

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Alzira
PIC number:	953211338
Project name and acronym:	"Empowering YOUth Citizenship for EU Future" (YOUth for EU),

EVENT DESCRIPTION		
Event number:	3	
Event name:	EU 4 YOUTH EVENT IN SPAIN	
Type:	Debate EU 4 YOUth in Poland, World Café discussion, Workshop, Test of knowledge on the Kahoot platform	
In situ/online:	in-situ	
Location:	Alzira, Spain	
Date(s):	11-15/06/2023	
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alzira.es/	
Participants		
Female:	111	
Male:	92	
Non-binary:	0	
From country 1 [Poland]:	5	
From country 2 [Greece]:	5	
From country 3 [Spain]:	183	
From country 4 [Italy]:	5	
From country 5 [Portugal]:	5	
From country 6 [Netherlands]:	5	
Total number of participants:	203	From total number of countries: 6
Description		
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>		
The third "YOUth for EU event" was held in Spain in the City of Alzira from 11 th to 15 th of June 2023.		

We met in Spain to enrich youth's knowledge of the importance of active citizenship and participation, increase youth awareness of the importance of the shared history of Europe, the significance of the values it stands for and their appreciation of diversity as intrinsic part of European societies, to increase their level of understanding of the values, rights and freedoms of the EU through increasing young people's capacity for contextualization and encourage young people to get involved in social life and civic activity, to gain encouragement to engage for the future of their community through better understanding of the policies of the EU and the instruments the Union provides for employment, mobility, education and training and volunteering.

On 12th of June we went to the City Hall of Alzira, where welcome speeches took place in the Great Hall of the City Hall, led by Mr. Diego Ernesto Gómez García, Hon. Mayor-President, City Council of Alzira, and Mrs. Carmen Herrero Pardo (Director, IDEA, the Local Agency of Development). The Mayor gave us a tour of the building, talked about the history of the city and explained the significance of the city's flag and coat of arms. Afterwards, each of the partner country representatives received a gift of the Alzira city flag. We had an opportunity to share with the Mayor our organisation and our national approach to youth policies and the European Union.

The next place we visited was the IES Rei En Jaume High-School, where there were we had a International stands where we had the opportunity to learn about the culture and taste typical dishes from the participating countries. The YOUth for EU Oxford Debate in Alzira on the Green Deal and climate change took place in the same building, where young people met with decision-makers (e.g. local government officials, experts, etc.). There were 2 teams (5 young persons each) where they discussed about climate and what to do to save our planet. The discussion in English was observed by students, teachers and experts, who then had to vote for the team they thought had the best arguments. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions to the participants of the debate and confront their ideas and opinions. It was attended by over 120 people. The debate was won by "the government" side through an online vote by the audience – so the European Green Deal is needed and expected by the young people in the light of ecological crisis.

Afterwards there was The Knowledge Test on Kahoot - Contest for youth about the EU was won by high school student Llorente, second place went to our councillor Klaudia and third place to Aitana who also attends to the high school. Later we took part in a Cultural visit in Alzira and recorded a TikTok video on "What is the European Union for me?". We ended the day on a nice note with a walk through the streets of Valencia, where we visited the old quarter and main spots.

We started Tuesday with an International Youth Workshop led by environmental experts in La Murta National Park, a protected natural area with lots of flora and fauna. In 6 international groups we were tasked with finding plants from a special album and in the process we admired the views of the mountains and learned what aqueducts are. In the second workshop, we created Fukuoka-style seed balls and aromatic perfumes. With the created balls we went to a deforested area and tossed them. This was followed by a Workshop on European citizenship led by environmental experts. Later, we took part in a World Café discussion at IDEA round tables organised jointly with the City Council, there were also discussions on European citizenship, ecology, health, cyber security, fake news and with the help of coloured string we created a spider web of biodiversity connections and talked about solutions to the problems the world faces to protect the climate. We ended the second day with continuation of recording short dissemination videos.

On 14th of June, we took part in a study visit about youth policies in local governments. We exchanged practices on youth policy at local and regional level, met with local government officials and experts, presented youth projects and discussed. The visit on youth policy in municipalities was attended by municipal authorities, offices and experts. We took part in discussions with experts from IVAJ (Valencian Youth Institute) - Mr. Raúl Puerta Lorenzo, Deputy – Director, CVJ (Valencian Youth Council) - Ms. Susanna Martínez Gomar, representative of the Standing Committee, MANRA organisation - Mr. Joshua Alemany, youth officer, City Council of Alzira - Ms. Mayte Vives, youth officer. The meetings was attended by over 40 project participants. At the end, we were given a tour of IDEA's headquarters and share the good practices. The last part of the day was cultural visit in the coastal, charming town on the Balearic Sea, close to Alzira – Cullera, where we had a chance to record the videos and did a networking with each other.

On the first and the last day we had management meetings when we discussed project coordination, financial aspects, risk analysis, timetable, future events and assess event in Spain.

HISTORY OF CHANGES

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