

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Local Action Group Dolina Rzeki Grabi
PIC number:	902060425
Project name and acronym:	Network of Organizations for Promoting Skills for Participation (NOT SKIP)

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	European Meeting 1: Kick-off Meeting
Type:	conference
In situ/online:	<i>in-situ</i>
Location:	Poland - Kolumna Park*** Hotel&Restauracja, Dobroń, Przygoń (Lodzkie Voivodship)
Date(s):	14-17 October 2024
Website(s) (if any):	<p>Host website:</p> <p>https://dolinagrabi.pl/2024/10/18/not-skip/</p> <p>https://dolinagrabi.pl/2024/10/11/konferencja/</p> <p>https://dolinagrabi.pl/2024/10/10/konferencji-pt-w-jaki-sposob-mozna-skutecznie-promowac-udzial-obywateli-w-procesach-decyzyjnych-na-poziomie-ue-aby-przyczynic-sie-do-budowy-przyszlosci-unii-europejskiej/</p> <p>FB pages:</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566968076518</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0B18puwb8JgGmNwGh6YLgdqocW79fViBuywij4xBqBadKLkxnkGZMzWqfnFrLPK7l&id=100064277666371</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0e7DQx7MnM6q9bry9xkStvmrScL2Tr2y4G3NFZTkDUbvvcVJpzwYUcszbqX8mxzl&id=100064277666371</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0uUhNnVG4dVr8arATqELpGLTNhtJ2g4ffSeMetk1pHAjoeZNHPdKRLtnPuhDEXKpal&id=100064277666371</p> <p>INSTAGRAM page :</p> <p>https://www.instagram.com/not_skip_project/</p>

Participants			
Female:	77		
Male:	39		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Italy]:	5		
From country 2 [Romania]:	5		
From country 3 [Greece]:	5		
From country 4 [Lithuania]:	5		
From country 5 [Portugal]:	5		
From country 6 [Poland]:	91		
Total number of participants:	116	From total number of countries:	6
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
Target groups: local citizens, educators and professionals, decision makers			
Aim of the meeting: The meeting focused on project coordination and management, ensuring that the whole project activities will follow the same structure. The first day addressed the topics of NOT SKIP partnership and task and reole(partners' presentation, experience, activities) and the national and international role of citizens in the democratic life (national speakers). The second day focused on the general project management, communication, dissemination plan, financial info.			
Agenda of the meeting:			
available HERE https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ymMDne6qUis-dSGEfwwMYiQDwb9-yqt4			
Description of the event and its activities:			
October 14-17, 2024: The "Kick-Off" Meeting of the NOT SKIP Project in Łódź Voivodeship			
From October 14-17, 2024, Local Action Group "Dolina Rzeki Grabi" hosted the first in-person meeting of the international NOT SKIP project, titled the "Kick-Off Meeting." Representatives from Italy, Portugal, Lithuania, Romania, and Greece gathered in Łódź Voivodeship to lay a solid foundation for this exciting EU collaboration. The project is led by Fattoria Pugliese Diffusa APS, based in Italy, and focuses on building connections to drive youth engagement in EU decision-making processes.			
October 15: International Conference at the Łódź Regional Assembly			
An international conference took place at the Łódź Regional Assembly under the theme, "How can participation in decision-making at the EU level be effectively promoted to invest in the EU's future?" The event welcomed 110 attendees, including notable figures like Agnieszka Ryś, Deputy Marshal of the Łódź Voivodeship, and various local mayors. Students and teachers from area schools also participated, adding youthful voices to the dialogue on EU governance.			
The conference aimed to educate young people on how EU institutions and decision-making work, stressing the importance of youth involvement in shaping policies that impact their futures. The event opened with a welcome speech by Anna Doliwa, President of "Dolina Rzeki Grabi," followed by presentations from Iulia Badea of Asociatia Nameless Art (Romania) and Evangelista Leuzzi from Fattoria Pugliese Diffusa APS (Italy), who introduced the objectives of the NOT SKIP project.			

Key Presentations and Highlights

Agnieszka Ryś, Deputy Marshal of Łódź, gave an insightful lecture on the role of local government in enforcing the rule of law, emphasizing the importance of lawful governance in daily administrative activities. Another keynote, delivered by Juliusz Góraj, Director of the Regional Council's Chancellery, focused on enhancing democratic legitimacy in EU legislative processes and empowering citizens to shape the future of the EU.

Project partners from each participating country shared brief presentations on their organizations, fostering a collaborative spirit and laying groundwork for future initiatives.

October 16: Exploring Łask and Zelów During the Study Visit

The day following the conference was packed with activities showcasing the region’s heritage. Project partners explored Łask’s multicultural history through the "History of Łask Captured in Boards" quest, visited the Local Action Group’s offices at the Łask Cultural Center, and learned about the Jewish community's rich legacy in the area.

The journey continued to the Zelów Commune Office, where Mayor Kamil Światała and his team shared the commune’s history and highlighted projects funded to support local businesses and cultural infrastructure.

A Promising Future for the NOT SKIP Project

The meeting concluded with an engaging session on project management, finances, and communication strategies, ensuring effective, timely progress. The partners ended the day with a farewell dinner at Kolumna Park Hotel, filled with optimism for future collaboration.

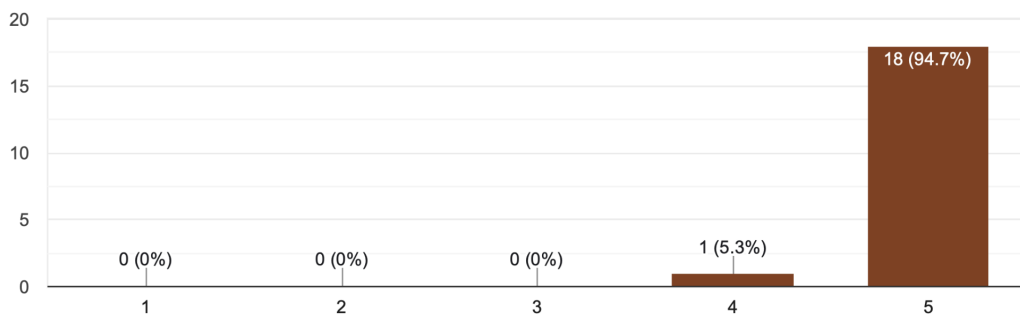
We look forward to seeing the positive impact of the NOT SKIP project on local communities across Europe, strengthening youth involvement in EU initiatives!

Results and feedback

As being visible below, the pre-meeting preparation, logistics and facilities, and meeting management have been adequate and satisfactory for the participants, the meeting reaching its objectives. The partners agreed and believed that the constant communication at each step of the project will be very useful in achieving the NOT SKIP aims.

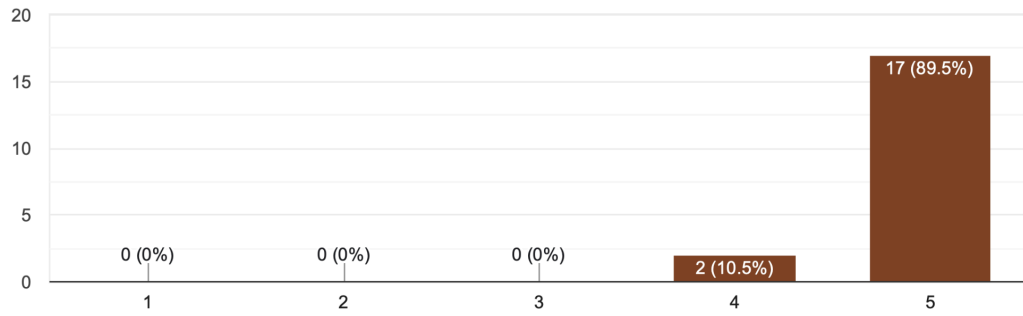
The transnational co-ordination and the secretariat functioned

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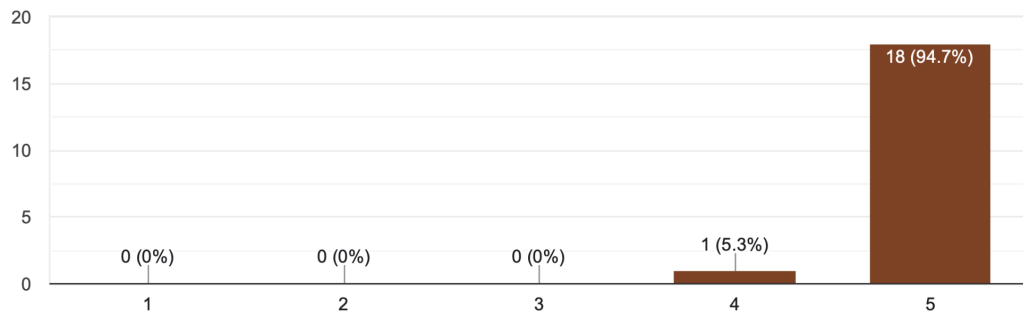
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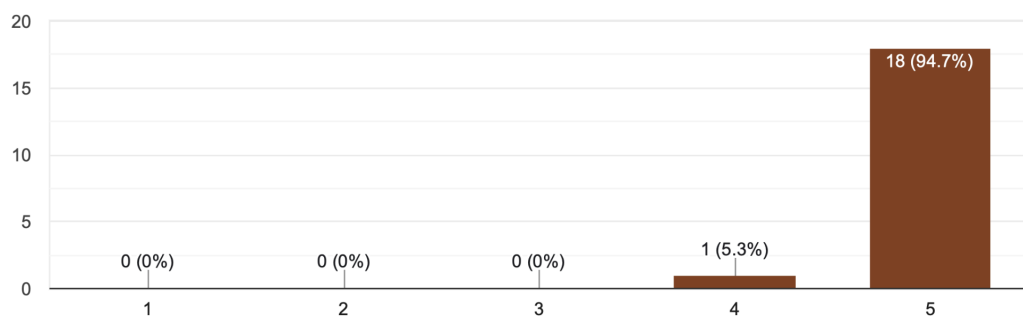
The material distributed during the meeting was

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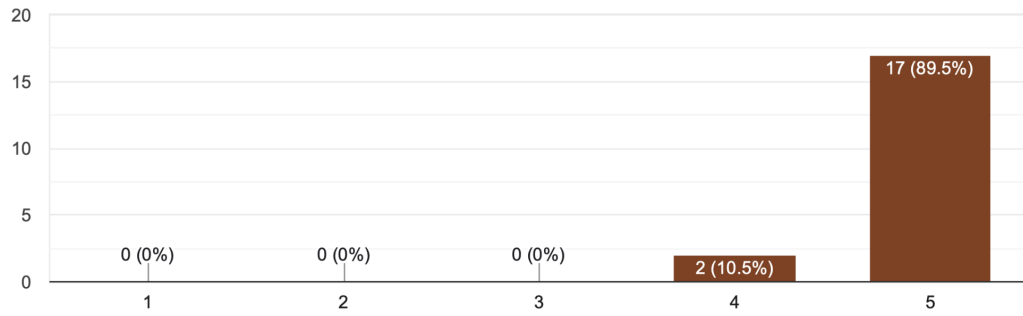
The way you were received at the meeting has been

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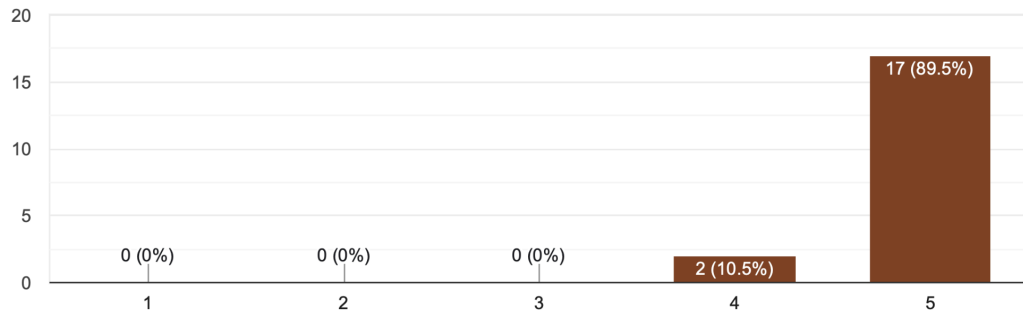
How was the technical equipment available during the meeting?

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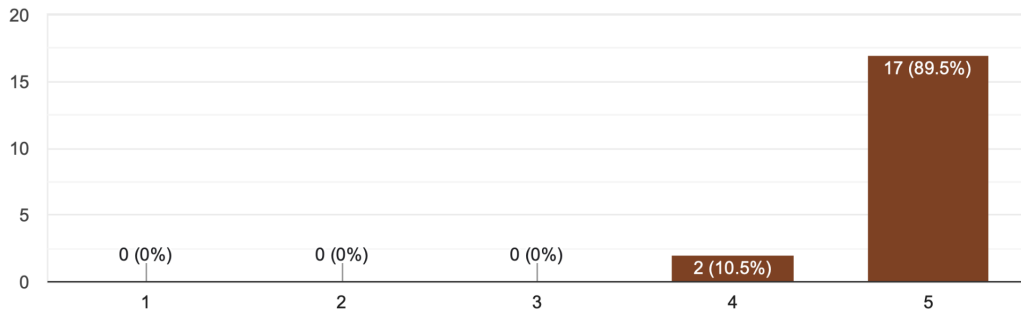
The time management of the meeting was

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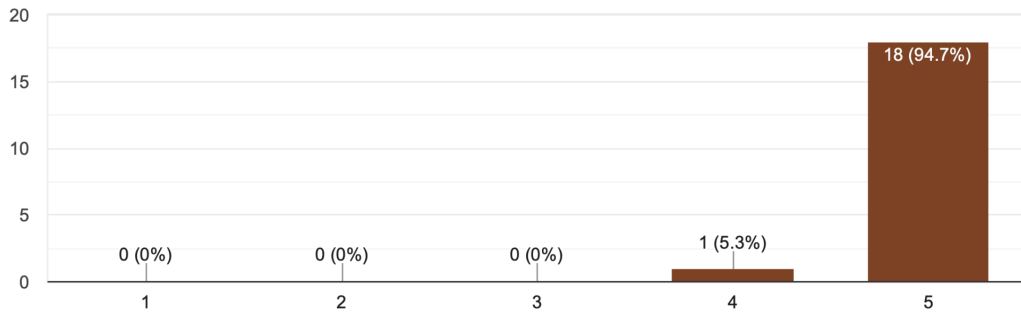
The working conditions for the meeting were

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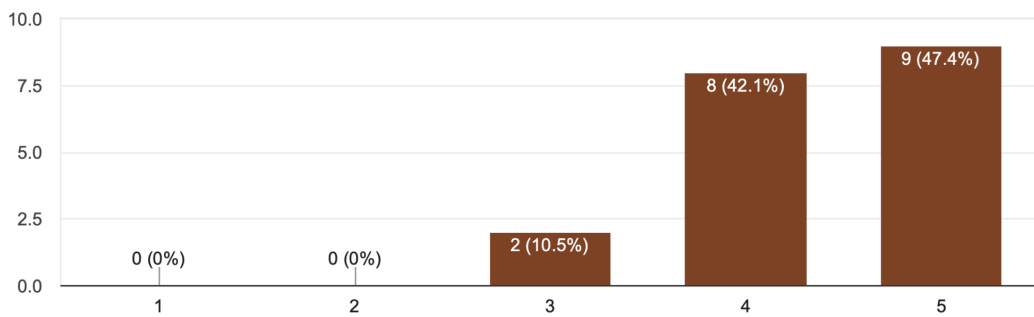
The general management of the meeting was

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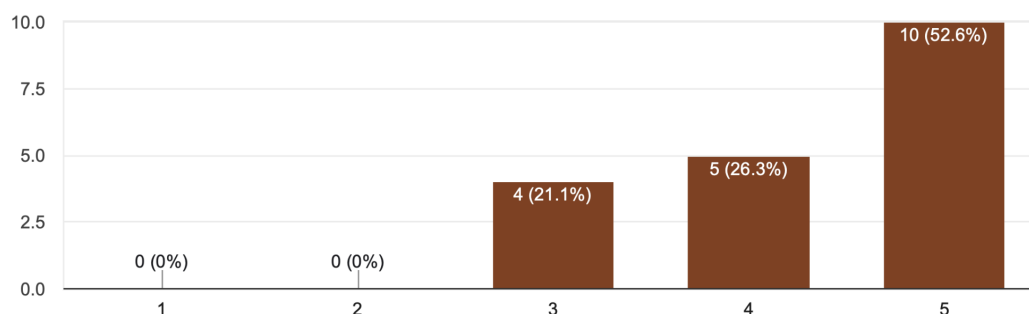
The level of participation of the different components of the partners' group was

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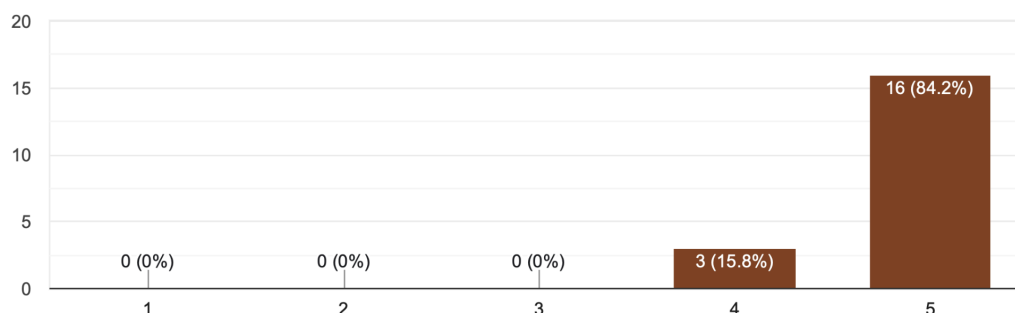
To what extent have you been participating in the work of partners' meeting?

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The results reached at the end of the meeting were

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What suggestions can you make for improving the working procedures of the partners' meetings?

"Communication for every step and directions"

"The meetings of the partners worked efficiently and gave us a stable framework for the program to crown success."

Dissemination of the event - Website and/or IG/FB page

At the meeting, all the attendees (international and local) signed and agreed with the GDPR rules, making it possible to post the photos on the online pages.

Host website:

<https://dolinagrabi.pl/2024/10/18/not-skip/>

FB pages:

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02USy18SjtDjkAVdgt8GBVEAHobaywQAE76f4Wdcg3nZegGPcdya8aZydbUvndrvQI&id=100064277666371

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IG pages:

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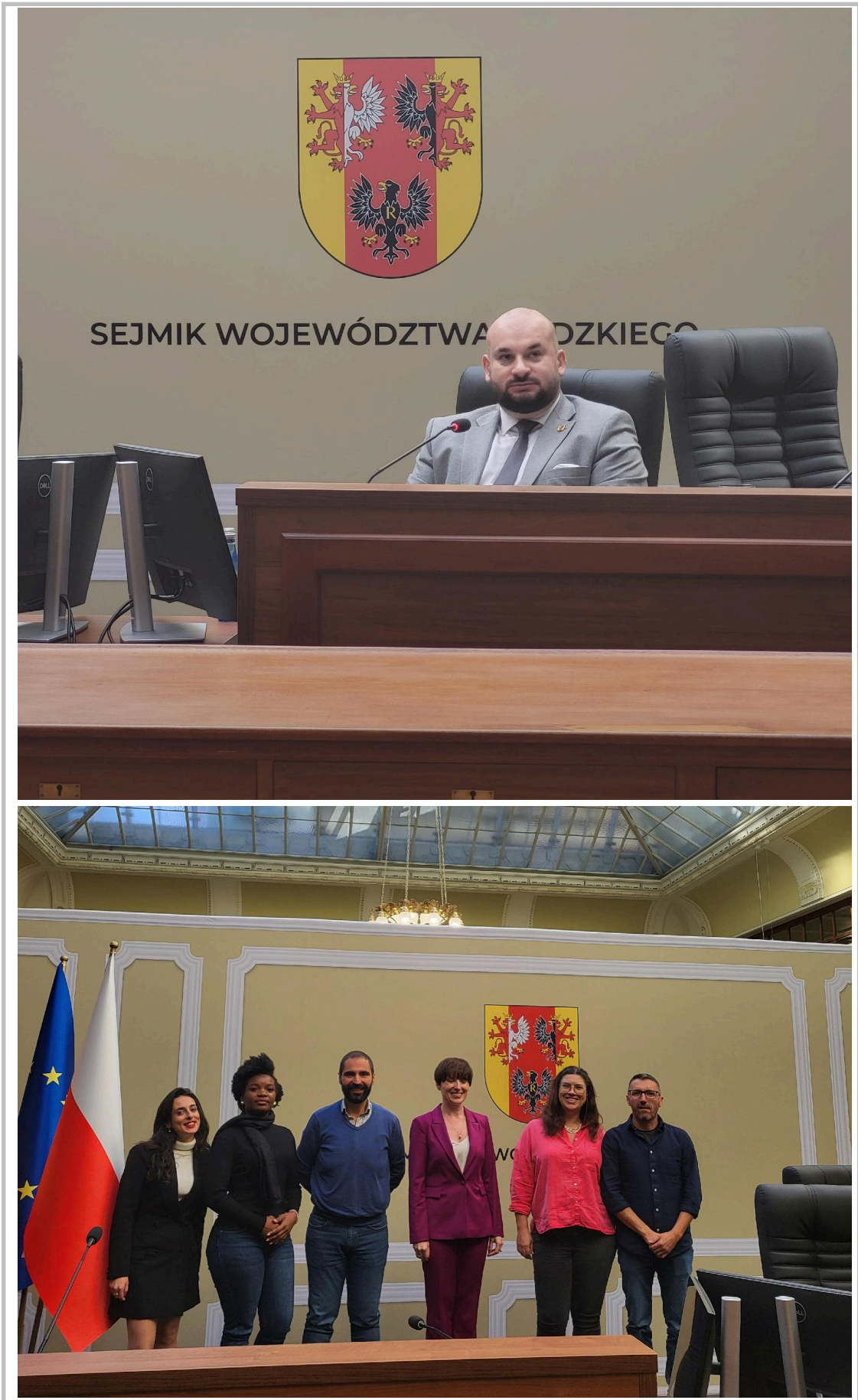
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Local press articles about the conference :

<http://zelow.pl/2024/10/16/miedzynarodowi-partnerzy-projektu-not-skip-odwiedzili-zelow/>

Graphical elements and photos from the event:

















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