

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Diósd Város Önkormányzata (Local Government of City Diósd) - DIOSD
PIC number:	938807323
Project name and acronym:	FUTUREU: Conference on the Future of Europe to increase EU citizens participation

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5
Event name:	UNDERSTANDING OUR NEED AS EU CITIZENS, RESILIENT EUROPE.
Type:	Lecture, thematic activity of working groups, debate, discussion, guided tour
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Hungary, City Diósd, visit to Budapest
Date(s):	May 31 – June 3, 2023
Website(s) (if any):	www.citizensfutureu.eu https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1btIqEHnmaJUix7-iF0B0dxmjlypZ0TJ6 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gILChMSnRrYI71C4OB-ZHKr6CNJ79kHZ?usp=drive_link
Participants	
Female:	35
Male:	16
Non-binary:	N/A
From country 1 [Hungary]:	female 27, male 8
From country 2 [Spain]:	female 3, male 2
From country 3 [Romania]:	female 2, male 3
From country 4 [Poland]:	female 3, male 1
From country 5[Malta]:	female 0, male 2
Total number of participants:	51
From total number of countries:	5

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The activities of the event took place in the House of Culture of City Diósd, located in the centre of the city. Foreign participants, who were accommodated in the Hotel Training, in City Százhalombatta, about 16 km from the City Diósd, were transferred by a special bus here and back. The necessary technical equipment was provided by the Mayor's Office.

May 31, 2023

Arrival of the participants.

June 1, 2023

The actually implemented program followed the thematic material of the Agenda. The basis of the professional work was a lecture accompanied by a ppt presentation, the topic of which was: **'Presentation and rules of application of the European citizens' initiative' (ECI)**. In the first step, the Hungarian language version of the presentation (21 slides) was presented in consideration of the local participants, then a more detailed presentation in English (25 slides) took place, during which the official procedural practice of the ECI and specific examples were presented. In addition, some Hungarian internet-based interfaces supporting civil initiatives were also presented, showing concrete examples of initiatives.

After the presentation, the partner delegations held a joint discussion on the topic. As part of this, **short written answers were given to the following seven point questions:**

Questions	Summary of answers
1) Have you heard about European citizens' initiative?	The majority of the participants have not heard about this possibility. Some of them had uncertain ideas.
2) How do think this procedure can be effective?	The majority believe that the procedure requires too much effort and is therefore less realistic.
3) At the European level, what kind of topic would be useful to choose?	Common answers: environment, employment, transportation, climate and energy issues, digitalization, volunteering, etc. – wide variety.
4) Do you think that citizens want to participate in EU programs in order to change the EU?	The answers are divided, the intention to participate is uncertain, but not excluded, perhaps young people will show more interest in such matters.
5) How could you motivate people to deal with common European issues?	It is advisable to take steps already at the school level, society must be informed about the possibility, and appropriate communication methods must be used for this.
6) Do you think Euroscepticism is the reason why people do not want to participate in such activities?	Undoubtedly, there is Euroscepticism, which has its root causes, and this prevents people from actively participating in EU processes, but there are also other aspects to consider.
7) Could you say examples of initiatives at local, national and EU level?	Local: cheap transportation, platforms for common activities, improvement of road quality, more green area, more bus routes in the city, waste management, easier bureaucracy, creation of communities, educational systems.

National: cheap intercity transportation, highway system, legislation for the sake of youth, more jobs for young people, antidrug and anti-alcohol programs, immigration bureaucracy.

EU-level: developing train network to substitute flights and cars, to respect the needs of the member countries, more debates, digital euro, renewable energy & sustainability programs, funding small businesses, reduced taxation for youth, less bureaucracy, women's rights, common policy for import of resources (e.g. energy) for EU countries, anti-corruption policies, cultural empowerment.

Participants were ready to express their opinions to the questions, and the 15 answers obtained were scanned for documentation purposes.

As a complementary activity to the thematic work carried out, foreign participants took part in a **guided tour in the building of the Hungarian Parliament** (Budapest, in the afternoon of June 1), where they were transferred by bus, organized by the host partner. The importance of the role of the parliament in the democratic society was supported by a personal view of the historic building, hearing about the most significant events of the Hungarian parliamentarism, connecting the topic with the recent theme of the project: 'Understanding our need as EU citizens, Resilient Europe'.

The free time programs as well as the common participatory dinner (June 1, 19.00) in a popular restaurant of Budapest (District 7, Trófea Grill Étterem) gave chance to the visiting participants to get to know the life in the hosting country.

June 2, 2023

Another professional topic of the meeting related to the theme of '**Conference on the Future of Europe**', which dealt with the two-year program initiated by the EU, carried out by involving all member-states in the period of 2020-2022. The theme was introduced by a ppt presentation (8 slides), and followed by a discussion in the frame of a working groups titled: "European Citizen Initiatives based on the Conference on the Future of Europe's ideas report". Participants were prepared for a common discussion, and the lead partner led the workshop activity by listening and gathering the opinions of the delegates. Additionally, the materials of the National Activity Report of each country could be used for setting up a Compendium of the European Citizen Initiatives.

In line with the Agenda, the actual status and tasks of the **project implementation**, communication and dissemination activities were discussed in a session led by the project coordinator of Lead Partner Municipality of Almussafes on June 2.

The **date of the next meeting** was determined for July 18-21, 2023, to be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

June 3, 2023

Partners left Diósd, travelling home.



HISTORY OF CHANGES

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