of Europe as a necessary tool for reconnecting stories, voices, and languages, strengthening intercultural dialogue. • Ligue saw the project as a platform to express citizens' expectations toward the European Parliament, promoting greater awareness. • Mandragola emphasised how the project contributed to connecting Europe through media literacy and art, using radio and podcasts as means of participation. • Subjective Values Foundation highlighted the importance of Words of Europe in giving voice to intersectional identities, using art as a medium for collective and inclusive expression. • JEF described the project as a powerful catalyst to encourage youth participation in European political processes, bringing younger generations closer to European issues. 			

- Faktor Terminal emphasised the importance of involving young people who feel excluded or invisible, reconnecting them with the core principles of the Union, especially fundamental rights.

These speeches provided insights and inspiration to reflect on the project’s potential and the importance of continuing its objectives in the second edition.

The first day of the final conference concluded at 7:30 pm.

The second and final day of the Words of Europe final conference was structured as a more technical and collaborative working session, complementing the previous day’s public event. The day began at 10:30 am at the JEF offices, where the project partners gathered to define the final steps for Words of Europe and to immerse themselves in planning the activities for Ways of Europe.

After the general overview, the participants were divided into three groups to focus on specific Work Packages of the new project. Each group worked on concrete objectives: how to engage beneficiaries, envisioning the implementation of local and transnational events, and discussing operational and technical aspects. Once the group work was completed, the participants reconvened to share doubts and proposals.

The second part of the morning included a collective SWOT analysis to assess the methodologies needed to ensure inclusive participation. This activity involved a practical exercise that allowed participants to reflect on moving “from invisibility to participation” by analysing strategies to ensure the involvement of all groups, particularly those that are underrepresented.

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