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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Preparatory activity: the project's kick off meeting involved 12 participants - 2 from Budapest, (Hungary); 3 from Brussels (Belgium); 1 from Malo (Italy), 3 from Rome (Italy), 1 from Trissino (Italy), 1 from Spresiano (Italy), 1 from Treviso (Italy).

Location / Dates: online and in Rome, Italy, on 22-23 July 2021.

Short description: representatives from all partners met to establish a working relationship based on shared goals, practices and deadlines.

1. Defined roles, frequency of internal meetings timetable and set up Slack channel
2. Set up a common financial management and reporting rules
3. Agreed on call for applications for participants and implementation timeline of the selection process
4. Set guidelines for the communication and dissemination strategy
5. Established clear & shared follow-up methods for participant engagement (debriefings & assessment post-event)
6. Prepared a working draft of Gantt chart

Events:

4 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: 69 citizens, including **30 from Italy** (6 from Rome, 1 from Niscemi, 1 from Mazzarrone, 1 from Padua, 1 from Taranto, 1 from Piacenza, 2 from Terni, 3 from Salerno, 1 from Perugia, 1 from Zoagli, 1 from Ploaghe, 1 from Figline e Incisa Valdarno, 1 from Dolianova, 1 from Amatrice, 1 from Montelibretti, 1 from Montopoli di Sabina, 1 from Pieve Santo Stefano, 1 from Ottaviano, 1 from Campobasso, 1 from Rizziconi, 1 from Chiari, 1 from Anagni) **7 from Spain** (all from Madrid), **7 from Hungary** (3 from Budapest, 1 from Oroszlány, 1 from Pécs, 1 from Keszthely, 1 from Nyíregyháza), **4 from Portugal** (1 from Porto, 2 from Lisboa, 1 from Portimão), **3 from Romania** (1 from Reghin, 1 from Târgu Mureș, 1 from Cluj-Napoca), **2 from Finland** (1 from Tempere and 1 from Jyväskylä), **2 from Belgium** (1 from Brussels and 1 from Liège), **2 from Poland** (all from Warsaw), **2 from Slovenia** (1 from Krško, 1 from Brezice), **2 from Greece** (1 from Kalandra, 1 from Thessaloniki), **1 from Slovakia**, Liptovský Mikuláš, 1 from **Denmark**, Aalborg, **1 from the Netherlands**, Leiden, **1 from Germany**, Dresden, **1 from France**, Angers, **1 from Ireland**, Dublin, **2 from Austria** (all from Salzburg).

Venue: Rome, Italy from 20/10/2021 to 22/10/2021

Description: Participants worked together in a hackathon for increasing youth's digital civic participation. They worked in 15 teams, and 3 thematic areas: social media, grass root initiatives, and top-down consultation tools. Each team built a project, proposing creative solutions to their challenges, and presented it to a panel of judges made of national decision-makers and civil society representatives. They presented apps and platforms to make the EU more accessible to everyone, and to be more protagonists in the decision-making.

Event 2

Participation: 66 citizens - **31 from Hungary** (4 from Szeged, 2 from Pecs, 2 from Szombathely, 1 from Bonyhád, 22 from Budapest), **10 from Italy** (1 from Ottaviano, 1 from Turin, 2 from Rome, 1 from Campobasso, 1 from Brescia, 1 from Perugia, 1 from Maracalagonis, 1 from Sessa Aurunca, 1 from Ploaghe), **8 from Spain** (1 from Camarzana de Tera, 1 from Alcobendas, 1 from Oviedo, 4 from Madrid, 1 from Algeciras), **2 from Belgium** (1 from Brussels, 1 from Louvain-la-Neuve), 1 from Salzburg (**Austria**), **3 from Portugal** (all from Lisbon), 1 from Thessaloniki (**Greece**), **2 from Slovenia** (1 from Krško, 1 from Kranj), **2 from Poland** (1 from Rybnik, 1 from Warsaw), 1 from Belgrade (**Serbia**), 1 from Roscommon (**Ireland**), 1 from Versailles (**France**), **3 from Romania** (1 from Fâncel, 1 from Miercurea Ciuc, 1 from Târgu Mureş).

Venue: Szeged, Hungary, from 20/03/2022 to 23/03/2022

Short description: The aim of the event was to raise awareness among people on EU policies on cybersecurity. On the first day, Oxford-style debates were held to increase knowledge on these challenges regarding freedom of expression, disinformation and consumers' safety on e-commerce platforms. In the following Idea Challenge, participants worked divided into 5 Action Teams and 2 Policy Teams. Each Action Team designed 2 online awareness campaigns and the policy teams released 2 policy proposals. Interesting ideas arose about guaranteeing security in the use of personal data or a program to improve digital education.

Event 3

Participation: 73 citizens - **13 from Italy** (2 from Naples, 1 from Padua, 1 from Campo Calabro, 1 from Monteforte d'Alpone, 1 from Busto Arsizio, 1 from Turin, 1 from Rome, 1 from Cagliari, 1 from Malo, 1 from Schio, 2 from Trieste) **19 from Hungary** (1 from Veszprem, 10 from Budapest, 2 from Nagykanizsa, 1 from Karcag, 1 from Nyíregyháza, 1 from Szekszárd, 1 from Ságújfali, 1 from Csömör, 1 from Fót), **5 from Spain** (all from Madrid), **1 from Cyprus**, 3 from **Germany** (1 from Hannover, 2 from Bremen), 1 from Lisbon (**Portugal**), **3 from Romania** (2 from Tirgu Mures, 1 from Cluj-Napoca), 1 from Belgrade (**Serbia**), 1 from Roscommon (**Ireland**), 1 from Warsaw (**Poland**), **2 from Slovenia** (1 from Ljubljana, 1 from Kranj), 1 from Brussels (**Belgium**), **22 from Greece** (21 from Thessaloniki, 1 from Alexandroupoli).

Venue: Thessaloniki, Greece, from 07/09/2022 to 10/09/2022

Description: The aim was to help participants explore in depth the human & ethical implications of AI in the EU, and prepare amendments to current EU legislation debated by the European Parliament. On the first day, after a panel session with EU officials, participants battled in an Oxford-style debate. The Citizens' Assembly was the format of the second day. Divided into seven groups, students discussed and prepared amendments to the EU legislation on AI currently under negotiation at the European Parliament.

Event 4

Participation: 67 citizens - **7 from Hungary** (5 from Budapest, 1 from Szolnok, 1 from Miskolc), 1 from Salzburg (**Austria**), **2 from Germany** (all from Bremen), **3 from Portugal** (2 from Lisbon, 1 from Braga), **2 from Ireland** (1 from Roscommon, 1 from Dublin), **2 from Romania** (all from Targu Mures), 1 from Warsaw (**Poland**), 1 from Stockholm (**Sweden**), 1 from Paris (**France**), **2 from Greece** (all from Thessaloniki), **24 from Italy** (4 from Rome, 1 from Montù Beccaria, 2 from Catania, 1 from San Donà di Piave, 1 from Rosolina, 1 from Assisi, 1 from Cuneo, 1 from Campobasso, 1 from Genova, 1 from Brescia, 1 from Siracusa, 1 Monreale, 1 from Niscemi, 1 from Siena, 1 from Sessa Aurunca, 1 from Trissino, 2 from Pavia, 1 from Malo, 1 from Schio), **7 from Spain** (1 from Santander, 6 from Madrid), **13 from Belgium** (2 from Louvain la Neuve, 3 from Leuven, 1 from Kortrijk, 7 from Brussels).

Venue: Leuven, Belgium, from 26/10/2022 to 28/10/2022

Description: The focus was the improvement of citizens' engagement with the EU. On the first day, after a panel of EU representatives, the participants pitched ideas on how to make EU more user-friendly for citizens. The following day, students were divided into 10 working groups, 5 Policy Teams and 5 Media Teams, to create policies or media strategies to develop the best ideas pitched. On the final day, all groups presented their work to a jury composed of EU officials and project partners.