

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:	[5]
Event name:	[3-day training session]
Type:	[OTHER]
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	[Prague, Czechia]
Date(s):	[14-16.10.2023]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.democracy-international.org/pafuteu-prague
Participants	
Female:	38
Male:	25
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Germany]:	3
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	6
From country 3 [Croatia]:	8
From country 4 [Czechia]:	26
From country 5 [Portugal]:	6
From country 6 [Slovenia]:	6
From country 7 [Estonia]:	5
From country 8 [Hungary]:	2
From country 9 [Spain]:	1

From country 10 [France]:	1		
Total number of participants:	64	From total number of countries:	10
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>As part of the invitation process, the host organisers contacted a diverse a group of people living in the Czech Republic, for instance, representatives of the Roma and Vietnamese minorities, students at the high school where the event took place, representatives of nationalities other than Czech who have been living in the Czech Republic for a long time, and we also worked with organizations that are trying to promote active involvement, such as the Czech-German Youth Forum or AIESEC.</p> <p>The event itself started on October 15 at 9:30 am with the opening of registration, when the foreign delegations were joined by local participants. The event was opened by Veronika Skoupá, Project Coordinator at the Forum 2000 Foundation. This was followed by a project welcome speech and sensitivity briefing that was given by Daniela Vancic, Project Manager of Parliament for the Future of Europe. She introduced the project, the funding via CERV, the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) process and results, and the NGO-alliance <i>Citizens Take Over Europe</i>.</p> <p>After the introduction to the content of the panel, the first expert presentation was given by Eva Horelová, Head of Policy Section, European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic, who introduced the topic of the event (European Union in the World), provided practical examples and demonstrated EU foreign policy on her own example of work.</p> <p>After the presentation, the participants had a short coffee break during which interactions between local and international participants took place. Participants were then divided into eight working groups to provide their first feedback on the CoFoE proposals on the topic “EU in the World”. This took place in a World Café setting, rotating to a different table to provide feedback on each proposal. With colour-coded stamps and markers, participants identified their level of satisfaction or concern with the proposal, followed by a short exchange amongst their group.</p> <p>After a catered lunch, the event continued with a second expert presentation held by Armando Chaguaceda, Professor at El Colegio de Veracruz and Researcher at Gobierno y Análisis Político A.C., and Max Povse, Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of Buenos Aires and a researcher at the European University Institute and Gobierno y Análisis Político A.C. These experts offered a slightly different perspective on the topic at hand, from outside the European Union, specifically from Latin America. Based on this presentation, a discussion paper titled “Democratic Resilience Facing Autocratic Influence in Latin America: Recommendations on the EU’s Potentialities and Challenges” will be published.</p> <p>This presentation was followed by another contribution from István Hegedűs, Chairman of the Hungarian Europe Society, who focused on the topic in terms of what areas related to the topic the European Union could improve its functioning. All three presentations included a follow-up discussion with the audience.</p> <p>In the second group breakout sessions, we employed free flow moderation technique to generate ideas about reformulated or new measures. All eight moderators were instructed to maintain the discussion, encourage equal participation of all in the working group, and ask follow-up questions. Each group was tasked with rewriting a CoFoE proposal on the EU in the world in a common online document based on the ideas generated during the World Café session as well as the second working groups discussion.</p> <p>The event finished at 6pm 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 78% (21 out of 27) gave a score</p>			

of 5/5 when asked if it was a safe space with the rest (6 out of 27) giving a score of 4/5. Comments regarding moderation techniques and event structures are as always considered and applied in future events.

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 included in the program of the annual Forum 2000 Conference starting on October 15 in Prague. Some of the participants of the conference took part in the Parliament for the Future of Europe and vice versa.