

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Network, Dedalus, CIP, Pacto Verde, HESED, GEYC, CB
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Project name and acronym:	Youth Involvement in the European Democratic Debate through Journalism— EFIVOS in Europe

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5
Event name:	WP 5
Type:	Workshops on free subject: Inclusive societies ,Gender Equality, Cypriot Issue, unaccompanied foreign minors and young migrants alone, Demystifying gender-based violence myths, Health education for girls, effective communication, Safe Online Political Activism
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Athens, Naples, Nicosia, Huelva, Sofia, Bucharest, Copenhagen
Date(s):	24/11-15/12/2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://ddp.gr/ti-koino-echei-i-symperiliptiki-koinonia-me-tin/ GEYC: From Theory to Practice: Results of EFIVOS Workshop on Effective Communication
Participants	
Female:	104
Male:	74
Non-binary:	
From country 1 Greece	22
From country 2 Italy	20
From country 3 Cyprus	45
From country 4 Spain	20
From country 5 Bulgaria	20

From country 6 Romania	28		
From country 7 Denmark	23		
Total number of participants:	178	Countries	7

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Each partner decided on a different topic based on the interests of the participants and the focus group conducted at the beginning of the project.

1. The workshops on **Inclusive Societies** took place at the **Youth Center of NCR**. This workshop focused on the critical theme of inclusive societies, delving into the complexities surrounding diversity, equality, and social inclusion. It navigated through the challenges associated with discrimination, unequal access to opportunities, and the importance of building communities that embrace and celebrate differences. The workshop underscored the European Union's commitment to fostering inclusive societies, highlighting policies aimed at combating discrimination, promoting equal rights, and creating environments where every individual can thrive. Participants from different socio-cultural backgrounds and living in areas around deprived central Athens, appeared to have little knowledge of EU policies on inclusive societies, they showed particular interest and participation throughout the workshop.
2. In **Naples** they organised a workshop on **“Unaccompanied Foreign Minors and Young Migrants Alone”** composed of youngsters coming both from European and non-European Union countries. The objectives of our workshop were: - to promote knowledge about the phenomenon of migration; - to encourage the dialogue, the exchange of personal opinions and the active participation of the youngsters through informal activities; - to foster interculturality and the overcoming of prejudice. description of the European Union legislation on immigration, which states some important principles such as: the non-refoulement of unaccompanied foreign minors and all the different types of protection regarding the assessment of the minors' age and condition. Everyone was very interested in the topic addressed, mainly because most of the participants live daily on their skin the complex situation of being unaccompanied young migrants in Italy.
3. The EFIVOS workshops in **Cyprus** focused on two different topics which the participants considered interesting and on which they would like to learn. Thus, CIP organised one workshop on **Gender Equality and one on the Cyprus Issue**.

Both workshops were organised with the support of organisations and experts in these fields who then joined the workshops and offered insight to the participants. It is expected that the majority of the participants will move on with writing a piece on the Cyprus Issue and its wider implications on the political, economic, educational and social aspects of the island. To address the main issues raised throughout the project, we decided to organise one of our workshops on the topic of Gender Equality and Women's Inclusion in Journalism. The workshop was facilitated with the support of a representative of the Mediterranean Institute for Gender Studies, who offered case studies and insights into the existing gender gaps in Cyprus. During the group discussion, there was some tension in some groups because all of the participants had experienced different things, and it wasn't easy to be able to get in the others' shoes. Nevertheless, all participants agreed that there are many gaps in regard to gender equality and that we should all try to take steps to create a more inclusive society.

For the second topic on Cyprus issue, we organised a panel with guest speakers from both the South and the North, with the aim to give an insight into journalism in North Cyprus and how journalists contribute in the perceptions of Greek and Turkish Cypriots towards each other. It was discussed the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot educational systems and how they also contribute on the rise of nationalism and the far-right in both communities as well as references to the importance of promoting peace journalism instead of war journalism to help the peacebuilding process on the island. With this workshop, CIP aims to involve more Turkish Cypriots in the EFIVOS project and potentially translate some of the participants' articles into

Turkish for wider dissemination on the island. Cyprus Issue was delivered at Ledra Palace, which is a historic building located in the Green Line in the heart of Nicosia, and it is monitored and controlled by UNFICYP. Ledra Palace used to be the most prestigious hotel in Cyprus, until the events of 1974, and since then, it served as a meeting place for Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots' peace-building meetings and negotiations. Also, the fact that it is located in the Green Line, means that there is no need for Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots to show their passports to cross from one side of the island to the other.

4. The workshop on **Demystifying gender-based violence myths** aimed to better understand how gender-based violence works. The workshops on gender-based violence were conducted at the **University of Huelva**, through a collaborative effort involving PowerPoint presentations and active discussions with the participants. Despite the participants having a general knowledge of the topic, the discussions proved to be highly enriching, fostering a deeper understanding and exchange of perspectives. Broadly speaking, the participants exhibited a keen and earnest interest in the subject matter. It was evident that many attendees felt comfortable and empowered to voice their opinions, thereby contributing to the creation of a dynamic and inclusive space for discussion. They particularly liked the issue of the social belief that only low-income women suffer from gender-based violence.
5. **Health education for girls, improving their hygiene, reducing waste of single use materials, and combating period poverty** was the topic of interest in the Roma neighbourhoods of **Sofia**. The workshops on topics related to the intersection between women's health and protection of environment; changes in the woman's body related to maturation, psycho-emotional changes, female reproductive system, hygiene and female well-being; plus what is the cross point with the ecological problem of disposal of waste as the single use menstrual materials and what can be done to reduce the waste and to protect the environment. They knew some details about female body and reproductive system and about the problems with disposal of waste, but they heard for the first time about the possible solution by using reusable menstrual underwear. At the end of the workshop they declared their interest to think deeper about the topics and to be more conscious when choosing hygiene materials.
6. **Effective Communication** workshop was implemented at high-school students in **Bucharest**. A workshop designed to teach young people about the different communication platforms (face-to-face, audio calls, video calls & social media), as well as the design process of a digital message that has the appropriate tone to achieve the desired result. We enabled them to identify the goals of different communication pieces, how to take into account multiple stakeholder groups with 1 singular message. We showcased the design process for how to go through the process of identifying the goals, the stakeholder groups, the potential misinterpretations when it comes to a digital message. They were quite enthusiastic to get involved in the conversations created and were intrigued by the answers they created. They were genuinely surprised at how easy it is to misinterpret messages and how many things one piece of effective communication can take into account. They thought it was highly important to understand how and when to switch mediums and approaches based on the person you are talking with, as well as switching between different vocabularies on different platforms.
7. In **Copenhagen** the topic covered was "**Safe Online Political Activism.**" The objective was to impart knowledge and skills regarding secure digital engagement while actively participating in political discourse. The workshop covered essential strategies, including safeguarding personal information, employing encryption tools, and recognizing potential online threats. Through structured discussions and practical demonstrations, students gained insights into responsible online practices. The workshop centered around online activism aiming to teach young people how to be politically active online while maintaining their safety. Participant reactions were diverse, with highlights including a high level of engagement during hands-on activities, keen interest in understanding the practical aspects of online security, and an evident increase in awareness regarding potential online threats. Some participants expressed surprise at the simplicity of certain security measures. Some

students were well-versed in online platforms, while others required additional guidance. the most significant aspect was understanding the practical application of online safety measures. Learning to secure personal information, recognize potential threats, and actively engage in secure online political activism resonated as key takeaways.