

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

| PROJECT | |
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| Participant: | Centrul pentru Promovarea Invatarii Permanente- CPIP, Timisoara, Romania |
| PIC number: | 950602620 |
| Project name and acronym: | [WE-DEMOCRACY – No one left behind – Empowering citizens to participate in democratic processes] |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION | | | |
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| Event number: | WP6 | | |
| Event name: | Problem solving – Romania | | |
| Type: | Awareness-raising event | | |
| In situ/online: | In situ | | |
| Location: | Romania, Timisoara | | |
| Date(s): | 07.12.2023 | | |
| Website(s) (if any): | https://www.wedemocracy-project.eu | | |
| Participants | | | |
| Female: | 24 | | |
| Male: | 14 | | |
| Non-binary: | - | | |
| From country 1 [Romania]: | 38 | | |
| Total number of participants: | 38 | From total number of countries: | 1 |
| Description | | | |
| <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i> | | | |
| <p>Under the WP6 (Problem Solving-Romania), Centrul pentru Promovarea Invatarii Permanente- CPIP has organized the public event in Timisoara. The event has been organized in presence of 38 participants at national level.</p> <p>Type of audience: People 18+ and students from Timisoara (It was an excellent opportunity to involve the participants from the very first activities to facilitate their involvement in this initiative) who confirmed their participation in WP1, academic, companies, but also democracy practitioners and decision makers from Timisoara, Romania. Key local experts from our network were also invited to share their experience in the field and increase the interest and participants motivation.</p> <p>The agenda of the event was structured over half a day to include two main parts: presentation of the goals/objectives of the WE-DEMOCRACY project and interaction with participants and brainstorming on specific key topics related to the project.</p> | | | |

The main and key topics included in the presentation followed the steps below:

- Welcoming participants
- Overview about the WE-DEMOCRACY project (objectives, aims, importance, relevance, consortium)
- Presentation session: Key topics covered - presentation and brainstorming on (concept of circular economy + global environmental challenges; UNAgenda2030; economic benefits, EU/governmental policies)
- Presentation session: Key topics covered - presentation and brainstorming on (waste management, recycling & reuse; consumer behaviour & engagement)
- Short break
- Session dedicated to the exchange of best practices in the field
- Exploration of e-democracy
- Open discussion with participants to share thoughts and ideas about the WE-Democracy project itself, as well as about the results to be achieved further and their potential use
- Invitation to lunch offered by the CPIP team
- EU survey completion session
- Closing session with questions and answers

The event started with an introductory session to inform/increase knowledge of the audience about the WE-DEMOCRACY project mainly about the philosophy and idea behind the initiative, objectives, importance and resources. The two presentation sessions from the first part of the event, was structured based on the following topics: concept of circular economy + global environmental challenges; UNAgenda2030; economic benefits, EU/governmental policies, waste management, recycling & reuse; consumer behaviour & engagement. It was important to select topics that can solicit the interest of the participants in expressing their ideas and take action. During the presentations, participants were constantly engaged by asking key questions to ensure they understood the relevance of the event. The short introductory quiz games created on the Kahoot platform were essential to draw participants' attention to the key topics addressed during the discussions, to solicit audience participation and to make the audience engaged from the beginning.

In the second part of the event the business world was also included, since citizens are also consumers. Thus, providing them with case studies/best practices has been fundamental to better understanding the concept of circular economy and also the relevance of WE-DEMOCRACY project initiative. Key representatives in the field, entrepreneurs and social innovators shared their experiences with the audience showing how we can start from small changes to have big ones and demonstrating the impact of small changes in fostering a circular economy. The discussions were very interactive and participants were excited to explore good practices in the project theme.

A dedicated space was allocated to open discussions with participants on what e-democracy means, to share thoughts and ideas about the WE-DEMOCRACY project itself, as well as about the results to be achieved further and their potential use. It was promoted an open dialogue to explore the concept of e-democracy, encouraging participants to actively contribute ideas and perspectives.

At the end of the event, the CPIP team actively involved the participants in the completion of the EU survey, gathering valuable insights.

Promotional materials dedicated to the WE-DEMOCRACY: during the event each participant received eco-friendly materials such as: reusable bag, notebook (Recycled paper) and a pen, web cover (recycled paper and plastic), decorative candle using edible oil generated by households in the city as raw material from OilRight - an eco-inclusive social business in Timisoara, Romania.

In addition, the event promoted effective cooperation between participants and made significant progress in the field of circular economy by increasing participants' awareness of the importance of WE-DEMOCRACY impact and resources.