

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET*(To be filled in and uploaded as deliverable in the Portal Grant Management System, at the due date foreseen in the system.***⚠️** *Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)*

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	VOLUNTEU
Participant:	Asociatia Scout Society
PIC number:	938868142

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	7
Event name:	YOUTH VOLUNTEERING AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE
Type:	workshop,conference
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	ROMANIA, TARGU-JIU
Date(s):	27-30.11.2023
Website(s) (if any):	www.scoutsociety.ro
Participants	
Female:	19
Male:	8
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Romania]:	14
From country 2 [Spain]:	2
From country 3 [Cyprus]:	3
From country 4 [Portugal]:	3
From country 5 [Italy]:	2
From country 6 [Greece]:	3
Total number of participants:	27
	From total number of countries: 6
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The objectives of this working package are:

- Better understanding of concepts like governance and enhanced critical thinking;
- Improve skills and knowledge about civic participation on local governance about Youth Volunteering;
- Exploring ideas and experience about local governance on youth volunteering

27.11.2023

Arrival of participants in Targu-Jiu, Romania

28.11.2023

Arrival of participants at the meeting room (Christian Tell Public Library)

10:00-13:00

Introduction of participants -each participant introduced themselves to get to know each other better.

Presentation of partner organizations and importance of the meeting-each partner presented briefly their organization and the host presented the importance of the meeting and the agenda planned for the 2 days

My role on the decision-making processes about Volunteering in my city-the workshop started with the brainstorming between the participants related with the volunteering opportunities in their countries/ local community, what are the opportunities of active involvement in the decision processes in their local community; after the first stage the participants were split in mixt groups and worked together to develop the strategy of ideal volunteering opportunities for young people that should exist in a community.

Concrete examples about the opportunities of involvement of young people in civil life that exists in partner countries are: involvement in the municipal youth council, open sport activities organized at the community level, social events, intercultural evenings, local project such as National Youth Capital, conferences, workshops, local project developed by NGOs, open events organized by the municipalities such as: Bicycle Day, Cleaning Day, Crafts Fair.

Concrete examples of opportunities that can be created for youth to motivate their involvement in the local community : public arts projects-involving young people in public art projects such as art paintings or murals, internship opportunities inside the municipalities, NGO and other relevant actors, digital platforms for civic engagement-developing digital platforms or apps that enable youth to voice their opinions, participate in online discussions, and contribute ideas for local projects or policy changes, cultural and arts program that will encourage youth to be active and manifest their creativity.

15:00-17:00

Workshop "Promoting youth volunteering in European local communities- each partner presented they part/ contribution for the GUIDELINES FOR PROMOTING YOUTH VOLUNTEERING IN EUROPEAN LOCAL COMMUNITIES as was assigned by the coordinator of the project as following:

1. Introduction (Altea – Spain)

- Background and Purpose
- Scope of the Guidelines
- Target Audience

2. Understanding the Context (Hellenic Institute Of Cultural Diplomacy – The Netherlands)

- Overview of the COVID-19 Crisis and Its Social Impact
- The Role of Youth Volunteering in Crisis Response
- Local Community Dynamics and Challenges
- 3. Engaging Youth (Associação Juvenil de Deão - Portugal)
 - Strategies for Youth Involvement
 - Motivating and Recruiting Young Volunteers
 - Addressing Barriers and Concerns
- 4. Program Development (Industry Disruptors Game Changers - Greece)
 - Developing Tailored Volunteer Opportunities
 - Volunteer Training and Development
 - Ensuring Inclusivity and Diversity
- 5. Effective Volunteer Management (Associazione InCo Molfetta - Italy)
 - Volunteer Placement and Supervision
 - Volunteer Support and Recognition
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
- 6. Community Needs Assessment (Municipality of Athienou - Cyprus)
 - Conducting a Comprehensive Needs Assessment
 - Identifying Critical Areas of Support
 - Aligning Volunteer Activities with Community Needs
- 7. Promoting Active Citizenship (Asociatia Scout Society - Romania)
 - Educating Youth on European and Local Issues
 - Encouraging Civic Engagement
 - Fostering a Sense of European Identity
- 8. Sustainability and Outreach (Opcina Kalnik OpcinskoVijece Kalnik - Croatia)
 - Planning for Long-Term Impact
 - Communication and Resource Mobilization
 - Legacy Building

17:00-18:30

Cultural visit of Târgu-Jiu- participants had the opportunity to have a guided tour of Targu-Jiu and they visited the central parc, the famous operas of Constantin Brancusi and the city center

29.11.2023

10:00 – 12:30

Conference Civic participation on the local governance-the event was based on open discussions and share of experience/ stories/ concrete examples about the opportunities of involvement of young people in civil life, what are the methods to motivate them to be active citizens

10:00 – 12:30

Management meeting-progress of the project, dissemination, next steps-the coordinator presented the progress of the project and the next steps

14:00 – 17:30

Visit Village Museum Curtisoara and Chocolate Factory

Visit the chocolate factory in Curtisoara-visit to a small chocolate factory that is producing hand made chocolate figurins and bombons ; the participants hand the opportunity to leran more about the process of production and to taste the chocolate

The Museum of Popular Architecture of Gorj is an open-air museum located Curtișoara village, Bumbesti-Jiu town, Gorj County, Romania. In presents constructions illustrating the popular architecture and artisan techniques specific to the county.

The meeting in Targu-Jiu sought to improve participants' knowledge of governance, critical thinking, and civic engagement in local governance regarding youth volunteering. On the first day, there were workshops on decision-making procedures for young volunteering in the cities of participants, as well as introductions and presentations by partner organizations. A thorough session on encouraging adolescent volunteering in European local communities was held on the second day. It covered a wide range of topics, from context awareness to efficient volunteer administration. The participants' experience was enhanced by cultural excursions to Târgu-Jiu, which included a guided tour and a visit to the Village Museum Curtișoara and Chocolate Factory. On the last day, there was an open discussion about citizen engagement in local government, visits, and a management meeting to talk about the project's development, dissemination, and next steps.

HISTORY OF CHANGES

VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	22.12.2023	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	30/01/2024	Second version