

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[VOLUNTEU]
Participant:	[Stichting Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy Netherlands]
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[2]
Event name:	[THE ROOTS OF VOLUNTEERING, THE ROOTS OF EUROPE]
Type:	[conference, workshop]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Rotterdam], [Netherlands]
Date(s):	[October 10-13, 2022]
Website(s) (if any):	www.hellenicculturaldiplomacy.nl
Participants	
Female:	19
Male:	14
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [The Netherlands]:	20
From country 2 [Spain]:	3
From country 3 [Portugal]:	2
From country 4 [Greece]	2
From country 5 [taly]	2
From country 6 [Cyprus]	2
From country 7 [Croatia]	1
From country 8 [Romania]	1

Total number of participants:	33	From total number of countries:	8
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Title of the event: <i>THE ROOTS OF VOLUNTEERING, THE ROOTS OF EUROPE</i></p> <p>Description of the event: The developed agenda and the whole organization of this event was targeting to explore and analyze the history of volunteering in relation to the history of the European Union. And to create/ develop the link and understanding of all participants to the concept of European solidarity and the concept solidarity.</p> <p>Participants had the chance to develop their awareness regarding the importance of these 2Euroepan values through debate, information and best practices sharing and dialogue with interactive and informative activities. An important point always had in mind was the critical situation of COVID19 period but also other critical moments in the history of Europe.</p> <p>Target groups involved in the activities: young citizens, young people, volunteers, representatives of municipalities, representatives of Non-governmental organizations focusing on Volunteerism and social inclusion and integration</p> <p>Minutes of the event :</p> <p><u>10th of October</u></p> <p>Participants arrived in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, settled in their hotels and they shared together a Greek traditional dinner.</p> <p><u>11th of October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy Netherlands, Christina Eirini Karvouna picked the participants up from their hotels and had a lovely stroll in the sunny Rotterdam. Useful information about Rotterdam's history, Rotterdam's city participation in Volunteering activities, Volunteering groups and the leading role in the maritime sector especially in Volunteering (only to the Maritime Museum of Rotterdam – 160 volunteers are participating with offering their support of sharing touristic information and tours to tourists and visitors). • after a long walk the participants enjoyed their lunch in the diachronic building of "New York Hotel" • Being full of energy, the participants arrived to the offices of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy Netherlands, where the welcoming speech took place and the agenda was presented • Ferran Marco Selles (Altea) took the floor and talked notably about coordination and organization issues about the program • Bianca (Altea) pointed out important information and guidelines regarding dissemination activities and necessary actions • Each partner briefly presented their organization, their aims and values, their actions, the local policies, the current situation of voluntarism – which was undoubtedly a great opportunity to understand how voluntarism is actually implemented in Spain, Portugal, Italy, Romania, Greece, Cyprus and in the Netherlands • Videos and photos have been shared from all partners - presenting their projects and VOLUNTEU implementation locally • In order to make the discussion more interactive and vivid, a small quiz (https://app.sli.do/event/ngLZin656tEvFSnvs5aHuW) concerning the history and the importance of voluntarism in Europe after the Covid19 pandemic have been created and all participants were asked to fill in the answers, according to their opinion • In the evening there was free time for cultural activities and of course a pleasant dinner took place as well <p><u>12th of October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • results of the quiz with the participants - the trigger for a very fruitful conversation to come o Emphasis was given not only in ways that the youth can be engage in volunteering, but also the whole community as well. More precisely, brainstorming and discussion related to the European policies about volunteering and the impact of the pandemic towards this direction, took place o Share our reflections - thus, all partners were asked to write/ share (by using posts-it) their beliefs about the role of young 			

people concerning volunteering, the consequences of the Covid19 pandemic and the importance of dealing effectively with them and their personal interests concerning voluntarism, too.

- Main points were that during the pandemic the youth had plenty of free time to be engaged in volunteering actions, due to lockdown and the social restrictions measures. However, when they returned to their "normal lives" they tended to be reluctant and quite indifferent. It was strongly supported that voluntarism is about giving and offering, without wanting any personal gain back and maybe this is one of the main reasons of youth's unwillingness. Of course, we shouldn't be dogmatic, since there are still lots of young people around the European continent, moved by pure solidarity, who are involved in volunteering actions

- Best way to engage more youth is through the social media (Facebook, Instagram) and the organization of public events, in order to raise their awareness. Moreover, it was decided that our profile page in Facebook should be more active, to gain more followers

- Interaction and 3rd parties – sharing their experiences, point of views and beliefs regarding the situation of volunteerism in The Netherlands and more specifically youth interaction
- Preparation of upcoming Creative LAB – creating an attractive factsheet regarding VOLUNTEU. Many ideas came up, like creating the acronym of our project VOLUNTEU" with our bodies, make a data chart with a small explanation, introduce the project and share the links of each partner.
- Lunch break
- During the creative LAB we also created a video, with each participant describing the meaning of volunteerism for them, by using only one word.
- Slogan for the project have been developed => "VOLUNTEU: motivation-cooperation-progression"
- Evaluation of the meeting in Rotterdam, while strategic plans for the future steps in the project were elaborated
- Dates for 3rd TPM in Portugal were settled for 27th-30th of November 2022
- Finally, Christina surprised the participants, by giving them typical Dutch gifts and the printed logo of the program, too. In the evening we had our goodbye dinner and we confirmed our rendezvous for the next month in Portugal

13rd of October

Departure of All Participants.

Summary of the event : Volunteerism is a really important and fundamental term of each country. Through all activities participants had the chance and provided also their efforts of developing and sharing knowledge regarding volunteering in Europe. Provided participants with an enrichment that allowed communication and contamination between cultures. All activities were evaluated very informative and engaging. All participants developed and shared a vision of faith and love not only in volunteering but also in people and in the future.