

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:	[Zagreb, Croatia]		
Date(s):	[21-23.9.2023]		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.democracy-international.org/pafuteu		
Participants			
Female:	38		
Male:	17		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Germany]:	2		
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	5		
From country 3 [Croatia]:	28		
From country 4 [Czechia]:	5		
From country 5 [Portugal]:	6		
From country 6 [Slovenia]:	4		
From country 7 [Estonia]:	5		
Total number of participants:	55	From total number of countries:	7

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The partner delegations from Estonia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Portugal, Slovenia, and Germany arrived on 21 September in Zagreb, Croatia. In the evening, they were greeted by the Croatian hosts with a welcome dinner in a restaurant close to the hostel. The evening get-together was a social, cultural, and preparatory opportunity to fine-tune the next day's schedule, tasks, and roles, as well to learn about the local cuisine, the city, and neighbourhood.

To ensure different voices from local participants, in particular youth and minorities, students from TVET schools, gymnasia, faculties in Zagreb attended, as well as students from rural areas affected by the recent earthquake from city of Glina and coastal area of Rijeka. NGOs actively helping people living in Glina to rebuild took an active role in identifying participants to travel for the event. The preparatory activities were important to ensure a vibrant group of participants with different views on the topic of Youth, Education, and Culture. This recruitment process also sent the potential participants the message that their voice matters and that platforms to express their opinions, such as the PaFutEU project, are available.

The event took place on 22 September from 9am to 5pm. The partner delegations were joined by local participants, and students arrived with filming equipment to collect content as part of their learning process. Kicking off the event with a welcoming address was Madeleine Wolf, Head of Youth and Technical Culture Dept in Education, Youth and Sport Sector in Municipality of Zagreb and Vice-Dean Dr. Leo Mršić of University Algebra. The welcoming addresses were followed by a project introductory speech and sensitivity briefing by Daniela Vancic, Project Manager of Parliament for the Future of Europe, who introduced the project, the funding via CERV, the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) process and its results, and the NGO-alliance *Citizens Take Over Europe*.

After the introduction to the content of the panel, participants were divided into five working groups to provide their first impressions on the CoFoE proposals on Youth, Culture and Education in a World Café setting, rotating to a different table/lecture hall to provide feedback on each proposal. With colour-coded stamps, participants identified their level of satisfaction or concern with the proposal, followed by a short exchange.

The introduction was followed with the first expert input and introduction to the topic of youth and culture, Mr Enea Dessardo. He serves as Deputy Delegate of Youth at the UN for Croatia and is a Director of Theatre in Rijeka dedicated to youth work through drama art in English. His address was anchored under the theme: How to Empower and Engage Youth – Each Avalanche Starts with a Flake.

After a catered lunch, we employed free flow moderation techniques to generate ideas about reformulated or new measures. Free flow moderation ensured equal participation and 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 youth, culture and education in a common online document.

The event continued with a second expert input Maja Sever the President of European Journalist Federation, who offered participants insight on ensuring the quality of legal framework for journalism. Marko Kovačić, PhD in Youth Studies, Vice-Dean at Bernays University for Science and Cooperation and former correspondent for youth issues at the European Commission, gave a lecture on what Europe offers to young people?

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. 88% of survey participants gave a score of 5/5 when asked if the event

was a safe space. Comments regarding moderation techniques and event structures are being considered as future events are being refined.

The High School for Graphic Design and Digital Media Production found the project activities so interesting for their students that it has been introduced in the yearly school work plan.

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

In order to ensure better visibility and support the goals, the event was registered as an official event under European Week of Sustainable Development. Having two ambassadors in the consortium's team, organisers took opportunity to promote European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) as tool of participatory democracy distributing informational materials about the ECI during the event.