

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081484] - [Democracy International e.V.] [DI]
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[9]		
Event name:	Get to know your candidates, get to know your constituents		
Type:	[OTHER]		
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>		
Location:	Lisbon, Portugal		
Date(s):	24 May 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.democracy-international.org/pafuteu		
Participants			
Female:	31		
Male:	5		
Non-binary:			
From Portugal:	35		
From Italy:	1		
Total number of participants:	36	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The electoral debate/local event <i>Get to know your candidates, get to know your constituents - Europe at a Crossroads</i> #EuropeanElections2024 #PaFutEU took place on May 24th, between 10am and 1pm, at the Maria Alzira Lemos Center – Casa das Associações, in Lisbon, organised and promoted by the Portuguese Platform for Women’s Rights (PpDM), within the scope of the Parliament for the Future of Europe (PaFutEU) project.</p> <p>With the participation of five candidates for the European Parliament and a party representative of a political coalition running for the European Parliament, encompassing five European political families, this initiative is part of the second phase of the Parliament for the Future of Europe project, implemented in Portugal by PpDM since January 2023,</p>			

which brought together citizens from across the Union to reflect and build proposals on the Future of Europe and mobilize for the European elections in 2024.

The event commences with a welcoming networking coffee at Centro Maria Alzira Lemos – Casa das Associações, bringing together candidates, party representatives, feminist civil society and young voters and participants around the same table, creating moments of opportunity for informal debate, networking and upfront discussion between voters and candidates.

Diana Pinto, PpDM's project officer, presented the PaFutEU project, its financing line and its partner organisations, the Conference on the Future of Europe, and the political measures and proposals that resulted from it, as well as the initiatives that took place in the first phase of the project, namely the transnational citizens' panels that took place in different European citizens. The [PaFutEU Catalogue of Ideas](#) was presented to all participants and candidates, with a special focus on presenting the policy recommendations that resulted from the citizens panel that PpDM organised in Évora in May 2023, on the topic "Stronger economy and social justice".

Paula Barros, from the PpDM member organisation Fundação Cuidar o Futuro, gave a brief presentation on the importance of effective and equal political participation of women and girls in the construction and deepening of democratic life, particularly young women and migrant women, following the participation of different young women from this association in the first phase of the PaFutEU project.

The candidate debate that followed was moderated by Alexandra Silva, project coordinator at PpDM, and which included the participation of five European candidates and one municipal decision-maker:

- Ana Martins, EP candidate (IL - Renew Europe)
- Paula Cosme Pinto, EP candidate (BE – GUE/NGL)
- Carla Rodrigues, EP candidate (AD - EPP)
- Marta Mourão, EP candidate (LIVRE - Greens)
- Ana Catarina Mendes, EP candidate (PS - S&D)
- Natacha Amaro, elected in the Lisbon Municipal Assembly and Member of the Lisbon Municipal Commission of the Portuguese Communist Party (CDU – GUE/NGL)

Three of the five candidates participating in the debate shared the event on their social media before and after its occurrence.

The proposals rewritten in Évora informed a rich and comprehensive debate that lasted more than two hours and was attended by an enthusiastic, questioning, and participatory audience. The candidates were asked about their commitment to equal participation between women and men, a feminist economy, the care pact, the deepening of democratic culture in Europe and the construction and solidification of the European project of peace, equality, prosperity, and solidarity.

The event was also widely publicised by PpDM, before, during and after its completion, with different publications on the organisation's social media pages, invitation emails to a wide database, articles on its website and dissemination via monthly newsletter.

Finally, the event was publicized in the news on Antena1, the broadcasting station belonging to the RTP Group – Radio and Television of Portugal, with a short interview with the PpDM project coordinator, Alexandra Silva, [starting minute 02:36](#). In the interview, the journalist addresses the importance of discussing the proposals of political parties in central areas, such as gender mainstreaming and feminist economics, going back to the rewriting of the CoFoE proposals that resulted from the PaFutEU transnational citizens panel in Évora.

