Comfort Zone / Democracy and e-democracy

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Democracy and e-democracy thank to life skills improvement, participative cultural researches and creative laboratories

The project aims to explore, rework and reconstruct in collective terms the contemporary perception of European common history, identity and culture, in order to foster dialogue and participation on a democratic level.

More specifically:

- The project wants to create knowledge on the legacy of the past, in order to draw an important lesson for today: dealing with the historical theme of totalitarianism and democracy building, the project wants to spread the importance of democracy for today and for tomorrow, revealing important knowledges in the democratic mechanism (democracy is a priority of the project);
- The project looks at digital media as the most important ones to reach the newer generations: digital can reduce the distance, and give access on a broader scale to educative contents, informations rather than disinformations (media critics and e-democracy are priorities for the project);
- The project Create a lasting network of collaborations between partners, while engaging citizens of different nationalities, ages and social classes in participative and creative practices to improve the skills able to change their attitude towards an inclusive proactive building of the democratic society.

The output includes the making of international in-person and digital events, as well as 2 exhibitions, with the partnership of 7 countries (Italy, Croatia, Latvia, France, Germany, Holland and Slovenia).

Three approaches will be used:

1. The first provides participative historical researches, also including the collection and digitize testimonies by veterans of resistance;
2. The second provides participatory online and in-person events that give voice to civil society, especially targeting young people: events will gather perceptions about contemporary European history, values and mechanisms, and educate about the mechanism of democracy;
3. The third uses a creative approach: a selection of artists, educators and art-therapists will engage young people and their families (parents, grandparents) in a reflection on democracy and e-democracy thanks to creative laboratories: in this way it will be possible to create the conditions for the boosting of cognitive and not cognitive competencies able to guarantee a better awareness of the democratic process.

Project calendar, events and partners

FIRST EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Mariano del Friuli (Go), Italy
April 2023

runned by IoDeposito

The event will involve youth from 13 to 35 years old, with customed level of participation in the activities. The event is a workshop, the core will be dedicated to the experimentation of techniques and practices devoted from the art world, in order to reflect collectively on the mechanism/cycle of creation-circuiting-reception of informations in the new media

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SECOND EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Trieste (Ts), Italy
June 2023

runned by IRSREC FVG

A seminar, accompanied by a workshop, for youth, students and citizens of the cross-border area, analyzing collectively the democratic process on the "mobile border".

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THIRD EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Nova Gorica (Slo)
June 2023

runned by Carinarnica

a walk around the cross-border city of Gorizia-Nova Gorica, stopping around the most interesting places of democracy and democracy negation, accompanied by philosophers and historians.

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FOURTH EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Mariano del Friuli (Go), Italy
June 2023runned by IoDeposito

The event will involve youth from 13 to 35 years old, with customed level of participation in the activities. The event is a workshop, the core will be dedicated to the experimentation of techniques and practices devoted from the art world, in order to reflect collectively on the mechanism/cycle of creation-circuiting-reception of informations in the new media

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FIFTH EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Online event
from October 2023 to March 2024

coordinated by Biedriba, Latvia, on the topic of democratic youth engagement

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SIXT EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Sagrado (Go), Italy
June 2023

runned by IoDeposito

The event will involve youth from 13 to 35 years old, with customed level of participation in the activities. The event is a workshop, the core will be dedicated to the experimentation of techniques and practices devoted from the art world, in order to reflect collectively on the mechanism/cycle of creation-circuiting-reception of informations in the new media

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SEVENTH EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Wuppertal, Germany
November 2023

runned by Institute fur Roma and Minorities

The event will involve youth and citizens with customed level of participation in the activities. The event is a workshop, the core will be dedicated to the experimentation of techniques and practices devoted from the art world, in order to reflect collectively on the mechanism/cycle of

creation-circuiting-reception of informations in the new media, in the idea of avoiding prejudice.

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EIGHT EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Farra d'Isonzo (Go), Italy
June 2023

runned by IoDeposito

The event will involve youth from 13 to 35 years old, with customized level of participation in the activities. The event is a workshop, the core will be dedicated to the experimentation of techniques and practices devoted from the art world, in order to reflect collectively on the mechanism/cycle of creation-circuiting-reception of informations in the new media

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NINTH EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Amsterdam, Netherlands
from September to December 2023

runned by Autre Directions

Creative visual-lab workshop for youth, a re-working on the history of media and information while pro-actively using new technologies and media.

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TENTH EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Nantes, France
from September to December 2023

runned by Center For Intercultural Understanding

Debate and creative laboratory on the theme of democratic participation and intercultural understanding.

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ELEVENTH EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Italy, with the supporting competence of Croatia
6th of October 2023

A creative workshop, together with the participation in 2 performances, in the frame of the exhibition WASTED, on the topic of the intersection between Democracy, feminism and ecology.

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TWELFTH EVENT OF THE PROJECT

Udine (Ud), Italy
13th of October 2023

runned by IoDeposito

A creative workshop, together with the participation in 2 performances, in the frame of the exhibition WASTED, on the topic of the intersection between Democracy, feminism and ecology. Exhibition in the 2nd world war bunker of the city of Udine.

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