

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Reinforcing European citizenship through building up the conditions for civic and democratic participation - RECup
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number :	8		
Event name:	Workshop (2nd Circle): Participatory Citizenship through exchanging good practices		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Birgu, Malta		
Date(s):	24.10.2024 – 26.10.2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://recup-project.eu/		
Participants			
Female:	10		
Male:	16		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Malta]:	7		
From country 2 [Romania]:	6		
From country 3 [Croatia]:	2		
From country 4 [Slovenia]:	2		
From country 5 [Greece]:	5		
From country 6 [Spain]:	2		
From country 7 [Italy]:	2		
Total number of participants:	26	From total number of countries:	7
Description			

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Participants began arriving on the evening of October 24th, 2024, for a welcoming dinner at the ic-Centru restaurant in Gharb Square, Malta, starting at 19:00. This provided an informal setting for attendees to meet and network before diving into the workshop sessions the next day. The dinner allowed participants to familiarize themselves with each other and set the stage for collaboration during the upcoming sessions.

The morning of October 25th began with breakfast at the hotel, where participants gathered at 09:00 at the pool area. At 10:00, the host officially welcomed the attendees and outlined the main objectives of the workshop. These included the development of intercultural dialogue, sharing good practices for empowering the unemployed through active citizenship, and strengthening connections with local authorities. The discussions also focused on the relationships between local, national, regional, and European forms of participatory citizenship, particularly how barriers could be overcome to ensure that European citizens, despite their diversity, could engage more effectively at various levels.

The first session, beginning at 10:15, featured a presentation on Malta's approach to intercultural dialogue and the exchange of knowledge and experiences. This was followed by a presentation from Romania at 10:45, Croatia at 11:15, and Slovenia at 12:00. The presentations offered crucial points into the unique strategies and challenges each country faced in fostering participatory citizenship.

At 11:45, participants took a coffee break, providing an opportunity to reflect on the morning sessions and engage in informal discussions. The group reconvened for lunch at 13:00 before embarking on the afternoon session, which started at 14:30. This workshop focused on the connection between local authorities and citizens, examining how participatory citizenship can be fostered within local, national, regional, and European frameworks. The session addressed current challenges and explored solutions for improving the relationship between government institutions and citizens, with an emphasis on local governance.

At 15:45, the results from the afternoon workshop were presented and debated, providing a platform for participants to share their findings and engage in critical discussions on how to improve citizen participation. The day concluded with a dinner at 19:00 at the ic-Centru restaurant, allowing participants to unwind and socialize after a day of intensive dialogue.

On the second day, after breakfast at 09:00, the group reconvened for the first workshop at 10:00, which focused on overcoming barriers to European participatory citizenship. This workshop took into account the quantity and diversity of European citizens and aimed to identify and address the obstacles preventing full engagement in citizenship processes. Participants worked together to develop strategies for making citizenship more inclusive and accessible across Europe.

At 11:00, the results from the workshop were presented, allowing participants to discuss the proposed solutions and gain insights into how these ideas could be implemented at various levels. Following this session, participants enjoyed lunch at the hotel at 13:00.

In the afternoon, the group visited the local council at 14:30, where they had the opportunity to discuss good practices for participatory citizenship directly with local authorities. This visit provided real-world examples of how local governments can engage with their citizens and implement policies that foster active citizenship. The session allowed participants to see the practical application of the ideas discussed in the workshops.

The day ended with a dinner at 19:00 at the ic-Centru restaurant, where the discussions continued in a more informal setting.

The final day began with breakfast at 09:00. Afterward, participants prepared for their departure, marking the conclusion of the workshop. This day provided an opportunity to reflect on the outcomes of the event and the key takeaways. The discussions throughout the workshop highlighted the importance of intercultural dialogue, the exchange of best practices, and the development of strategies to overcome barriers to participatory citizenship at local, national, and European levels.

REcup Workshop (2nd Circle): Participatory Citizenship through exchanging good practices Agenda

Date: 24.10.2024 – 27.10.2024

Venue:

Session Day 1: 24.10.2024

Participants Arrival

19.00

Dinner at ic-Centru restaurant, Gharb Square

Session Day 2: 25.10.2024

10:00 – 10.15

Registration and Welcome delivered by the hostess

10:15 – 10.45

The development of an intercultural dialogue and exchange of knowledge and experiences

Exploring the role of Maltese policies in facilitating intercultural dialogue and engaging citizens in conversations that bridge cultural gaps.

10:45 – 11:15

Examples of local initiatives and grassroots projects in Romania are helping to promote active citizenship and inclusivity in intercultural exchanges.

Discussing the particular challenges of fostering intercultural dialogue in rural versus urban areas in Romania and how to bridge these divides. Presentation of action plans and commitments by participant groups.

11:15 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.00

The Croatian Methods and Tools that encourage citizens to actively participate in intercultural dialogue at the local, national, and European levels, and how this strengthens social bonds.

Exploring how Croatia's accession to the EU has influenced its approach to intercultural dialogue and collaboration with other European countries in sharing experiences.

12.00 – 12.30

The Slovenian approach to integrating immigrants and minorities, and how public policies contribute to fostering an inclusive and participatory society.

Discussing Slovenia's multilingual and multicultural landscape and how it supports intercultural exchange and understanding in both urban and rural areas.

12.30 – 13.00

Coffee Break

13.00 – 14.30

Workshop on the connection with local authorities, and dealing with the current relationship between local, national, regional, and European forms of Participatory Citizenship

14.30 – 15.30

Lunch Break

15.30 – 16.30

Debatable Forum, Presentation of the results from the workshop and Q&A session

16.30 – 17.00

Evaluation of the Day and Remarks

19.00

Dinner

Session Day 3: 26.10.2024**10.00 – 10.30**

Participants' Welcome and Recap of the Session Day 2

10.30 – 12.00

Workshop on the topic of overcoming the barriers towards European Participatory Citizenship at various levels, taking into account the quantity and diversity of European citizens

12.00 – 13.00

Presentation of results from the Workshop and Laboratory Open Discussion on Key Best Practices, Examples and Recommendations

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch Break

14.00 – 16.30

Visit to the local council to discuss good practices

16.30 – 17.00

Evaluation of the Day and Closing Remarks

19.00

Dinner at ic-Centru restaurant, Gharb Square

HISTORY OF CHANGES

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