

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[VOLUNTEU]
Participant:	[Općina Kalnik Općinsko Vijeće Kalnik Croatia]
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[6]
Event name:	[YOUTH VOLUNTEERING AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE]
Type:	[conference, creative lab, workshop]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Croatia], [Kalnik, Križevci]
Date(s):	[September 12-15, 2023]
Website(s) (if any):	https://kalnik.hr/
Participants	
Female:	38
Male:	34
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Croatia]:	58
From country 2 [Spain]:	3
From country 3 [Portugal]:	2
From country 4 [Greece]	2
From country 5 [The Netherlands]	2
From country 6 [Cyprus]	2
From country 7 [Italy]	2
From country 8 [Romania]	2

Total number of participants:	72	From total number of countries:	8
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>International thematic event organized in Kalnik, Croatia in September 2023. This event reflected about youth volunteering and their role in concepts such as Horizon Europe, the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus. Participants debated on the role of youngsters on before mentioned strategies and how it can tackle some of the societies problems. Participants also tried to provide ideas as how can volunteering empower youth and how it can help with youth social inclusion.</p> <p>Minutes of the event:</p> <p>September 12th, 2023</p> <p>Arrival of participants in Križevci/Kalnik</p> <p>September 13th, 2023</p> <p>9:00 Gathering of participants at venue and registration of participant. Welcome Speech, presentation of the agenda and activities Mladen Kešer, head of Kalnik Municipality. Presentation of organizations.</p> <p>10:15 Introduction of the conference: European responses to COVID19 crisis : European Strategies as Green Deal, the New European Bauhaus, Horizon Europe, the start of the presentation by the mayor. He introduced everyone to his home town Kalnik where the conference was being held and talked about the municipality. He presented the before mentioned strategies and it's goals. He also included how his municipality and his country, Croatia, try to be more proactive about this issues. The main issues about supporting such causes in Kalnik were of the nature of a small town, not enough information or encouragement. The benefits of the Green Deal and the other strategies are clear, improvement of health by providing more efficient transport and buildings, fresh air and clean water. Volunteering in small cities are almost nowhere to be seen but they are there, the red cross especially. Introducing small changes to the system can benefit everyone, if everybody follows them, said the Romania team. Portugal said that encouragement is a big talking point in this discussion because not everybody feels the need to fix things that they don't see, like clean air. Social media should be more helpful in this sense for providing usefull information to the people who know little. Conclusions of the conference have been that the future of Europe can be wonderfull if we all cooperate and make small changes that will make our lives better and the youngsters are the future.</p> <p>11:15 Workshop : 'How youngsters can participate in european strategies from their local communities', the participants were divided into 3 groups and were assigned a task. In order, write problems that youngsters can have when trying to volunteer from their local communities, then they change sides and partners and write solutions to problems that the other group wrote. In the end we talk and present what was written and discuss about the underlying problems of volunteering and how to make it more appealing for youngsters.</p> <p>14:30 Tour of the Biblical Graden of Peace and the church of st. Brcko</p> <p>17:00 Tour of the cultural municipality of Kalnik, old town Kalnik</p> <p>September 14th, 2023</p> <p>09:00 Presentations by partners : local policies related with European Strategies as Green Deal, the New European Bauhaus, Horizon Europe and how volunteering is involved. Presentations by each partner organization. Ivan Jedvaj, a professor of economics, debates with the participants about sustainable energy and how the modernizing of cars, EV cars, will impact the world on a larger scale.</p> <p>11:30 Creative lab "My wishes" : We arrived in the Choco bar Hedona in Križevci where we divided into 2 groups. One group is being guided by the director and are shown the chocolate factory of Hedona and it's history, Hedona is one of few companies which employ almost 50% of dissabled people in it's team. The other group is given a task to express freely their wishes about the Future of EU through a game of Q&A, afterwards the groups switch.</p> <p>14:45 Visit the Križevci archeological Museum</p> <p>15:10 Visit the Križevci Museum of Art</p> <p>18 :30 Visit to a volunteer organisation, Point and Perzeidi.</p>			

September 15th, 2023

Departure of participants

The event underscored the vital role of youth volunteering in driving positive change, fostering cooperation, and empowering young people to contribute to the realization of European strategies and a brighter future for all.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	25.09.2023	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	20.10.2023	Second Version