

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Fyli
PIC number:	915725106
Project name and acronym:	Network of Organizations and Towns for Promoting Skills for Participation (NOT SKIP)

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5
Event name:	Final Conference in Fyli
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Greece, Municipality of Fyli, Plateia Iroon, 13341 Ano Liosia, Municipal Hall "Melina Mercouri hall"
Date(s):	20-22 May 2026
Website(s) (if any):	<p>Communication and dissemination</p> <p>https://fyli.gr/i-dimokratia-kai-i-symmetochi-ton-politon-sta-koina-to-ken-triko-zitima-sto-synedrio-poy-pragmatopoiithike-sto-dimo-fylis/ (Official webpage of Municipality of Fyli)</p> <p>https://epikairotita-news.gr/i-dimokratia-kai-i-symmetochi-ton-politon-sta-koina-to-kentriko-zitima-sto-synedrio-poy-pragmatopoiithike-sto-dimo-fylis/ (Newspaper of West Attica)</p> <p>https://www.fylarhos.gr/2026/06/blog-post_10.html (The most popular local blogspot of the Municipality of Fyli)</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/SocialServicesFyli/posts/pfbid02Q3y6hBT8MaS7nkBGPZerHg2CJL1jkCUrD7BtyqrsGsk7WgEiAMz8SKZ9eKJCYhkfl (The official Facebook page of Social Services of Municipality of Fyli)</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18jLE5Kay3/ (Official facebook page of Social Services of Municipality of Fyli)</p> <p>https://fyli.gr/ekprosopoi-exi-choron-stin-koryfaia-eortastiki-vradia-ton-ano-liosion-kalorise-kai-timise-ton-italo-dimarcho-tziakomo-katsato-o-dimarchos-fylis-christos-pappoys/ (Official web site of Municipality of Fyli)</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18fMYpjiBb/ (Official facebook of Municipality of Fyli)</p>

	https://www.pitsounicity.gr/dytiki-attiki/dimos-fylis/diethnes-synedrio-gia-ti-symmetoxiki-dimokratia-ston-dimo-fylis-tin-pempti-21-maiou (Website of Attica region)	
	https://doxthi.gr/diethnes-synedrio-gia-ti-symmetochiki-dimokratia-filox-enei-o-dimos-fylis/ (Local website news in West Attica region)	
Participants		
Female:	47	
Male:	57	
Non-binary:	0	
From country 1 Italy	5	
From country 2 Romania	5	
From country 3 Lithuania	5	
From country 4 Portugal	3	
From country 5 Poland	5	
From country 6 Greece	81	
Total number of participants:	104	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, local stakeholders

Aim of the meeting: A full day large scale event, where the project outputs had been presented and the media outlets (journalists, bloggers, influencers) had been invited to disseminate them. The partners, after completing the final evaluation, had also set-up the follow-up activities and schedule the actions to be carried out to ensure sustainability to this initiative.

Agenda of the meeting:

available

HERE

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xKiRcyigPD5Qk6nsKYtxCv2B_eFMtXyKx7pHfXqw28/edit?tab=t.0

Description of the event and its activities:

Center of Athens: The activities started in the morning of 21st of May through the project “Walking through Democracy - routes of Athens”. With the help of volunteers and employees of the municipality, the organizers have accompanied the international participants through a special tour in the center of Athens. A walk through the center of Athens is one of the best ways to understand how democracy evolved from an idea into a political system. Most of the key places are within walking distance of each other around the Acropolis and the Ancient Agora. Some examples that the international group has visited: Walk west to Pnyx, one of the most important democratic sites in world history. This was the meeting place of the Ekklesia (Assembly), where thousands of citizens voted directly on: War, Laws, Public spending Exile (ostracism). Standing there gives one of the clearest physical connections to ancient democracy anywhere in the world. End at Areopagus, the rocky hill beside the Acropolis. This was associated with: Ancient courts, Homicide trials, Early aristocratic governance before democratic reforms. It's a good final stop because it shows how Athenian democracy evolved gradually from older systems of elite rule.

Main Conference in Fyli: The conference started by welcome speech by the mayor, the vice mayor and video from Municipality of Fyli

Afterwards, there was a presentation by Nikolaos Sopidis, the youngest member of the council of Municipality of Fyli. The speech focuses on the importance of youth participation in local elections and democratic life in the Municipality of Fyli. The speaker encourages young people to become active citizens, proposing initiatives such as a Youth Municipal Council, open public discussions, digital engagement, and volunteer programs. The speech concludes by emphasizing that change comes through active participation, responsibility, and informed voting.

The second speech was a presentation by Katerina Matrakouka, researcher on the topic of democracy - Local stakeholder. The speech argues that young people are not indifferent to politics, but often feel disappointed and excluded from meaningful participation. The speaker explains that many youths express themselves through protests, cultural groups, fan communities, and collective actions, which should be understood as forms of social and political engagement rather than simply being judged negatively. The speech calls for greater trust in young people, more freedom for self-organization, and the creation of open spaces where they can freely participate, express themselves, and shape their role in society and democracy.

Then we had a presentation of the project NOT SKIP, Evangelista Leuzzi & Iulia Gabriela Badea, describing all the achievements of the project during the last two years. It was accompanied by a presentation of all the partners. The Focus Groups and Podcasts that were held and created during the last semester were presented.

Instead of a coffee break, the participants attended the local culture event “The dance of Grizofores” that was happening at the same time in a square near the municipal hall. It was the chance to combine the international conference with a local cultural event.

After the event, the partners completed the final evaluation and were able to set-up the follow-up activities and schedule the actions to be carried out to ensure sustainability to this initiative.

The meeting concluded with attending the local annual cultural event of Fyli, “Konstantinos and Eleni Festival”. Shortly before the highlight of the evening, featuring the Mayor's celebratory speech and the fireworks display, the representatives of the European Mission were honorably invited onto the stage. In this context, and as a gesture of warm Greek hospitality, the Mayor of Fyli, Christos Pappous, and the Deputy Mayor for Sports and Culture, Giorgos Mavroeidis, presented symbolic commemorative gifts to the Mayor of the Italian city, Tiggiano Giacomo Cazzato.

This kind of closure of the Conference was an ideal impact of the NOT SKIP project on local communities strengthening youth involvement.

Results and feedback [HERE](#)

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

