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Bricks made of Words: building Europe again through dialogue

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Participants' Toolkit

1. WHAT IS BRICKS MADE OF WORDS: BUILDING EUROPE AGAIN THROUGH DIALOGUE

“Bricks Made of Words: building Europe again through dialogue” is a project dedicated to young European citizens interested in sharing knowledge and perspectives about actual key themes relevant for their future, as well as for the European Unions' future:

- EU bodies | civic rights and duties
- EU values (peace and tolerance)
- Civil rights and media freedom
- Migration and human rights
- Youth policies

The project will select 28 youngsters (18-24 years old) from different [European Countries](#) (Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Italy, Romania, Serbia - Portugal and Cyprus to be confirmed) according to their orientation towards EU policies related to the selected themes (Euro sceptics and Euro supporters) and will bring them together in 6 Events held in Italy, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Belgium and Cyprus (to be confirmed).

During the 6 Events, youngsters will be involved in laboratories, workshops and study visits and will experiment innovative way of debate and knowledge sharing (storytelling, augmented reality, Lego gaming...).

Starting from knowing EU history and values, EU bodies and their functioning, participants will develop critical thinking on sensitive matters, debating and exchanging their thoughts with peers from other EU Countries, for finally developing a document containing all their ideas and recommendation to be presented in Brussels to the EU policy makers during the last event.

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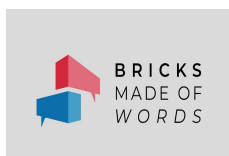
2. REASONS WHY TO PARTICIPATE THE PROJECT

You can not miss the opportunity to participate “Bricks made of words” project if you are:

- Interested in traveling to 6 EU Countries and explore them
- Interested in meeting youngsters from different Countries, living a real intercultural experience
- Willing to know more about the European Union, how it works, which are the policies it promotes
- Interested in sharing ideas and suggestions to improve the management of key issues as civil rights, environment and migration, at local, national and EU levels
- Curious about experimenting innovative ways to gather knowledge on the themes tackled (augmented reality | storytelling | Lego Serious Play)
- Interested in having your say to EU institutions, co-designing recommendations to be presented in Bruxelles during the last mobility.

3. WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO DURING THE PROJECT?

Participants will be involved in the following activities:



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- Participate 1 focus group about European policies with the other selected youngsters in their Country
- Participate all the 6 Events of the project (details below)
- Remain in touch with the participants of the other Countries, sharing information and impressions through an online database
- Share project results and findings with their peers during local activities

The project activities will take place from July 2022 to March 2023. Dates and venues may be affected to slight changes, that will be promptly communicated to participants in due time.

4. DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE EVENTS

The project foresees 6 Events; each of them will be held in a different Country and will tackle a specific theme, with different methodologies. A first draft of the Events is reported below.

EVENT N°	1
NAME OF THE EVENT	“Memories of the Past for building the present”
PLACE	Cavriglia (AR) - Italy
START DATE	Sept 20th 2022
END DATE	Sept 23rd 2022
THEME ADDRESSED	WWII, Nazi-Fascism, civic participation
GENERAL PROGRAM	DAY 1: Opening / ice breaking activities DAY 2: Meeting with witnesses of the massacres of the WWII in the local area / performances of community dramaturgy about Nazi-fascism massacres DAY 3: visit to the Museum of Memory in Bucine / “what if” workshop with VR (closed session) / visit to Rignano and its Permanent Exhibition on WWII / social dinner DAY 4: sum up of the event findings / dissemination conference / departure
EXPECTED RESULTS	The main expected impacts on local and international participants are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased sense of EU citizenship and community based on the EU value of peace and social justice; • Increased knowledge regarding WWII and EU reembrace and migration topic, as opportunity to see the European cohesion as a tool to overcome nationalisms; • Reduced sense of Euroscepticism.

EVENT N°	2
NAME OF THE EVENT	On the roads of recent past - towards new future
PLACE	Belgrade (RS)
START DATE	October 18th 2022
END DATE	October 21st 2022
THEME ADDRESSED	Civil Rights and media freedom
GENERAL PROGRAM	D1: Opening / wrap up of Event 1 D2: Lecture on civil rights at Political Science University / Study visit to New Belgrade and Museum of Yugoslavia / Debate on cultural heritage and politics. D3: Lecture on media freedom at Faculty of Media / “what if” workshop with VR (closed session) / Case study tour – topographies of resistance and of 90s / Debate session – free media as one of core values of EU.



	D4: sum up of the event findings / dissemination conference / departure
EXPECTED RESULTS	<p>The main expected impacts on local and international participants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enlarge participants knowledge and involvement in EU history and its values; ● Stimulate reflection and debate regarding public participation; the presence of fake news; media freedom; ● Support the understanding of why the presence of a united Europe can allow to avoid wars, fostering peace and an healthy democratic process. ● Fostering the understanding of the personal growth added value due to cultural exchange.

EVENT N°	3
NAME OF THE EVENT	Simulation of the EU Parliament / EU Council
PLACE	Arad, Romania
START DATE	arrival day - November 14th 2022 or November 15th 2022 (very early morning)
END DATE	departure day - November 18th 2022
THEME ADDRESSED	Functioning of EU bodies
GENERAL PROGRAM	<p>D1: Opening / wrap up of Event 1 and 2</p> <p>D2: Workshop on EU bodies and their functioning / Open conference with EU and National policy makers on civic rights and duties / Set up of the Role Play (closed session)</p> <p>D3: Role Play open to the public – simulation of the EU parliament and EU Council sessions. In cooperation with local secondary schools / Q&A session</p> <p>D4: sum up of the event findings / dissemination conf. / departure</p>
EXPECTED RESULTS	<p>The main expected impacts on local and international participants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased level of knowledge regarding EU bodies and their functioning, reducing the sense of distance between youngsters and EU institutions while raising interest on the EU work process; ● Fostered comprehension of the EU voting process and the pivotal role of young voters within the EU democratic process, also raising the sense of responsibility; ● Reduced level of skepticism due to better understanding of the EU work process.

EVENT N°	4
NAME OF THE EVENT	We are all humans
PLACE	Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina
START DATE	December 15th
END DATE	December 18th
THEME ADDRESSED	Migration and human rights
GENERAL PROGRAM	<p>D1: Opening / wrap up of previous Events</p> <p>D2: Study visit to Sarajevo most relevant places related to migration: War childhood museum, Jewish Municipality, Roma Info Center / Open debate session with s representatives</p> <p>D3: Lego Serious Play session (LSGS) on Migration and human rights / Lego Serious Play session (LSGS) on Civil rights</p>



	D4: sum up of the event findings / Lego Serious Play presentation open and live streamed / dissemination conf. / departure
EXPECTED RESULTS	<p>The main expected impacts on local and international participants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased knowledge regarding the migration “emergency” and how Europe and the national states are addressing the topic. ● Stimulate the participation in new solutions and ideas development from the civil society in sensitive matters like migration, youth policies, civil and human rights. ● Fostering the vision of the EU cohesion as a possible solution.

EVENT N°	5
NAME OF THE EVENT	Youth for the future
PLACE	Limassol, Cyprus (to be confirmed)
START DATE	Week February 20th, 2023
END DATE	Week February 20th, 2023
THEME ADDRESSED	EU Youth policies / Structured dialogue (SD) on project themes
GENERAL PROGRAM	<p>D1: Opening / wrap up of previous Events / preparation of participants to the SD sessions</p> <p>D2: Workshop on EU Youth policies in cooperation with National Employment Agency, Thessalian Ass. of Young Entrepreneurs / SD session on EU Youth Policies</p> <p>D3: SD session on Migration and Human rights / SD session on Civil Rights</p> <p>D4: Sum up of Events findings / Development of the recommendation paper draft / departure</p>
EXPECTED RESULTS	<p>The main expected impacts on local and international participants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhancement of personal skills related to undertaking structured dialogue, such as public speaking, mind flexibility and openness to different cultures. ● Recognition of Euroscepticism not as a problem but as a process that can provide useful points of views for the creation of the Europe of the future. ● Increased sense of engagement in EU democratic process thanks to the creation of the “let’s make a statement” document

EVENT N°	6
NAME OF THE EVENT	Our voice for the future
PLACE	Bruxelles (BE)
START DATE	March 26th 2023
END DATE	March 29th 2023
THEME ADDRESSED	Presentation of recommendation paper to the EU institutions
GENERAL PROGRAM	<p>D1: Opening / preparation of the Event</p> <p>D2: Visit to the Parliamentarium / Presentation of the “let’s make a statement” recommendation paper to EU policy makers (EU Commission and Parliament) / final project conference open to the public and to the press</p> <p>D3: farewell breakfast / departure</p>
EXPECTED RESULTS	The main expected impacts on local and international participants are:



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhanced knowledge regarding EU history and EU bodies; ● Increased sense of engagement toward participation in the EU democratic process; Decreased Euroscepticism and increased sense of belonging to EU, also due to the confrontation with the policy makers |
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5. PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants' travels, accommodation and subsistence costs will be covered by the project.

Participants will receive health and travel insurance issued according to the Europe for Citizens' Program of the EU.

Participants will be provided with an info kit before departure, containing relevant practical information about the Event they will attend (logistics, tutors' contacts, local emergency contacts, updated list of cultural institutions and available complementary activities...).

Participants' data will be treated according to GDPR rules.

Work language will be English.

6. CONTACTS

For any additional information about the project and its Event you can contact the project leader **ARCI (Italian recreational and cultural association):** info@arcivaldarno.net

ARCI VALDARNO is a territorial committee of national ARCI association (Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana). Established in 1981 is identified as a Non Profit Association. It is situated in the Middle of Tuscany, an area named Valdarno Superiore, where it represents a well rooted reality, both for the relationships of collaboration with local Municipality and for the numerous activities carried out in the various sectors of competence. Its sectors of competence are culture, sociality, solidarity, participation, democracy, peace and human rights. An important resource of the association is its capillary presence on the territory guaranteed by the numerous membership bases, where people meet every day, share ideas and passions: its clubs represent centers of encounter, socialization, aggregation, recreation as well as development of solidarity, culture and integration

7. THE EUROPE FOR CITIZENS' PROGRAM

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