

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Comune di Orte
PIC number:	906970177
Project name and acronym:	PEACE - Positive Energy And Caring for Everyone

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Multilateral Meeting
Type:	International Meeting with theoretical, practical and cultural activities.
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	Orte (IT)
Date(s):	From September 2nd to September 5th 2023
Website(s) (if any):	http://www.comune.orte.vt.it/Home/DettaglioNews?IDNews=245425 http://www.confraterniteorte.it/peace2023.html
Participants	
Female:	145
Male:	145
Non-binary:	10
Italy Comune di Orte and Confraternite di Orte :	90
From country 2 IDALION MUNICIPALITY Cyprus :	48
From country 3 AYUNTAMIENTO DE LA RINCONADA Spain :	56
From country 4 REGJUN NOFSINHAR Malta :	52
From country 5 JUNTA DA FREGUESIA DE	54

FORJÃES Portugal :			
Total number of participants:	300	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

During the International Meeting in Orte (Italy), European-wide activities were held from from September 2nd to September 5th 2023.

The meeting was organised by the Applicant with the help of volunteers and local community.

The meeting lasted 4 days and involved 300 direct participants from 5 Countries.

The participating organisations were:

- IDALION MUNICIPALITY Cyprus Associated
- AYUNTAMIENTO DE LA RINCONADA Spain
- Regjun Nofsinhar Malta
- Junta da Freguesia de Forjães Portugal
- Confraternite Riunite di Orte Italy

In addition to the partnership of the project proposal, the project was also attended by other international guests such as authorities from the municipalities of Oliva (Spain), representatives from Sumeg (Hungary) and Gudja (Malta) who contributed to greater cultural diversity in the project, fostering a rich and stimulating working environment. This led to better cross-cultural understanding and overcoming challenges through broader approaches.

The PEACE project helped to enhance knowledge of crisis origins and their impact on Europe, promote youth involvement in civil society, and promote intercultural dialogue. The project was a step forward to overcome stereotypes and promote tolerance, respect of diversities, and knowledge about EU policy-making processes and social policies among citizens. The project involved local communities in volunteering and organizing integrational activities, tours, and cultural visits.

All these activities were chosen to promote understanding and knowledge among participants of what it means to be a European citizen by comparing and learning about the different cultures and customs of the various countries belonging to the European community.

All topics in the project proposal were discussed through both formal and non-formal methods.

The most significant activities were:

- Seminar: Citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity-speeches by experts and Achieving Solidarity Through Peace Education followed by a meeting with local associations : the outcome has been an useful action to raise citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity; Allowing the participants to share histories from their communities. In addition there was a direct intervention of experts in these activities, meetings with local PAs and volunteers.
- Guided research with experts: Solidarity in times of crisis, EU policies and the response of the EU to international crisis and study visit to local ONGs and best practices exchange to involve the participants in the discussion over the richness of the cultural and linguistic environment; Best practices exchange to stimulate debates, confrontation and mutual understanding, allowing each participant to give voice to their points of view through debates and to boost reflection on how past crisis were tackled and passed.
- Seminar: Remembrance, common history and values, Practical activity: How do we see each other? draft of a map of stereotypes and Confrontation and problem solving: how are stereotypes built? how can we overcome them?. These activities helped to raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values, foster the reflection on stereotypes and stigmatisation of the others, their risk and how they also generate division in Europe.
- Workshop: Promotion of peace to contrast xenophobic propagandas and draft of true datasto debunk xenophobia followed by the visit to a local social enterprises which are working with migrants and minority groups. The results were the exchange of best practices and direct experiences, analysis of the way propagandas are constructed and strategies to debunk them, active involvement of migrants, minority groups and experts in the activities, building up of positive counter-narratives and involvement of local citizens in these activities.

- Seminar on the Introduction to the EU's policy-making process, Local and National policies in promoting the well-being of the Europeans and EU asylum policies and the European Agenda on Migration.

In addition to this, the cultural visits and hands-on activities were essential to understanding the differences but at the same time the similarities between countries.

During the 4 days of the project there were numerous opportunities to taste local and identity products from Orte's area, but in addition to tasting it was possible to take part in the entire production process of the various products.

These cultural occasions were also very interesting having been an opportunity to come into direct contact with the folkloric aspect of the local community.

Another very relevant activity for the purposes of the project with the aim of enhancing small communities was the participation in actions together with Orte's volunteer association.

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

