

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	“GREENUP: European youth reflecting about the green future of Europe” -- GREENUP
Participant:	PANEVEZIO MIESTO PANEVEZIO MIESTO SAVIVALDYBES ADMINISTRACIJA (PMSA)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	3
Event name:	YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT – WHAT ARE WE DOING?
Type:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Debate: Climate change effects on youngsters. - Intergenerational workshop: Workshop about different points of view of the current situation to promote reflection. - Role game: Putting into practice common habits and multiple choices to show more available options to protect environment.
In situ/online:	<i>In situ - online</i>
Location:	Panevezys, Lithuania
Date(s):	9/05/2023 - 12/05/2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.facebook.com/GreenupEurope
Participants	
Female:	/
Male:	/
Non-binary:	/

From country 1 [Spain]:	5		
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	4		
From country 3 [Italy]:	3		
From country 4 [Hungary]	2		
From country 5 [Bulgaria]	3		
From country 6 [Latvia]	2		
From country 7 [Sakartvel]	1		
From country 8 [Greece]	1		
From country 9 [Malta]	1		
From country 10 [Lithuania]	55		
Total number of participants:	77	From total number of countries:	10
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING THE MEETING IN-SITU:

- Panevėžys city municipality administration (Lithuania) – meeting host organisation;
- Ayuntamiento de Tibi (Spain) – 3 persons;
- ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPING VOLUNTARY WORK NOVO MESTO (Slovenia) – 2 persons;
- Municipality of Messina (Italy) – 3 persons;
- WESTPANNON REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFIT LTD, representing HALÁSZI (Hungary) – 2 persons;
- “TODOR KABLESHKOV” UNIVERSITY OF TRANSPORT, representing SOFIA (Bulgaria) 3 persons.

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING THE MEETING ON-LINE:

- Municipality of Kalithea (Greece) – 1 person;
- VisMedNet Association (Malta) – 1 person;
- ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPING VOLUNTARY WORK NOVO MESTO (Slovenia) – 2 persons;
- Ayuntamiento de Tibi (Spain) – 2 persons.

ORGANISATIONS OUT OF PARTNERSHIP- ATTENDING IN THE MEETING IN THE ROLE OF EXPERTS FOR EXPERIENCE SHARING:

- Municipality of Daugavpils (Latvia) – 2 persons;
- Youth volunteer – 1 person (Georgia/Sakartvel).

Total number of foreign participants in physical event - 16

ACTIVITIES

09/05/2023

Arrival of Participants from each partner delegation.
Wellcome dinner

10/05/2023

9.00 AM Participants gathered in the hotel's conference room, where they were joined by more than 40 students from 4 of the city's gymnasiums.

First of all the Vice-Mayor of Panevėžys, Žibutė Gaivenienė, officially welcomed the participants of the 3rd meeting in the framework of the European GREENUP project. “The new generation is at the root of important changes. It is crucial to discuss together to find solutions that contribute to stopping climate change and other environmental goals. It is particularly pleasing that climate change issues are not only relevant to the municipality, but also to the local and international community, which is aware and is becoming part of the solutions. We all need to work together to achieve the greenest, more sustainable and cleaner way of living, thus protecting and enhancing the environment around us.” - Ž.Gaivenienė emphasised the importance of cooperation in order to achieve the green deal objectives.

Then a special guest representing the project's funding body - Asta Kulbačiauskienė, Head of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme in Lithuania – welcomed project partners, event participant and highlighted the fact that Lithuanian municipalities are increasingly seen as active and reliable partners in Network of Towns projects.

Representatives from the Italian municipality of Messina, a new partner in the consortium, then presented their city, its projects for youth and climate change, and shared good examples.

Then we heard a presentation by representatives of the Daugavpils Municipality Youth department that had been invited to participate in the partners meeting to take the place of the project partners that were not attending the meeting (Greece). The Daugavpils Municipality is a long-standing partner of the Municipality of Panevėžys that kindly agreed to share their expertise in the event. This opportunity to invite some participants “out of consortium” gave the project partners the chance to hear more good examples of how to work on youth engagement by changing personal habits that can affect climate change.

After watching a short film about Panevėžys green actions, projects and legislation, the situation in Panevėžys and the actions of young people in this field, were presented by Kotryna Jackevičiūtė, Board Member of Panevėžys Youth Union - Round Table.

Afterwards Dr. Paulina Budrytė, Researcher in the field of youth inclusion (Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Kaunas Technology University) took over the helm of the event. First of all, she represented that The Anthropocene is a proposed geological epoch dating from the commencement of significant human impact on Earth's geology and ecosystems, including, but not limited to, anthropogenic climate change. The reflections between participants on the GHG footprint of each of our daily activities were followed by a intergenerational workshop where students and international participants had the opportunity to measure their personal footprint. Comparing the results, the vast majority of the participants have an above-average CO2 footprint as a result of their personal habits, and only 3 participants out of a total audience of over 70 people were able to boast a very minimal GHG footprint.

Based on the results of the workshop, the participants discussed how to change their habits and what small actions in their daily lives could contribute to stopping climate change.

Given that climate change is not only about individual action, but also about the decisions of large

corporations and states, local teenagers and international participants participated in a role-playing game, in which they experienced putting into practice common habits and multiple choices to show more available options to protect environment. Participants had reflections on what critical decisions are made in everyday life by governments, business leaders, manufacturers... Students had the opportunity to empathise with these situations and to reveal what debatable choices they would make in different situations.

In the afternoon, project partners visited Karst sinkholes which are characteristic of a particular area of the Panevėžys region. After some discussions reflecting if karst sinkholes are related to climate change and which project partners has something similar in their countries, all group climbed the observation tower which offers stunning views of 30 water-filled sinkholes, known as the lakes of the Kirkills Reserve, with a diameter of 35 m or more.

After all, the project partners participated in an education on old traditions in Biržai Castle. During the activity, they got acquainted with the old brewing utensils, the tradition of brewing beer in Biržai region and the traditions of the High Saxon feasting tradition. Sitting at a table covered with a white tablecloth, they tasted local traditional production – beer, bread and cheese. Each delegation sang a traditional song of their country, listened to the folklore ensemble singing archaic songs and the sound of traditional musical instruments.

11/05/2023

Morning activities started with the visit to Panevėžys STEAM center, where international participants became students in the class where they could learn about sustainability methods in innovative way by using smart technologies and robots.

Then, the online coordination session took place with project coordinators and partners that were not attending in the event in-situ.

PROJECT COORDINATION

The Municipality of Tibi welcomed the new partners to the consortium – VisMedNet Association from Malta and Municipality of Kalithea from Greece. Project coordinators explained to new partners about the project budget regarding remaining WPs and partners responsibilities. It was announced that the new Informative annex to existing cooperation Agreement is in the process of preparation.

Municipality of Kalithea expressed their doubts about project budget for remaining meetings. They considered that they had been allocated too little money for the organisation of the upcoming event and for participants' travel to partners. The Lead Partner explained again the guidelines for the allocation of the budget among the partners, depending on the number of events remaining and the number of people attending them.

VisMedNet Association agreed about their tasks at local level, involving local volunteers and creating a working group of volunteers who will participate in the implementation of the project at local level. Municipality of Kalithea informed that they need to discuss proposed project conditions with their management before signing Cooperation agreement. All partners agreed to await their confirmation in the next few weeks and to organise an online meeting by the end of May for a better project management and follow up.

Project webpage was represented with the information requirements from each partner, as well as shared google drive file for all project partners to communicate and share documentation of project meetings.

Partners debated about the project calendar of the remaining Wps, and they confirmed the following dates:

- WP5. EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL AND YOU! in Italy will be organized in 26-29th July 2023;
- WP6. NGOs, VOLUNTEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION in Hungary will be organized in 4-7th September 2023

- WP3. EU GREEN DEAL: TOWARDS A NEW GREEN TRANSITION in Malta will be organized in October-November 2023
- WP7. LOCAL AUTHORITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND YOU in Greece - date to be discussed.
- WP8. FINAL MEETING in Bulgaria will be organized in 18th-21th March 2024.

After coordination meeting participants visited Panevėžys Open Youth center, had city center walking tour that culminated in Panevėžys reviving cultural object “Pragiedruliai mansion” where they had a meeting with 2 international projects teams: “Unifying Center of Creativity - Pragiedruliai mansion”, funded by EEA and Norway Grants, and “TRUSTMAKING: Young creators and responsibilities for the new green transition”, funded by JPI Urban Europe. Both projects have a strong focus on the involvement of young people and the community in cultural and local development processes, while keeping in mind the importance of sustainability, thus international participants had many common topics for discussion and opportunities to share experiences and ideas with the teams of both projects.

12/05/2023

Departure of participants.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).