

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	[Forwarding Democratic EU Participation] — [FORCEP]
Participant:	[Općina Kalnik (Municipality of Kalnik)]
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[5]
Event name:	[Workshop (Round Table) 1: Unemployed Active citizenship: COVID19 effects, labour market changes and opportunities]
Type:	[Workshop (Round Table)]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Kalnik], [Croatia]
Date(s):	[23/03/2024 – 25/03/2024]
Website(s) (if any):	www.forcep.eu
Participants	
Female:	36
Male:	33
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Greece]:	8
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	11
From country 3 [Romania]:	7
From country 4 [Italy]:	2
From country 5 [Hungary]:	9
From country 6 [Croatia]:	31
From country 7 [Spain]:	1
Total number of participants:	69
From total number of countries:	7
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The "Workshop (Round Table) 1 - Unemployed Active Citizenship: COVID-19 Effects, Labour Market Changes, and Opportunities" was held from January 24-26, 2024, in Kalnik, Croatia. This event was part of the Forwarding Democratic EU Participation (FORCEP) project, specifically under WP5, focusing on the impacts of COVID-19 on unemployment and active citizenship within the EU. The event commenced on January 24 with the arrival of participants between 10:00 and 15:00. This was followed by a brief welcome session from 15:00 to 15:15, where organizers provided an overview of the unemployment and active citizenship landscape in Croatia. The day concluded with an intercultural dinner from 15:15 to 16:00, fostering a relaxed environment for initial networking and cultural exchange among participants.

The formal proceedings began on January 25 with participant registrations from 10:00 to 10:30. The session officially opened with greetings from the Mayor of Kalnik and project leaders, setting a collaborative tone for the event. This was followed by a presentation at 11:00 on unemployment challenges in Croatia, Slovenia, and Greece, featuring detailed case studies from these countries. A lecture on employment and labor issues by the Croatian Employment Service took place from 11:30 to 12:00, providing insights into national and regional labor market dynamics.

After a coffee break from 12:00 to 12:30, participants engaged in a discussion session from 12:30 to 13:30, aimed at identifying common employment challenges and brainstorming potential solutions. This collaborative effort highlighted shared issues and fostered a sense of unity among participants from different countries. A lunch break from 13:30 to 14:30 offered further opportunities for informal discussions and networking.

The afternoon sessions included a speech from 14:30 to 15:30 by a local representative on policy adjustments necessitated by COVID-19. This was followed by a round table/workshop from 15:30 to 16:30, focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on the EU economy and its distribution across different sectors. Participants broke into country-specific groups to share and analyze successful practices.

A workshop from 16:30 to 17:30 focused on measures to meet the needs of EU citizens and uphold democratic values, featuring a speech by a representative from a successful local government initiative in Romania. The day concluded with a dinner at 17:00, allowing participants to taste traditional Croatian dishes and continue their discussions in a more informal setting.

The final day, January 26, began with a city tour of Kalnik from 10:00 to 12:30, providing participants with a cultural experience and a relaxed environment to discuss the previous day's sessions. This was followed by a reflections session from 12:30 to 13:30, where participants shared their insights and takeaways from the event. The workshop officially ended with a lunch at 13:30, marking the conclusion of a productive and insightful event.

Throughout the workshop, there were ample breaks and opportunities for networking, ensuring meaningful interactions and exchanges between participants. The discussions and sessions were enriched by the diverse perspectives brought by attendees from various EU countries, all working towards common goals of addressing unemployment and enhancing active citizenship in the post-COVID-19 era.

The agenda of the 'Workshop (Round Table) 1 - Unemployed Active Citizenship: COVID-19 Effects, Labour Market Changes, and Opportunities ' is presented below:

Date: 23/03/2024 to 25/03/2024

Time Slot / Session

Day 1 – Kalnik, Croatia:

10:00 – 15:00: Participants Arrival

15:00 – 15:15: Welcome Greetings and Presentation of Unemployment and Active Citizenship Situation in Croatia

15:15 – 16:00: Intercultural Dinner

Day 2 – Kalnik, Croatia:

10:00 – 10:30: Registrations

10:30 – 11:00: Greetings from the Mayor of Municipality of Kalnik and Project Leaders, Welcome Speeches

11:00 – 11:30: Presentation of Unemployment Challenges in Croatia, Slovenia, and Greece (Case Studies from these countries)

11:30 – 12:00: Lecture: "Employment and Labour Issues" by Croatian Employment Service

12:00 – 12:30: Coffee Break

12:30 – 13:30: Discussion on Employment and Labour Issues (Brainstorming Common Challenges and Solutions)

13:30 – 14:30: Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:30: Speech: "Local and Regional Authorities on Policy Adjustments due to COVID-19" by a Local Representative/Policy

15:30 – 16:30: Round Table/Workshop: Impact of COVID-19 on the EU Economy and Sectoral Distribution (Breakout Sessions by Country)

16:30 – 17:30: Workshop: "Measures to Meet the Needs of EU Citizens' Community and Democratic Values" (Speech by a Representative from a Successful Local Government Initiative in Romania)

17:00 – 17:30: Dinner (Croatian Dishes Tasting)

Day 3 – Kalnik, Croatia:

10:00 – 12:30: City Tour of Kalnik

12:30 – 13:30: Reflections Time (Sharing Insights and Takeaways)

13:30: Lunch

HISTORY OF CHANGES

VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).