

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[VOLUNTEU]
Participant:	[ASSOCIACAO JUVENIL DE DEAO - AJD]
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[3]
Event name:	[YOUTH VOLUNTEERING AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION]
Type:	[conference, workshop]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Viana do Castelo], [Portugal]
Date(s):	[November 27-30, 2022]
Website(s) (if any):	https://associacaodeao.wixsite.com/ajdeao/projetos-em-desenvolvimento https://38e4561e-5b5b-4a0b-8e86-47c7ec1b1358.filesusr.com/ugd/39c027_e00cc8c24b684a5e9907cb90b4ca8ce0.pdf
Participants	
Female:	48
Male:	23
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Portugal]:	54
From country 2 [Spain]:	3
From country 3 [Italy]:	4
From country 4 [Greece]:	1
From country 5 [The Netherlands]:	2
From country 6 [Cyprus]:	2
From country 7 [Croatia]:	2
From country 8 [Romania]:	3
Total number of participants:	71
From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The third event of the VoluntEU Project took place at Viana do Castelo (Portugal) on the 28th and 29th of November 2022 and had, as main objectives, the increasing of awareness and knowledge about the civic participation and youth, and the deepening comprehension and critical thinking about the different roles and responsibilities of youth in volunteering and civic participation. This event involved youngsters (target group) and participants from 8 different European towns in order to sensitize them with their local problems as European citizens, encouraging their social inclusion and civic participation. It was the occasion to listen first-hand to experiences and good practices from several volunteering local organizations (youth associations, sport clubs, etc) from Viana do Castelo (Portugal) at a thematic conference about youth and civic participation led by youth leaders. Participants also took part in a role-play game entitled “My civic responsibility” and in a participative analysis (gamification) regarding the topic “Situation of youth participation and volunteering in Europe”. The event also included a visit to the AJD facilities, where there was the opportunity to hear the sharing of volunteering practices by AJD volunteers and to contact with the children of the AJD “Ludoteca”, a cultural visit to the Museum of Costume of Viana do Castelo and to the Interpretive Center of the Portuguese Coastal Path (Caminho de Santiago) and a music performance by the “Grupo dos Cavaquinhos” from AJD.

27/11/2022

Arrival of participants from each partner delegation and welcome dinner with traditional Portuguese food.

28/11/2022

After registration, all the participants were welcomed by the Vice-President / Alderman of the Municipality of Viana do Castelo, Mr. Manuel Vitorino, who made a small speech highlighting the importance of projects like VoluntEU and the importance of volunteering and civic participation.

AJD took the floor to thank the Vice-President and all the participants in the event, sharing the agenda for the 2 days event.

Then, each partner presented themselves and AJD presented the guests: a representative of ReFood (Viana do Castelo), a representative of Clube Surf de Viana, a representative of Clube Darque Kayak, and a representative of Centro Nacional de Escutas – Região Viana do Castelo.

At the conference, intitled ‘Youth and civic participation led by youth leaders’, each several local organizations from Viana do Castelo - Portugal presented their good practices related to youth volunteering and civic participation. At the second part of the morning, a roundtable discussion was held between participants partners and guests. The goal of the roundtable discussion was to raise a debate based on the shared experiences in order to enhance knowledge and dissipate doubts related to youth and civic participation. Participants came forward with key concerns and shared some issues that they have personally had or have seen within their organizations and some of the guests were even able to give advice as ways to improve youth civic participation and even tips to avoid problems in the future. Overall, this roundtable discussion was very enlightening and also a great way to have voices heard about youth volunteering and civic participation from several countries and organizations.

In the afternoon, participants visited the highest location of the city Viana do Castelo, called Santa Luzia. They then went to visit AJD facilities – the meeting host organization – where they got to know all the volunteering programs, either national and international, that AJD is engaged. They could hear testimonies of some volunteers and they even had a Portuguese lesson, learning words like “Olá”, “Adeus”, “Obrigada/o” and “Saudade”. After these presentations, they were surprised by children who attend AJD Ludoteca, that created a poster with the word “Welcome” and even pronounced it in English for all the participants. The visit to AJD ended in a big confraternization between participants and the children, eating, talking and smiling.

After dinner, participants were able to assist to a cavaquinhos show from the “Grupo dos Cavaquinhos” of AJD.

29/11/2022

Participants registered for the second day and had some funny ice-breaking activities. During the morning, participants shared their good practices about youth participation and volunteering, allowing them to get to know each other even better and enhancing commitment, friendship, love and a sense of belonging among them.

AJD ended this sequence of sharing, with a presentation regarding the impact of volunteering on the Portugal social economy.

Then, participants were distributed in three groups and played a role-play game intitled “My civic responsibility”, carrying out different roles that take part in the European social challenges that local

communities are dealing after COVID19, namely, “citizen responsibility”, “volunteering” and “civic participation”. Role-play game is a discussion methodology leading people to think about a problem, putting on the skin of a character and building a story. This role-play game had the following structure:

I. Scheme of the activity:

1. 3 groups were randomly formed, consisting of 4 people each + 1 person/group the moderator.
2. Each group had an identified theme/problem and predefined characters.
3. Each person had a character and built the identity of that character.
4. Each group gathered separately and built the story with each character arguing his point of view.
5. Each group represented the story to the others and a collective discussion of the representations was held.

II. Construction of stories (20 minutes)

- a) Characters will be randomly distributed by the participants;
- b) Each participant will have to build the identity of his character;
- c) Assignment of theme/problem to each group for discussion;
- d) Construction by each group of the dialogues of the theme/problem.

III. Presentation of stories (60 minutes)

- a) Dramatization of each group;
- b) Discussion/reflection of the stories facilitated by the moderator.

IV. Theme/Problem and Characters:

Theme/Problem 1: Citizen Responsibility

Character A: Young citizen who saw, by the car window, someone get mugged in the parking lot

Character B: Young citizen who question Character A what has he done regarding what he saw

Character C: Young citizen Assaulted (Burglar took his backpack)

Character D: Young citizen Burglar

Theme/Problem 2: Volunteering

Character A: Young citizen who thinks volunteering is a good practice but never has time to do it

Character B: Young citizen who thinks volunteering is a waste of time

Character C: Young citizen who practice active volunteering

Character D: Young citizen who only practice paid volunteering

Theme/Problem 3: Civic participation

Character A: Young citizen who believes civic participation is all about voting

Character B: Young citizen who believes civic participation is all about associativism

Character C: Young citizen who believes civic participation is all about political parties

Character D: Young citizen who doesn't believe in any kind of civic participation

There was also place for a game in kahoot regarding participative analysis (<https://create.kahoot.it/share/youth-participation-in-europe/2574c199-f13e-4e0c-97b7-1bc9dae62c27>)

letting also the participants get to know the document upon which the game was created: Eurobarometer: Youth and Democracy in EU Year of Youth - 2022 (<https://doi.org/10.4232/1.13922>).

The Lead partner led the end of event with coordination issues and sharing the link for the evaluation of the meeting.

After lunch, participants made a cultural visit to the Costume Museum. They had also the opportunity to visit the Interpretive Center of the Portuguese Coastal Path having giving them a glance to know some volunteering activities and also practices related to the pilgrims of “Caminho de Santiago”.

Overall, this event allowed looking, sharing, and learning at different shades of youth volunteering and civic participation.

30/11/2022

Departure of all participants.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	17.12.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
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