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The project aimed to offer a collective space for policy makers and citizens from 15 countries to organise international events and other activities to stimulate democratic and civic participation across Europe, and to support democratic Union in digital era. Project activities take place between September 2019 and December 2020, engaging 16 partners from 15 countries: Latvia, Poland, Croatia, UK, Belgium, Italy, France, Spain, Sweden, Romania, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Serbia, and Macedonia.

5 main international on situ and online (hybrid) events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 78 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Madrid (Spain), 2 participants from the city of Uppsala (Sweden), 3 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (Slovenia), 3 participants from the city of Novi Sad ad Vojvodina (Serbia), 39 participants from the city of Penne (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Sofia and Svishtov (Bulgaria), 5 participants from the city of Łódź and Toruń (Poland), 3 participants from the city of Dagda (Latvia), 3 participants from the city of Alba Iulia (Romania), 3 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Macedonia), 3 participants from the city of Ludbreg (Croatia), 3 participants from the city of Bruxelles (Belgium), 2 participants from the city of Strasbourg (France), 2 participants from the city of Rychnov nad Kněžnou (Czech Republic) – 13 countries.

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Penne (Italy)** from 4/02/2020 to 7/02/2020.

Short description: The aim of the event was to kick off the project, ad to reflect on technological developments and how they shape democracy.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 105 citizens, including 3 participants from the city of Madrid (Spain), 3 participants from the city of Uppsala (Sweden), 59 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (Slovenia), 3 participants from the city of Novi Sad ad Vojvodina (Serbia), 3 participants from the city of Penne (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Sofia ad Svishtov (Bulgaria), 6 participants from the city of Łódź and Toruń (Poland), participants from the city of Dagda (Latvia), 4 participants from the city of Alba Iulia (Romania), 3 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Macedonia), 2 participants from the city of Bicester (UK), 3 participants from the city of Ludbreg (Croatia), 3 participants from the city of Bruxelles (Belgium), 3 participants from the city of Strasbourg (France), 3 participants from the city of Rychnov nad Kněžnou (Czech Republic) – 14 countries.

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Novo Mesto (Slovenia)** and online from 5/10/2020 to 7/10/2020.

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss media and information literacy and how they can be strived locally among students and adults to support general digital literacy of European citizens.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved over 108 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Madrid (Spain), participants from the city of Uppsala (Sweden), 3 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (Slovenia), 3 participants from the city of Novi Sad and Vojvodina (Serbia), 3 participants from the city of Penne (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Sofia and Svishtov (Bulgaria), 71 participants from the city of Łódź and Toruń (Poland), 3 participants from the city of Dagda (Latvia), 3 participants from the city of Alba Iulia (Romania), 3 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Macedonia), 3 participants from the city of Ludbreg (Croatia), 3 participants from the city of Bruxelles (Belgium), 3 participants from the city of Strasbourg (France), 3 participants from the city of Rychnov nad Kněžnou (Czech Republic) – 13 countries.

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Łódź (Poland)** and online 21/04/2021 and 26-27/04/2021.

Short description: The aim of the event was to learn the ways in which local authorities can support bottom-up civic engagement, especially when facilitated via new technologies.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 120 citizens, including 4 participants from the city Madrid (Spain), 3 participants

from the city of Uppsala (Sweden), 4 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (Slovenia), 3 participants from the city of Novi Sad and Vojvodina (Serbia), 4 participants from the city of Penne (Italy), 4 participants from the city of Sofia and Svishtov (Bulgaria), 6 participants from the city of Łódź and Toruń (Poland), 4 participants from the city of Dagda (Latvia), 4 participants from the city of Alba Iulia (Romania), 3 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Macedonia), 3 participants from the city of Ludbreg (Croatia), 78 participants from the city of Bruxelles (Belgium), 3 participants from the city of Strasbourg (France), 3 participants from the city of Rychnov nad Kněžnou (Czech Republic) – 13 project partner countries.

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Brussels (Belgium)** and online from 22-23/06/2021 and 28/06/2021.

Short description: The aim of the event was to address the topic of digital transformation and democracy for the future of Europe: EU and the challenge of digital, Conference on the future of Europe, digital at the service of citizens.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 105 citizens, including 65 participants from the city of Madrid (Spain), 3 participants from the city of Uppsala (Sweden), 4 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (Slovenia), 3 participants from the city of Novi Sad and Vojvodina (Serbia), 3 participants from the city of Penne (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Sofia and Svishtov (Bulgaria), 6 participants from the city of Łódź and Toruń (Poland), 3 participants from the city of Dagda (Latvia), 3 participants from the city of Alba Iulia (Romania), 3 participants from the city of Kavadarci (Macedonia), 3 participants from the city of Ludbreg (Croatia), 3 participants from the city of Bruxelles (Belgium), 3 participants from the city of Strasbourg (France), 3 participants from the city of Rychnov nad Kněžnou (Czech Republic) – 13 countries.

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Madrid (Spain)** and online from 17/11/2021 to 19/11/2021.

Short description: The aim of the event was to discuss the phenomena of fake news and ways to counteract them. This was also the closing meeting of the project where the project management team facilitated the final evaluation and follow up.

Another 200 EU citizens took part in project's on-line events to allow for more open participation, as well as in local dissemination activities which took place in 13 all project countries.



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