

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	Association Mentalidade X
<b>PIC number:</b>	E10289148
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	“Empowering YOUTH Citizenship for EU Future” (YOUTH for EU)

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
<b>Event number:</b>	6		
<b>Event name:</b>	EU 4 YOUTH EVENT IN PORTUGAL		
<b>Type:</b>			
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In-situ		
<b>Location:</b>	Santarem and Golegã, Portugal		
<b>Date(s):</b>	4th-8th March 2024		
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.cm-santarem.pt/">https://www.cm-santarem.pt/</a>		
Participants			
Female:	58		
Male:	125		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Poland]:	5		
From country 2 [Greece]:	5		
From country 3 [Spain]:	5		
From country 4 [Italy]:	5		
From country 5 [Portugal]:	158		
From country 6 [Netherlands]:	5		
Total number of participants:	183	From total number of countries:	6
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The sixth “YOUTH for EU” event was held in Portugal in Cities – Santarém and Golegã from 4th to 8th of March 2024.			

From 4th to 8th of March we had a chance to participate in the sixth “YOUth for EU” event that was happening in Santarém and Golegã, Portugal. We met to engage the values, rights, and freedoms of the EU by encouraging engagement in a social and active group, increasing the number of people to be more active in active citizenship for the community through the development of technologies and the tools the Union provides for employment, society and training and volunteering, expanding young people's knowledge of the importance of active citizenship, raising awareness of Europe's history, values and appreciating diversity as an integral part of European society.

The 4th of March was the first day of the event. The day finished with a welcome dinner and management meeting, where we were able to taste typical Portuguese dishes and desserts.

The second day started with visit in Santarém. We visited the city hall, where we were welcomed by the Deputy Mayor, who introduced us to the history of the city. After that, every delegation made a quick presentation about their town and region. We also concluded our past events in Greece, Poland, Spain, Italy, and the Netherlands. Straight after the meeting, we arrived at the Technical and Professional School of Ribatejo, where, together with students, we took a knowledge test about the European Union. We also took part in an "EU 4 Youth" Oxford debate. We discussed youth in the European Union and its future. Both teams answered a few questions according to their views. Will it be positive or not? Will young people become more socially active? Will more countries exit the union, and will it end? Finally, after a fierce discussion the debate was won by the team that stood for positive future of youth in the EU.

After lunch, we went for a tour around the city. The guide showed us many beautiful places hidden in Santarem. We started with a visit to Convento de São Francisco, which we were able to see from the inside. Our next point of the tour was Praça de Sá da Bandeira, the heart of the city. After some free time, we went to Jardim das Portas do Sol, an amazing viewpoint that made it possible for us to see the whole Santarem from above. We also learned some interesting facts about the city, its culture, and its history. We finished the day with a dinner and a dance lesson at the headquarters of the Sociedade Recreativa Operária association, where, together with the local community, we learned traditional Portuguese dances.

We started Wednesday with a World Café Discussion at the Municipality of Golegã (Santarem District). With local youth, we discussed the past, present, and future of the European Union. We exchanged our views and opinions and, as a result, created three special posters. Each of them was full of our conclusions, aspirations, hopes, worries, and plans. After a short lunch break, we took part in the International Workshop, this time at Golegã School. In cooperation with youngsters, we took a Kahoot knowledge quiz about the EU. In groups, we discussed why many young people lack knowledge about the European Union and how to encourage them to extend it. Then we went on a spontaneous trip to Tomar and visited the Convent of Christ. Our guide told us the rich story that stands behind the building and why it is so special when it comes to architecture.

The last day of the event started with a Good Practices Visit at the Lisbon Youth Center. We learned how it works and what it offers young people. We also saw the headquarters of the youth center on a special tour prepared for us. The tour ended with a presentation that got us familiar with youth living in Lisbon, its daily difficulties, and how the Youth Center prevents them. We also discussed the problems of youngsters in our countries and their daily struggles. It turned out that what definitively connects young people are their problems, which are pretty alike all over Europe. We found the visit very informative and inspiring for our future actions in our town. After that, it was time for a cultural visit in the center of Lisbon. We saw many famous monuments, such as the Vasco da Gama Bridge and the Praça do Comércio. We also had some free time to sightsee the city and buy some souvenirs. Later, we had an intercultural dinner where we were able to share our cultures with others, not only through the food but also through the dance. It was also a perfect occasion to summarize the event, share our observations, and most importantly, what we had learned. That's how the last day of our study visit came to an end.

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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).