

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	INSTITOYTO KOINONIKIS KAINOTOMIAS KAI SYNOXIS
PIC number:	928680717
Project name and acronym:	European Citizens Brotherhoods Express and Nurture the Europe's Future they Want – EUNITY

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Debatable Europe's We Want Citizens-Driven Conference: Let's Shape our Tomorrow Together, Validating our Citizens' Voices for Europe's Future
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Siatista, Greece
Date(s):	18 – 20 May 2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://fifty-fifty.gr/eunity/
Participants	
Female:	195
Male:	62
Non-binary:	3
From country 1 Greece:	53
From country 2 Bulgaria:	133
From country 3 Slovenia:	8
From country 4 Italy:	4
From country 5 Bosnia & Herzegovina:	13
From country 6 Croatia:	49
Total number of participants:	260
From total number of countries:	6
Description	
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.	

The activities organised within the framework of the **EUNITY project – “European Citizens Brotherhoods Express and Nurture the Europe’s Future they Want”** brought together citizens, youth representatives, local authorities, civil society organisations, and community stakeholders from Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Italy in a dynamic environment of dialogue, cooperation, and intercultural exchange.

The initiative aimed to strengthen European identity, democratic participation, solidarity, and social cohesion through a participatory and citizen-oriented approach. Throughout the project, participants engaged in discussions and thematic sessions focusing on European integration, democracy, civic participation, gender equality, youth engagement, and the future challenges facing Europe.

Particular emphasis was placed on promoting mutual understanding and active citizenship through speeches, moderated dialogue sessions, cultural exchanges, and interactive discussions. Participants shared experiences from their local communities, reflected on the importance of European values and democratic resilience, and explored practical ways to enhance inclusion, cooperation, and civic engagement at both local and European levels.

The project also encouraged intercultural dialogue and collaboration among participants from diverse social and cultural backgrounds, fostering stronger connections and a shared sense of belonging to Europe. Through these activities, the EUNITY project contributed to reinforcing active citizenship, promoting solidarity-based dialogue, and encouraging citizens to actively participate in shaping a more inclusive, democratic, and united European future.

Event Agenda

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15:00-18:30 Participants’ arrival

18:30-19:00 Welcome Greetings & Introductory Remarks

19:00 - 20:00 Presentation of the Agenda and Introduction to the objectives of European Integration

20:00 Welcome Dinner

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10:00-10:30 Registrations

10:30 – 11:00 Partner Representatives’ Statements

11:00-12:00 Debate Session 1: Europe as a Peace and Democracy Project

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 – 13:30 Debate Session 2: Addressing Socio-Economic Inequality and Social Cohesion

13:30 – 14:00 Speech: Breaking Barriers: Gender Equality in Civic Life

14:00 – 15:00 Traditional Lunch

15:00 – 15:30 Debate Session 3: Climate Action and Sustainability

15:30 – 16:30 EU-Level Speech I: Why Citizen Participation Matters for the Future of Europe

16:30 – 17:30 EU-Level Speech II: Democracy Under Pressure: Challenges & Opportunities

19:30 Cultural Evening and Dinner

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10:00- 11:00 Session 1: Best Practices in Civic Engagement and Local Governance

10:00 – 12:00 Session 2: Cultural Storytelling and Exchange

12:00 – 12: 30 Open Discussion

12:30 – 13:00 Study Visit to the Municipality of Voio & decision-making departments of Western Macedonia for sharing insights and

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Closing Ceremony and Participants Departure

Day 1

The first day of the EUNITY project focused on **welcoming participants, establishing a common understanding of the project, and introducing the key themes and objectives of the three-day project. Participants from Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Italy arrived and were welcomed by the organizing team, creating the initial setting for intercultural exchange and cooperation.

The day officially opened with **welcome greetings and opening remarks**, introducing the EUNITY project and highlighting the importance of bringing together citizens and representatives from different European communities to exchange perspectives and strengthen cooperation. The opening also underlined the relevance of active citizenship, European solidarity, democratic participation, and shared European values in addressing current and future challenges.

Following the opening, participants were presented with the **event agenda and the objectives of European integration**. This introductory session provided a common framework for the discussions planned during the following days and encouraged participants to reflect on what European integration means in practice for citizens and local communities. Attention was given to the importance of cooperation between European countries and communities, mutual understanding, and citizens' involvement in shaping the future of Europe.

The session also prepared participants for the thematic discussions that would follow, introducing the broader questions of **European identity, democracy, solidarity, inclusion, and citizen participation**. By establishing common ground from the beginning of the event, participants were encouraged to actively contribute their experiences and perspectives throughout the project.

The first day concluded with a **welcome dinner**, providing an informal space for participants to meet one another, establish connections, and begin exchanging experiences in a more relaxed environment. The social element of the evening contributed to building trust and strengthening the intercultural dimension of the project, creating a positive basis for the discussions and collaborative activities of the following days.

Day 2

The second day focused on reflection, dialogue, and the collective exchange of ideas developed throughout the activities. Participants engaged in open discussions and interactive exchanges concerning democratic participation, solidarity, local governance, and the importance of active citizenship in addressing contemporary European challenges. The sessions encouraged participants to connect the themes explored during the project with the realities and experiences of their own communities while promoting constructive dialogue and peer learning.

Moreover, particular emphasis was placed on fostering intercultural understanding, cooperation, and grassroots participation through collaborative discussions and informal exchanges among participants. Citizens, youth representatives, and local stakeholders reflected on the importance of inclusion, civic engagement, and mutual respect in strengthening democratic societies and reinforcing a shared sense of European belonging.

The activities concluded with a collective reflection and closing session, where participants exchanged feedback, shared key takeaways, and discussed the importance of continuing citizen-centred initiatives and cross-border cooperation beyond the framework of the project.

In conclusion, the project contributed to promoting active citizenship, democratic dialogue, solidarity, and stronger connections among European communities.

Day 3

The third day of the project focused on local governance, community engagement, and the exchange of good practices at local and regional level. Participants took part in a study visit to the Municipality of Voio and decision-making departments of Western Macedonia, where they were introduced to local governance structures, community initiatives, and policies related to social welfare, solidarity, and civic participation.

During the visit, participants engaged in open discussions and interaction sessions with local policymakers and stakeholders, exchanging experiences and perspectives on local development, democratic participation, and community resilience. The sessions encouraged dialogue on the role of municipalities and local initiatives in promoting inclusion, cooperation, and active citizenship within the European context.

The project concluded with a final reflection, lunch, and closing ceremony, reinforcing the importance of intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding, and continued cooperation among the participating communities and organisations.

Dissemination Activities

For dissemination purposes, the activities implemented within the framework of the **EUNITY project – “European Citizens Brotherhoods Express and Nurture the Europe’s Future they Want”** were promoted through various communication and visibility actions aimed at ensuring broad outreach, participant engagement, and public awareness of the project’s objectives and activities. Project banners, visual materials, promotional posters, and printed communication content were displayed throughout the activities, reinforcing the project’s identity and its core values of European unity, democratic participation, solidarity, and intercultural dialogue.

The project partners also shared posts, photographs, event highlights, and updates through their official communication channels, websites, and social media platforms, increasing the visibility of the activities at both local and transnational levels. Dissemination efforts focused on presenting participants’ involvement, intercultural cooperation, citizen dialogue, and the importance of active citizenship and local participation in shaping the future of Europe.

Through these combined dissemination and visibility actions, including banners, promotional material, social media posts, and public communication activities, the EUNITY project strengthened awareness of European values, democratic engagement, and cross-border cooperation while promoting active participation, mutual understanding, and solidarity-based approaches within the broader European context.

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Conclusion

In conclusion, the activities implemented within the framework of the **EUNITY project – “European Citizens Brotherhoods Express and Nurture the Europe’s Future they Want”** represented an important step towards strengthening active citizenship, democratic participation, and intercultural dialogue among European communities. Bringing together citizens, youth representatives, local authorities, civil society organisations, and stakeholders from different countries demonstrated the value of participatory and citizen-centred approaches in addressing common European challenges and promoting mutual understanding across cultures and communities.

The activities highlighted the importance of dialogue, cooperation, and grassroots engagement in promoting social cohesion, solidarity, and democratic resilience. Through thematic discussions, speeches, intercultural exchanges, and collaborative interactions, participants reflected on shared European values, inclusion, civic participation, and the future of Europe while exchanging experiences and perspectives from their own local realities.

Overall, the EUNITY project reinforced the importance of continuing to support initiatives that encourage intercultural understanding, active citizenship, and cross-border cooperation at both local and European levels. The project contributed to the broader objectives of the project by fostering empathy, participation, and solidarity as essential elements for building a more inclusive, democratic, and united Europe.

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