

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081484] - [Democracy International e.V.] [DI]
PIC number:	[937080238]
Project name and acronym:	[Parliament for the Future of Europe] — [PaFutEU]

EVENT DESCRIPTION		
Event number:	[4]	
Event name:	[3-day training session]	
Type:	[OTHER]	
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>	
Location:	[Burgas], Bulgaria	
Date(s):	[16.06.2023]	
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.democracy-international.org/pafuteu	
Participants		
Female:	38	
Male:	25	
Non-binary:	2	
From country 1 [Germany]:	3	
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	36	
From country 3 [Croatia]:	5	
From country 4 [Czechia]:	6	
From country 5 [Portugal]:	4	
From country 6 [Slovenia]:	6	
From country 7 [Estonia]:	5	
Total number of participants:	65	From total number of countries: 7

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The partner delegations from Estonia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Portugal, Slovenia, and Germany arrived on 15 June in Burgas, Bulgaria. In the evening, they were greeted by the Bulgarian hosts with a welcome dinner in the city centre and a We-Need-Clean-Air street performance by a students' group. The evening get-together was a social and preparatory opportunity to fine-tune the next day's schedule, tasks, and roles, as well to learn about the local culture, the city and neighbourhood.

On 16 June, the event took place from 9:30am to 5:30pm. The delegations were joined by local participants, kicking off the event with a welcoming address by the Vesna Baltina, Deputy Mayor of the city of Burgas, and a singing performance by Bulgarian school children. It was followed by a project welcome speech and sensitivity briefing was given by Daniela Bozhinova, Member of Bulgarian Parliament and the director of the Bulgarian Association for the Promotion of Citizens' Initiative (BAPCI). The project, the funding via CERV, the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) process and results, and the NGO-alliance *Citizens Take Over Europe* was introduced by Daniela Vancic, the PaFutEU project coordinator. The introduction was followed with the first expert input and introduction to the topic of climate and the environment by Professor Nikola Todorov from the Asen Zlatarov University, who spoke about the implementation of the European Union's policies on environmental protection, climate change mitigation, and the green transition.

After the introduction to the content of the panel, participants were divided into working groups to provide their first feedback on the CoFoE proposals on Climate and the Environment in a World Café setting, rotating to a different table to provide feedback on each proposal. With colour-coded stickers, participants identified their level of satisfaction or concern with the proposal followed by a short exchange.

After a catered lunch, the event continued with a second expert input by Andrey Kovachev, biologist and former adviser on environment to the Vice Prime Minister of Bulgaria. Kovachev focused on the issue of adaptation of forests to climate change. The next speaker Radostina Tzenova, expert at Biodiversity Foundation Bulgaria, delved into the impact of climate change on biodiversity, particularly focusing on the Atanasovsko Lake Preserve in the Burgas region. The aim was to provide the participants with more knowledge and critique of the structure and limitations of the CoFoE recommendations.

In the second group breakout sessions, we employed a variety of moderation techniques including timed-speaking, sharing withholds, sticky notes, and idea mapping. Exploring a variety of moderation techniques for equal participation helped to ensure that every participant had an opportunity to give input and to create a safe space as much as possible. Each group was tasked with rewriting a CoFoE proposal on climate and the environment in a common online document.

The event finished in a plenary setting with moderators presenting the reformulated recommendations for each group and their reasons for the reformulations. Discussions and debates took place to ensure consensus was found amongst the new recommendations and amendments were made as deemed necessary. All participants were invited to fill out an anonymous feedback survey regarding e.g., the moderation techniques, the safety of the space, and any issues to improve. From the participants who took part 81% (22 out of 27) gave a score of 5/5 when asked if it was a safe space. Comments regarding moderation techniques and event structures are being considered as future events are being refined.

On the final day a de-briefing took place to gather further feedback on the event and ideas for improvement for the future events. The country partner delegations departed.