

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
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Project name and acronym:	Network of Organizations for Promoting Skills for Participation (NOT SKIP)

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	2
Event name:	European Meeting 2: Training “Skills for Democracy”
Type:	conference, training
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Italy - Gallipoli and Taurisano
Date(s):	7-10 May 2025
Website(s) (if any):	<p>Host social media pages: Facebook https://www.facebook.com/share/p/19Y6MRyb56/?mibextid=wwXlfr</p> <p>INSTAGRAM https://www.instagram.com/p/DJR0UoQCxLI/?igsh=d2pyOTNsZmlhbjB1</p> <p>WEBPAGE: https://cervprojects.wixsite.com/notskipproject/international-events-1</p>
Participants	
Female:	77
Male:	31
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Italy]:	83
From country 2 [Romania]:	6
From country 3 [Greece]:	4
From country 4 [Lithuania]:	5

From country 5 [Portugal]:	5		
From country 6 [Poland]:	5		
Total number of participants:	108	From total number of countries:	6

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Target groups: youth workers, young citizens, local citizens, educators and professionals, decision makers

Aim of the meeting:

1/ Enhance and develop skills, knowledge, and competencies of a total of 24 NOT SKIP facilitators on how to create a participative environment in their community, so as to carry out the local awareness raising campaigns on how to the citizens can be engaged and their voices could be heard at the EU level.

2/ Encourage the involvement of all citizens in the discussion on principles of participatory democracy and the use of democracy/e-democracy tools through the practice of an EP Simulation.

Agenda of the meeting:

available HERE

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17RydYcjBL14pkwNIPsFiPkByh9rLJzZY/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=108032851015295556653&rtopof=true&sd=true>

Description of the event and its activities:

Over the course of four days, participants engaged in intensive training sessions (Street Debate), cultural activities, and democratic simulations (EU Simulation) designed to foster inclusive civic participation at all levels of society.

The event began on the 7th of May with the arrival of participants. The day concluded with a welcoming dinner, offering an informal setting for participants to get to know each other and set the tone for the days ahead.

On the 8th of May, the working sessions officially started. After registration, the group was welcomed by *Mr. Evangelista Leuzzi*, who opened the event by underlining the importance of inclusive and participatory democracy in shaping the future of the EU. This was followed by a progress update delivered by *Mrs. Iulia Gabriela Badea*, who presented the current status of the project and outlined the next steps.

Next, partners from each participating country shared the results of their desk research, focusing on good practices in cultural initiatives that empower citizens in areas such as volunteering, democratic participation, and active community life. This session highlighted a rich diversity of local experiences that can be translated into broader European engagement strategies.

In the afternoon, participants attended a training session on the Street Debate methodology, led by *Mrs. Iulia Gabriela Badea*. The session introduced participants to an inclusive, bottom-up approach to civic dialogue designed to involve citizens directly in community debates on key issues. A Q&A followed, providing space for deeper reflection on how the method can be applied locally.

The afternoon session addressed the topic of cultural identity by joining participants in a guided tour in Gallipoli, done by *Francesca Fontò*. The idea was to explore the city's heritage and how cultural identity can serve as a foundation for civic engagement.

The third day of the NOTSKIP Project was dedicated to the celebration of *Europe Day*, held in the historic Town Hall of Taurisano. This event marked a key moment of the project, bringing together local authorities, educators, youth, and international guests in a powerful expression of European unity and active citizenship. The morning began with opening remarks by *Mr. Luigi Guidano*, the Mayor of Taurisano, who warmly welcomed the participants and emphasized the value of youth engagement in democratic life. He underlined Taurisano's commitment to being an active contributor to European dialogue and development, especially through education and civic participation. Following the Mayor,

Mr. Quintino Rizzello, Town Councilor for Youth Policies, addressed the audience, highlighting the importance of building bridges between institutions and young citizens. He spoke of local efforts to create spaces where youth feel heard, supported, and empowered to take part in shaping their communities.

The project coordinators *Mr. Evangelista Leuzzi* and *Mrs. Iulia Gabriela Badea* presented the vision and scope of the NOTSKIP Project. They spoke about the importance of strengthening participatory democracy through practical tools and grassroots involvement. Their intervention outlined how the project aims to empower facilitators and citizens to turn ideas into action and to ensure their voices reach decision-makers at the EU level. A keynote address was delivered by *Mr. Ramon Magi*, President of Eurodesk Italy, who offered a European perspective on youth mobility, digital inclusion, and the future of EU citizenship. He stressed the role of accessible information and guidance services, such as Eurodesk, in helping young people navigate opportunities for engagement, education, and democratic participation. The event also gave space to youth voices! Students from the "*G.C. Panini*" High School of Casarano shared inspiring testimonies about their experiences with civic education, European programs, and what it means for them to be active citizens in today's Europe. Their stories brought a fresh and emotional perspective to the discussions, reminding everyone of the importance of listening to the new generation.

Adding a hands-on component to the celebration, *the European Solidarity Corps volunteers* organized a participatory training session based on a European Parliament simulation. Through role-playing, attendees stepped into the shoes of MEPs, debating real EU policy issues and learning first-hand how democratic processes function at the institutional level. The session was not only educational but also a powerful demonstration of how young people can lead in promoting understanding and engagement with the EU. The morning concluded with an open discussion and exchange between the speakers and the public, reinforcing the idea that Europe Day is not just a celebration, but a call to action—to participate, to include, and to co-create the Europe of tomorrow.

In the afternoon, participants departed to Santa Maria di Leuca for a cultural tour and later were welcomed to Giuliano di Lecce for the Europe Fair, closing the day with local and international food prepared by two chefs, traditional music, and informal community dialogue—bringing Europe closer to its people, one story and one conversation at a time.

The final day, was dedicated to the departure of international participants, marking the conclusion of a successful launch event that combined knowledge-sharing, practical training, and cultural exchange.

The experience set a strong foundation for the upcoming Local Awareness Raising Campaigns in each partner country, led by trained facilitators.

Results and feedback

From the collected data at the end of the event, it has been noticed that all the pre-meeting preparation, logistics and facilities, and meeting management have been adequate and satisfactory for the participants, the meeting reaching its objectives.

The meeting received overall positive feedback, with participants expressing satisfaction regarding the organization, group dynamics, and clarity of the session ("*everything was great*", "*No suggestions, everything was correct*", "*everything was quite good, as well as group dynamic.*", "*In my opinion everything is fine*", "*I don't have, everything was good*"). Several attendees ("*In my opinion, it is worth informing participants about the details of the project in advance*"), including new participants, highlighted the importance of sharing detailed project information in advance, so this aspect will be discussed with the project beneficiaries since before the in-situ meeting each organization could do a thorough orientation, especially for newcomers knowing in this way already the target groups and the activity specificity and so avoiding redundancy at each meeting.

Participants appreciated the meeting's usefulness, professionalism, and practical training sessions, highlighting the welcoming and well-organized atmosphere, strong partner involvement, and suggesting only a minor improvement regarding room size.

The Gender Mainstream Report is available [HERE](#)

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.

NOTSKIP website:

https://84b3dc25-6466-4e89-bc17-abe1c368c084.filesusr.com/ugd/3baaf6_d25d11d848da4675bef4be76bdd79252.pdf?index=true

FB pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16XHqmqQ9h/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

IG pages:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJaJQtXsl1j/?igsh=b2R1cDJiMHhycDRr>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJmLDcnit8f/?igsh=MW0wcjJldWFxc21iaQ==>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DKCvSJHsZRF/?igsh=aWZxeXR3NXo3ZzJm>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJaJQtXsl1j/?igsh=b2R1cDJiMHhycDRr>

Local press articles about the conference :

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19AcnRTgS/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

https://www.instagram.com/not_skip_project/reel/DKFFegPvMkbY/

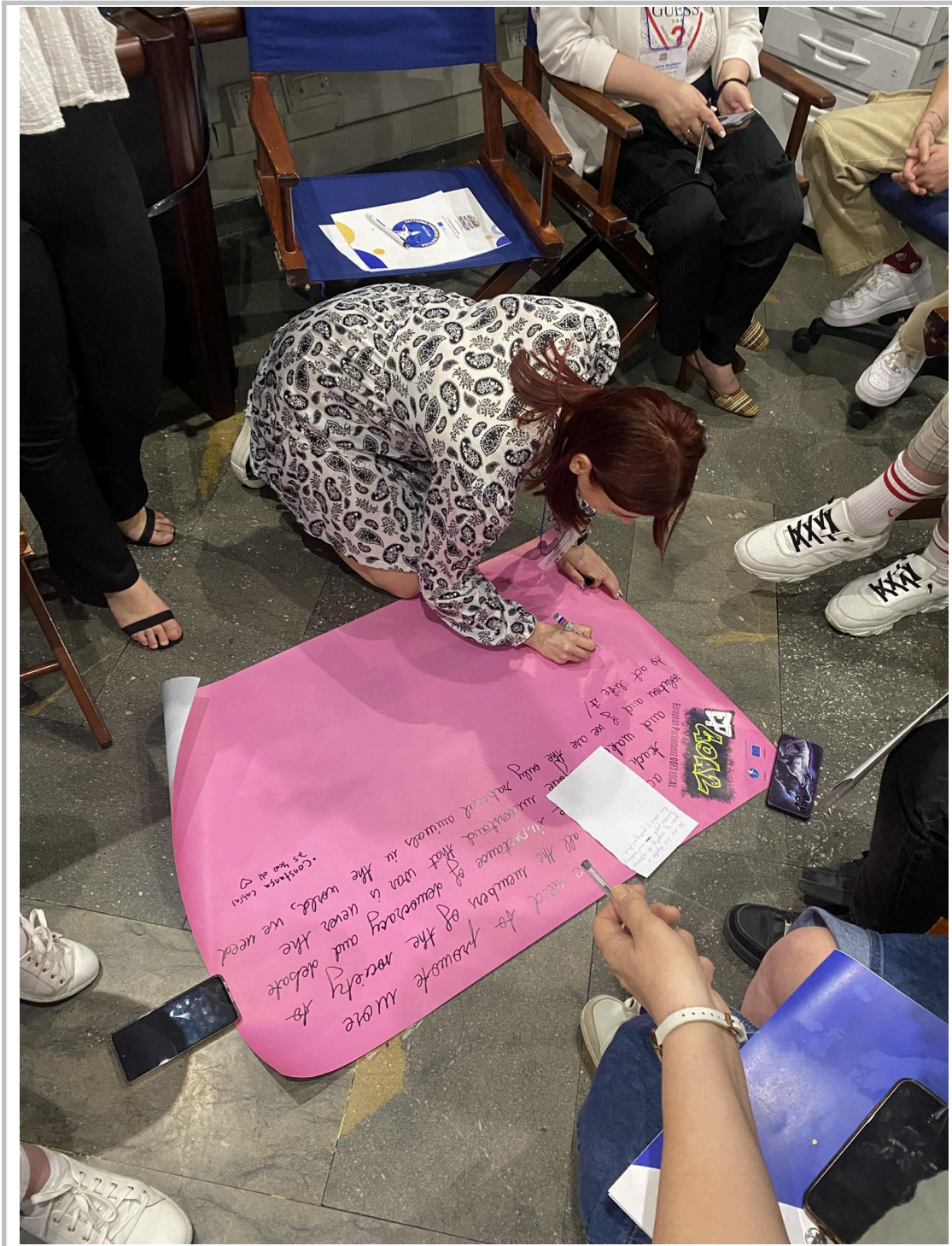
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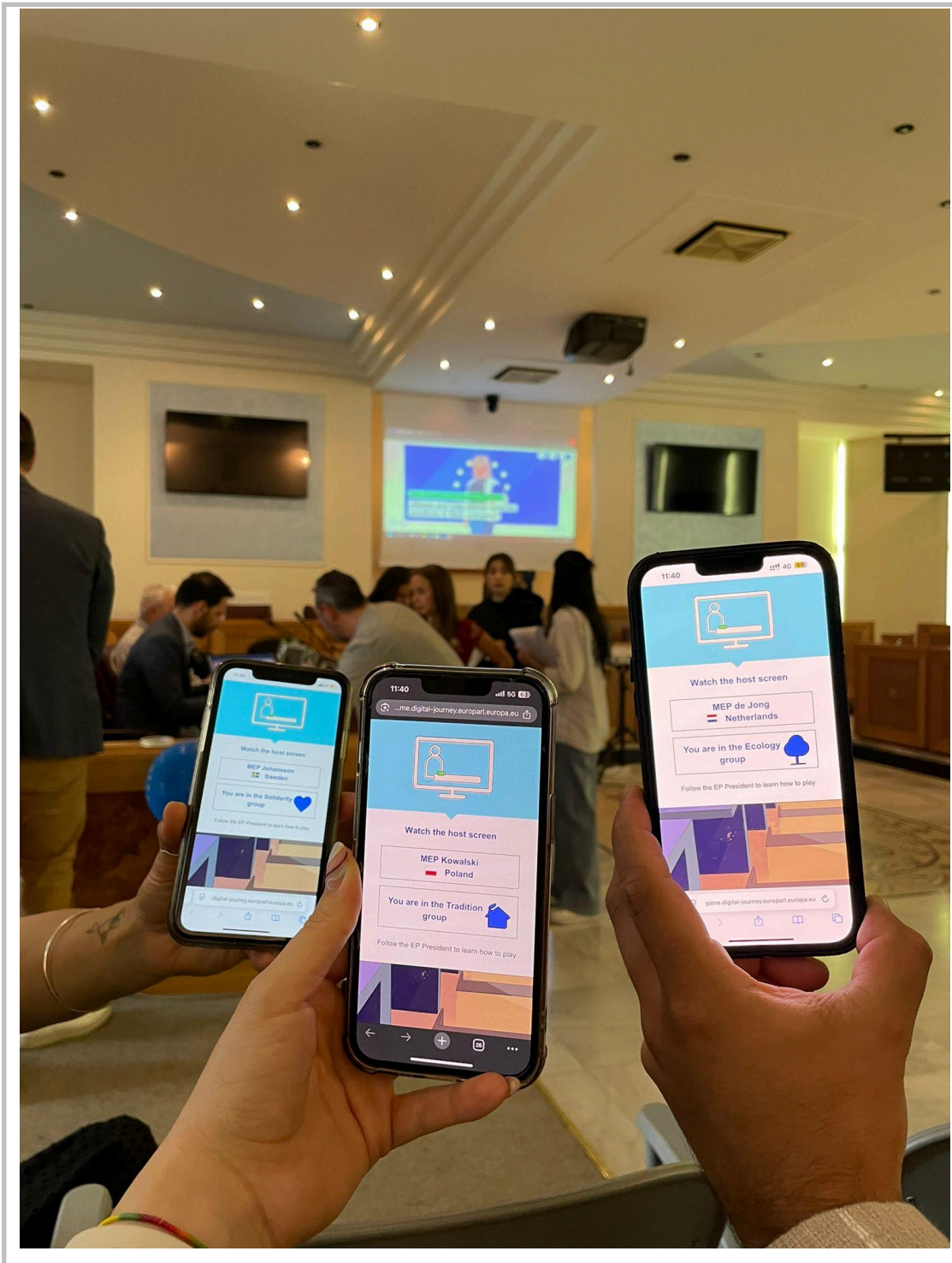
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Graphical elements and photos from the event:









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