EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081343] - [CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING] (C.F.I.U.)
PIC number:	[921869474]
Project name and acronym:	[COMFORT ZONE! Democracy and e-democracy thank to life skills improvement, participative cultural researches and creative laboratories] — [ETM - DEL]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[10]
Event name:	[Youth voices: Shaping the future of Europe]
Type:	[Debate]
In situ/online:	*[*in-situ*]*
Location:	Nice, France
Date(s):	[06/12/2023]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.coconutwork.org/
Participants	
Female:	12
Male:	15
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [France]:	6
From country 2 [Romania]:	4
From country 3 [Sweden]:	2
From country 4 [Italy]:	3
From country 5 [Germany]:	3
From country 6 [Latvia]:	2
From country 7 [Poland]:	4
From country 8 [Spain]:	3

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Total number of participants:	27	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The importance of a debate on the role of youth in the European Elections 2024. With the European political landscape evolving rapidly, the active participation and engagement of young people in the electoral process is crucial for shaping a future that resonates with their aspirations and concerns.

The event served as a platform for youth workers, to discuss, learn, and express their views on the democratic and civic process, stressing the importance of youth participation. Together with Europe Direct Nice where the event took place, we aimed to construct a steppingstone towards a more engaged and politically active youth, vital for the robustness and vitality of democracy in Europe.

Participants:

- Young people aged 18-30 from various European countries.
- Youth organizations representatives, youth workers, and youth educators.

- Employees of Europe Direct Nice.

Objectives:

- To engage and educate about the European electoral process.
- To provide a platform for participants to debate and express their views on European policies.
- To foster a sense of European identity and solidarity among participants.

Methods:

- We have led sessions that focused on the mechanics of the electoral process, the importance of voting, and the impact of policies on youth.
- We also organized discussions about for open dialogue where participants can voice their concerns, discuss various viewpoints, and gain a deeper understanding of different political stances.
- We had a Kahoot quiz where participants tested their knowledge with the European elections processes and general information about the EU, meanwhile clarifying the roles of the

institutions, the constituents, and EU stakeholders.

- We led a structured debate aiming to provide insights into the political landscape and the significance of youth participation in shaping policies.
- Opportunities for young people to connect with peers from different European countries, fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.
- We encouraged participants to develop their own initiatives or join existing projects that aim to address community issues and promote democratic engagement.

Results: :

- Participants developed a better understanding of the electoral process, the functions of the European Union, and the importance of their vote.
- Youth workers felt empowered in their ability to influence political decisions and take action on issues that matter to them.
- The debate, and discussions helped participants develop communication and critical thinking skills. They also built a network of contacts across Europe, which can be valuable for future collaboration or initiatives.
- The participants will transfer to their target group (youth) fresh perspectives on policies, potentially influencing the agenda or providing new solutions to existing problems.
- Such an event can lead to higher voter turnout among young people, as they feel more connected to the political process and responsible for the outcome.
- Some participants may initiate community projects or become more involved in local politics as a result of the motivation and connections made during the event.

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