

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[VOLUNTEU]
Participant:	[Ayuntamiento de Altea]
PIC number:	913697418

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[8]
Event name:	[FINAL MEETING]
Type:	[conference, creative lab, workshop]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Spain], [Altea, Comunidad Valenciana]
Date(s):	[February 6-9, 2024]
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://volunteu.org/">https://volunteu.org/</a>
Participants	
Female:	68
Male:	55
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Spain]:	90
From country 2 [Poland]:	6
From country 3 [Portugal]:	4
From country 4 [Greece]	3
From country 5 [The Netherlands]	3
From country 6 [Cyprus]	3
From country 7 [Italy]	5
From country 8 [Romania]	6

From country 9 [Serbia]	1		
From country 10 [Belgium]	1		
From country 11 [United Kingdom]	1		
Total number of participants:	123	From total number of countries:	11
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Last international thematic event organized in Altea, Spain in February 2024. The objectives to which this work package is linked are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Better understanding and involvement about dissemination of European positive values;</li> <li>- Better understanding of the EU policy-making process and strategies;</li> <li>- Elaboration of positive ideas and solutions concerning facing European future after COVID19 pandemic;</li> <li>- Enhanced civic and democratic attitude and assimilation of the concept of volunteering and active citizenship;</li> <li>- Creative dissemination material made by all participants and share at international level;</li> <li>- Conclusion of the project and sustainability;</li> </ul> <p>Minutes of the event:</p> <p><b>February 6th, 2024</b></p> <p>Arrival of participants in Altea, Spain</p> <p><b>February 7th, 2024</b></p> <p>9:00 Gathering of participants at venue and registration of participants.</p> <p>9:30 Welcome Speech from Diego Zaragoza, Mayor of Municipality of Altea and Germán Manjón, Councillor for European Projects. Presentation of the agenda and activities.</p> <p>10:15 Thematic workshop and open discussion: "Spread the word" with European experts: This thematic workshop was designed as a round table, moderated by Ana Alonso - Head of Europa Direct – Valencian Community, in Alicante, who started with a brilliant speech and introducing the other speakers. The first one was Alberto Lorente, expert in European mobility and cooperation, talking about mobility and European cooperation with a presentation about pathways to integration and development. Secondly, it was the turn of Carles Arques, European projects expert with a master in European Union Studies. Nowadays, he is the President of the Union of European Federalist for the Valencian Community (Spain). His speech was regarding institutions and political system of the European Union, explaining about its structure and functioning. Finally, the last speaker was Ángel Jesús Pérez, 2030 Agenda Coordinator and professor of UNED Denia and Environmentalist, who talked about activism in Modern Age, especially the different strategies and challenges. After that, Ana Alonso opened a question session in which the audience ask about different topics to the speakers.</p> <p>12:00 Seminar/ workshop on ESC volunteering and Erasmus+ mobilities; types of youth programmes: This seminar was designed as a round table, moderated by Paloma Verdú, manager of EuroAltea, the European Projects Office of the Municipality of Altea. She presented the activity and introduced the speakers. The first one was Germán Manjón, Councillor of European Projects of the Municipality of Altea, who explained the Municipal experience participating in European Projects since the European Projects Office is working. He was followed by Albert Llorens, health worker who was representing the volunteer population of Altea. Albert is volunteer in Red Cross Altea and he has been working in Volunteu during these 2 years, explaining his experience from the Red Cross to the audience. The following speaker was Luigi Balacco, founding member and director of the Association InCo Molfetta, partner of Volunteu project. His speech was through the practical vision of the future of European Solidarity Corps. Fourth speaker was Ignacio González, director of the DeAmiticia Association, who was presenting ECS (European Solidarity Corps) practical case study in AFCS (Volunteering Teams High Priority Areas) project. Following with Volunteu partnership, Kyriakos Kareklas, Mayor of the</p>			

Municipality of Athienou, Cyprus, made a speech about the political representation of Cyprus in the European context, emphasizing its experiences and good practices as a Municipality. Finally, it was the turn of Javier Expósito, director of ASEID (Association for Employment, Inclusion and Development) and expert in business partnerships in European projects.

13:30 Closing Speech by Manuel Desantes, Professor of Private International Law in the University of Alicante and Former Vice-President of the European Patent Office, with reflections of an experienced Pro-European: "The strength and enthusiasm of being Europe".

15:15 Coordination work: management progress of the project, website presentation, social networks dissemination and next steps.

16:00 Visit to the headquarters of the Red Cross of Altea: presentation of the ongoing, local projects in the social, health, and environmental fields.

### **February 8th, 2024**

09:30 Open air creative works: "Hi, I am Volunteer, I'm Europe" Defining participative slogans about EU and creating promotional spots promoting volunteering and solidarity as response to COVID19 on social networks.

Workshop in which the participants were divided into 5 groups and were assigned different tasks regarding slogans creation and dissemination content for VoluntEU and EU values. Finally, we had opened discussions and shared the content created by each group, with concrete examples and questions.

11:00 Welcome by the Councilwomen of Social Welfare, Equality, Rights and Public Health. Visit to the Headquarters of Social Welfare in order to learn about the services and workers of the department of social welfare area for Municipality of Altea. Networking opportunities and experiences exchange.

12:45 Conclusions, peer review and sustainability group discussion about the conclusion of the project

15:15 Visit to the Centre for Comprehensive Care for the Elderly and the social housing for the Elderly of Altea Municipality. Visit to the association "Cáritas"

17:00 Guided cultural tour in Altea

18:30 Institutional conclusion of the VoluntEU project

### **February 9th, 2024**

Departure of participants

The event highlighted the work done during nearly two years of our VoluntEU project, fostering cooperation between the associated partners and developing the future steps after the project end. During the last day, some conclusions regarding the project appeared: - Volunteering is still necessary even though the Covid19 pandemic effects are diminishing ; - Find and engage new volunteers, specially youngsters, is one of the most difficult aspects ; - European cooperation and policies in this field have to continue in next years.

The visit of European experts and Spanish institutions gave the event greater prestige. The participants' experience was enhanced by visiting organisations and cultural excursions Altea, which included a guided tour.

<b>HISTORY OF CHANGES</b>		
<b>VERSION</b>	<b>PUBLICATION DATE</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
1.0	15.02.2024	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	08.03.2024	Second version