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Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Preparatory activities: the activities involved **15 partners representatives** in Brussels and online, being all the representatives present on **14 January 2021**.

Short description: Preparatory activities for the “Crossroads Europe” project took place between 1st of March 2020 until 14 January 2021, the day in which all partners representatives met online due to COVID-19 restrictions. They consisted mainly of:

- Review of the project application, grant decision and programme guidelines in preparation of the project execution plan.
- Preparation of a detailed implementation methodology and timeline for the overall project activities. First round of bilateral meetings (online) with the project partners (Movimento Federalista Europeo-IT, Fundación Xul, UEF Bulgaria, Europa Union Deutschland v.E., UEF France, AEGEE, Udruga Mladih Mladi U Europskoj Uniji and the Spinelli Group) to define the implementation plan and their role and responsibilities in the project. A preparatory meeting between the training and the kick-off of the Labs took place online on January 14, 2021 with 15 participants from the partner organisations.
- Development of the visual identity for the project (open call for graphic designer, selection of applications and choice of the designer, review of proposals for logo and other elements of visual identity).
- Preparation of communication material (logo, social media templates -FB, IG, TW- programme templates).
- Preparation of the webpage and promotion content for the project.
- Preparation of online tools for project activities.
- Definition and finalisation of partnership agreements when needed.

Events:

7 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1 - Crossroads Academy

Participation: The “**Crossroads Academy: Intensive training for Europe’s change-makers**” involved **59 citizens**, including 15 participants from **Belgium**, 7 from **Italy**, 5 from **France**, 5 from the **United Kingdom**, 1 from **Bulgaria**, 5 from the **Netherlands**, 1 from the **USA**, one person from **Greece**, 4 from **Spain**, 7 from **Germany**, 2 from **Ireland**, 1 from **Slovenia**, 1 from **Albania**, 1 from **Finland**, and 2 from the **Czech Republic** and 1 from **Luxembourg**.

Location/Dates: **online** due to COVID-19 restrictions, in cooperation with **Udruga Mladih Mladi U Europskoj Uniji (Croatia)**, from **27/06/2020** to **28/06/2020**.

Short description: The aim of the event was to help the participants to master the issues, boost their skills and be Europe’s change maker themselves. The event combined presentations, interactive workshops, small group activities and individual feedback sessions. It provided the participants with the skills to master the EU most relevant and up-to- date political issues, and be one of Europe’s change makers. The event combined policy sessions and interactive workshops to develop different kinds of skills. There were two morning policy sessions on: Economy, Climate Change, EU Global Role and Democracy. As of the afternoon sessions, different workshops (2 per day) took place on: 1. *How to identify and tackle online fake news and to promote a positive narrative on EU policies*; 2. *How to reach out to circles normally not involved in European politics or from socially disadvantaged backgrounds*; 3. *Advocacy in the EU bubble*; 4. *How to write a European Constitution and how to bring citizens’ ideas to the EU attention*.

Event 2 - Climate Change the Role of Europe and local authorities

Participation: The event involved **119 citizens**, including 107 from **Italy**, 3 from **Belgium**, 1 from **Germany**, 1 from **Russia**, 1 from **France**, 1 from **Switzerland**, 2 from **Spain**, 2 from **United Kingdom** and 1 participant from **Turkey**.

Location/Dates: **online** due to COVID-19 restrictions, in cooperation with **Movimento Federalista Europeo – MFE (Italy)**, on 25/01/2021, 29/01/2021, and 30/01/2021

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss Climate Change from different point of views, taking into account European, national and regional and local approaches to the issue, but also to investigate the cause effect relations and the implications of climate change on different aspects of our daily life and on policy. The event was held in three different days and composed by several sessions: *Climate change, desertification, and the migration issue* (25 January 2021); *Environment, climate and health at the time of Covid-19, Emilia Romagna: new pact for work and the climate* (29 January 2021); *Sustainable cities and communities, Green Deal: the EU's response to climate change* (30 January 2021).

Event 3 - Imaginando la Europa del futuro: Democracia participativa en la Unión Europea

Participation: The event involved **54 participants**, including 37 from **Spain**, 8 from **Belgium**, 3 from **Italy**, 2 from **Germany**, 1 from **France**, 1 from **Bulgaria**, 1 from the **United Kingdom**, and 1 from **Greece**.

Location/Dates: **online** due to COVID-19 restrictions, in cooperation with **Fundación Xul (Spain)**, on 13/04/2021, 14/04/2021, 20/04/2021, and 21/04/2021.

Short description: The aim of the event was to involve the participants in discussions on the Conference on the Future of Europe and EU democracy, and on the use of the digital platform [Decidim](#) as a tool for inclusive participative democracy. In this context, UEF collected proposals and opinions on the future of Europe in the field of participatory democracy and representation. A series of spaces for dialogue and reflection as well as practical workshops were provided.

Event 4 - The Conference on the Future of Europe and the EU Global role

Participation: The event involved **64 citizens**, including 41 from **Bulgaria**, 8 from **Belgium**, 1 from **Italy**, 1 from **Spain**, 4 from **Austria**, 2 from **France**, 3 from **Germany**, 1 from **Switzerland**, 1 from the **Czech Republic**, 1 from Hungary, and 1 from the **Netherlands**.

Location/Dates: **online** due to COVID-19 restrictions, in cooperation with **UEF Bulgaria** from on 14/05/2021 and 15/05/2021.

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss the future of the European Democracy with the participants. The questions on how it can develop to tackle the current global challenges, internal and external, and how to achieve strategic autonomy in respect to other relevant geopolitical actors were addressed. The event was divided in four sessions: 1. *Time to Enhance the European Democracy and Build a Union Fit for the Future*; 2. *Training: how to use the Conference on the Future of Europe Digital* (14 May 2021); 3. *How to Achieve a Strategic Autonomy in Order to Make Europe a Global Player*; 4. *Workshop: The Conference on the Future of Europe as an inclusive initiative to discuss security challenges from a citizens' perspective?* (15 May 2021).

Event 5 - Crossroads Europe: The Future of EU-Africa Relations

The event involved **138 citizens**, including 120 from **Germany**, 7 from **Belgium**, 1 from **Italy**, 1 from the **Netherlands**, 2 from **Austria**, 1 from **France**, 1 from the **United Kingdom**, 2 from **Switzerland**, 1 from **Ireland**, 1 from **Poland**, and 1 from **Luxembourg**.

Location/Dates: **online** due to COVID-19 restrictions, in cooperation with **Europa Union Deutschland e.V.** on 18/05/2021 and 20/05/2021.

Short Description: The aim of the event was to focus on issues such as trade relations, vaccine distribution and a new EU-Africa strategy to be adopted during a summit between the European Union and the African Union later this year. The aim of future EU-Africa relations is thus to strengthen cooperation in key areas such as digitalisation, but also climate and migration policy. During the workshop under the guidance of two education officers, the participants dealt with EU trade policy and its implications for the Global South. The event was divided in two main sessions: *The Future of EU-Africa Relations* (18 May 2021); and the workshop, *EU Trade Policy Between Values and Profit* (10 May 2021).

Event 6 – Europe, a Global Power?

The event involved **55 participants**, including 12 from **Belgium**, 17 from **Italy**, 15 from **France**, 1 from the **Netherlands**, 1 from **Austria**, 1 from **Albania**, 1 from the **United Kingdom**, 1 from **Lithuania**, 1 from **Hungary**, 1 from **Switzerland**, 1 from **Poland**, 1 from **Spain**, and 2 from **Germany**.

Location/Dates: the event took place in a **hybrid format, both online and in Strasbourg (France)**, in cooperation with **UEF France**, on 18/06/2021 and 19/06/2021.

Short Description: The aim of the event was to discuss several things: the EU as a global power from different perspectives, its relations with the Council of Europe, European defence system and its role; how international trade impacts on Human Rights and how the EU could address this challenge; 3. how the Conference on the Future of Europe can be used to strengthen European democracy.

The event was divided in five sessions: 1. *Europe, a world power? - Introductory session* (18 June 2021); 2. *The relations between the European Union and the Council of Europe*; 3. *Is Europe in a trade war? What place for human rights in international trade?*; 3. *How to use the Conference on the Future to reform Europe's place in the world?*; and 4. *Which defence for a European power?* (19 June 2021).

Event 7 - EU Migration and asylum policy and the public debate

The event involved **53 citizens**, including 11 from **Belgium**, 19 participants from **Italy**, 2 from **Lithuania**, 2 from **Sweden**, 1 from **Denmark**, 2 from **France**, 4 from the **United Kingdom**, 3 from **Spain**, 1 from **Bulgaria**, 1 from **Portugal**, 1 from **Greece**, 3 from **Malta**, 2 from **Germany**, and 1 from the **Netherlands**.

Location/Dates: **online** due to COVID-19 restrictions, in cooperation with activists and journalists from **Malta**, on 21/06/2021 and 24/06/2021.

Short Description: During the first session of the event with MEPs, activists and stakeholders discussed the current EU migration and asylum policy and its main challenges, and the possible way forward to achieve a truly EU-level migration system based on solidarity in the Schengen Area, within the framework of the UN Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda 2030 and the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The second session focused on how migration is addressed in the public and media discourse with the participation of journalists and activists. The event was divided in 4 sessions: 1. *Migration and the Future of Europe*; 2. *How to use the digital platform on the Conference of the Future of Europe* (21 June 2021); 3. *Migration and the media in Europe*; and 4. *Workshop: How to make the EU fit for the migration phenomenon of our times?* (24 June 2021).