

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[VOLUNTEU]
Participant:	[Associazione InCo-Molfetta APS]
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[4]
Event name:	[YOUTH VOLUNTEERING AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION]
Type:	[conference, workshop]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Italy], [Molfetta]
Date(s):	[February 13-16, 2023]
Website(s) (if any):	
Participants	
Female:	37
Male:	33
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Italy]:	55
From country 2 [Spain]:	3
From country 3 [Portugal]:	2
From country 4 [Greece]	2
From country 5 [The Netherlands]	2
From country 6 [Cyprus]	2
From country 7 [Croatia]	2
From country 8 [Romania]	2

Total number of participants:	70	From total number of countries:	8
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>International thematic event organised in Molfetta, Italy in February 2023. This event objectives are to reflect about volunteering and intergenerational approaches. In this sense, participants have debated and reflect about social needs of elderly people and potential values and benefits that elderly people can provide to local societies. At this regard, it has been important to reflect about the role of elderly people in society. All of this has also also related to the effects of the pandemic on elderly people in terms of health and social issues.</p> <p>Minutes of the event:</p> <p>February 13th, 2023</p> <p>Arrival of participants in Molfetta</p> <p>February 14th, 2023</p> <p>9:00 Welcome Speech and presentation of the agenda and activities, Presentation of Organizations.</p> <p>10:45 Introduction of the topic: Impact of Covid on Elders, start of the presentations by partners. Partners introduce the topic and the situation in each Country, and have discussed the unique vulnerabilities of the elderly population, such as underlying health conditions and difficulty with isolation and social distancing. Specific challenges faced by the elderly during the pandemic have been highlighted, such as access to healthcare and essential goods and services, and the psychological impact of isolation and loss. The benefits of intergenerational dialogue and volunteerism, such as reducing isolation and loneliness, improving mental and physical health, and fostering mutual understanding and respect between generations have been mentioned in the discussion too. Ana (Croatia) mentioned that in Croatia the elderly were hit stronger than in other Countries because of the earthquake. In The Netherlands, Ariadni mentioned that the healthcare was not supporting fully the emergency, so the volunteers and volunteering organizations were fully supporting the health system. In Greece (Priskilla), where the amount of elderly people is large (1 out of 5 in the total population), there have been setting up many different new volunteering organizations. Priskilla mentioned also the importance of psychological support needed by elderly people and their isolation, as they were not using social media to communicate. Croatia mentioned that the biggest burden was on red cross. Spain brought the discrimination, oppression, depression testimony by social services head Braulio, and the nurse Albert. From Paragiota was brought the example of Athienou Municipality in Cyprus, where a direct line number was established for support talks for people who were left home alone. Conclusions of the discussion have been that the group hopes that these good habits would last and be kept in time.</p> <p>11:45 European Solidarity Corps – Volunteers present their project and how to take part. Conclusion of the presentation is the follow-up idea to establish a newtork of organizations to exchange volunteers, as there is a shared trust about the good work of these partners.</p> <p>12:30 Coordination issues, by the Lead Partner (RRSS, Dissemination, publications, mail, etc). Greek parnters present the next meeting logistic arrangements and travel guide.</p> <p>14:30 Role game about elders needs during Covid. The role game was adapted on the CoE Compass activity "Take a step forward". In this activity participants take on roles and move forward depending on their chances and opportunities in life. Participants impersonated a chosen character to reflect on equality and situations that elderly people faced during Covid-19. Some examples of characters: "You were the local bank manager. You have now a good retirement pension." "You are an elderly Chinese immigrant who, before retirement, run a successful fast food business." "You are a 65 farmer in a remote village in the mountains, who no longer has much strength to work." "You are a retired American ambassador to the country where you are living." "You are a 66 year-old man with Alzheimer who's unable to cover for elderly care." "You are a homeless old man, 67 years old.". Some example of statements: You have never encountered any serious financial difficulty. You know where to turn for advice and help if you need it. Other people consult you about different issues. Since the start of Covid-19 you could have a full understanding of the world health and pandemic situation. You know you can fully trust the health system and accept and follow the rules coming from the government. You had easy and quick access to Covid-19 vaccines. During Covid-19 you did not lose any people around you. Conclusions were that people who could step ahead did not look back to support others, and that this exercise does reflect the society in which we live.</p> <p>17:00 Visit the Red Cross of Molfetta</p>			

18.00 Reflection of the day

18.15 Cultural city tour

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09:45 Intergenerational workshop to debate and express one's own opinion by taking a stand or position in the room, split in two sides: Agree and Disagree. Declarations analyzed by participants were: Europe: an aging population, that's an issue! Volunteers are just unpaid employees. Youth unemployment is the result of the laziness of young generations. It's impossible if you're not a teenager anymore to keep up with nowadays technology. Young people are not interested anymore in traditional jobs and that's why these jobs are going to disappear. To solve society problems, the State should invest on the education of youth.

11:15 Presentations by partners: How the Covid has changed volunteering activities addressed to elders. Presentations by each partner organization.

12:00 Workshop: Molfetta products, orecchiette and pasta dough.

13:00 Online coordination meeting with all partners and participants to set next project goals.

15:00 Podcast creation by InCo Molfetta

16:00 Avis Molfetta - Hospital Presentation of the local blood donor association

18:00 Final evaluation of the meeting, in which participants have expressed positive feedbacks about the general content of the conference and workshop, results obtained, logistical arrangements and group management.

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Departure of participants

The EDS of the fourth event is published in the InCo Molfetta Website. You can visit it in the following link : <https://incomolfetta.wordpress.com/volunteu-meeting-in-molfetta/>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.03.2023	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	20/06/2023	Second version