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**Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"**

**Preparatory activities** : the activities involved a total of 1005 participants (16 participants in the kick-off meeting and 989 in the survey)

**Location / Dates:** Online – 10/05/2021

**Short description:** these activities consisted of a **Kick off meeting**, held online due to the COVID 19 restrictions, which involved 16 participants and offered the chance to connect and align the whole team to achieve a common vision, and **Online survey** "How much do we know about the EU?", which was launched before the local trainings in order to acknowledge the extent of disinformation and to get a broader understanding of how much European citizens know about the EU. The survey, translated in all the participating countries' languages and articulated through multiple choice and open-ended items, was addressed to EU citizens and widely distributed through the partners' networks during 2 months. The 989 complete responses from people across Europe, have been collected (through SurveyMonkey), analysed and published in the survey report.

**Events:**

10 events have been carried out within this project:

**Event 1**

**Participation:** The event, held in hybrid mode, involved 80 citizens, including 14 participants from Ireland, 54 participants from Italy, 2 participants from France, 2 participants from Greece, 3 participants from Portugal, 2 participants from Bulgaria, 3 participants from Belgium.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Dublin (Ireland), online via Zoom and livestreamed on Facebook on 7/10/2021

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to launch the project and enlarge the network with important external stakeholders. The event also included a partners' meeting to exchange views and best practises, test the methodologies used and identify the 3 survey outcomes to prepare the local trainings.

**Event 2**

**Participation:** The event, held in hybrid mode, involved 25 citizens from Greece

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Ioannina (Greece) and online on 11/12/2021

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on the future of the EU, nationalism and other threats, and function of EDIC, was to increase the knowledge of participants about the EU mechanisms and policies, debate on the most controversial topics in the EU, and learn how to recognise disinformation in new and traditional media, strengthening their networks and fostered their civic participation.

**Event 3**

**Participation:** The event, held in-situ, involved 25 citizens from France.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Marseille (France) on 17/12/2021

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on nationalism and detachment from EU institutions, was to increase the knowledge of participants about the EU mechanisms and policies, debate on the most controversial topics in the EU, and learn how to recognise disinformation in new and traditional media, strengthening their networks and fostered their civic participation.

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**Event 4**

**Participation:** The event, held in hybrid mode, involved 28 citizens from Bulgaria.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in-situ in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 14/01/2022 and online on 20/01/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on the understanding of the EU and its policies and the protection of democracy and European values, was to increase the knowledge of participants about the EU mechanisms and policies, debate on the most controversial topics in the EU, and learn how to recognise disinformation in new and traditional media, strengthening their networks and fostered their civic participation.

**Event 5**

**Participation:** The event, held in hybrid mode, involved 27 citizens from Ireland.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Dublin (Ireland) and online on 15/01/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on climate action in the EU and youth engagement, was to increase the knowledge of participants about the EU mechanisms and policies, debate on the most controversial topics in the EU, and learn how to recognise disinformation in new and traditional media, strengthening their networks and fostered their civic participation.

**Event 6**

**Participation:** The event, held in-situ, involved 29 citizens from Portugal.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Porto (Portugal) on 17/01/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on the active citizenship and democratic participation, was to increase the knowledge of participants about the EU mechanisms and policies, debate on the most controversial topics in the EU, and learn how to recognise disinformation in new and traditional media, strengthening their networks and fostered their civic participation.

**Event 7**

**Participation:** The event, held in hybrid mode, involved 25 citizens from Italy.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Rome (Italy) and online via Zoom on 18/01/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on how disinformation is threatening EU values, was to increase the knowledge of participants about the EU mechanisms and policies, debate on the most controversial topics in the EU, and learn how to recognise disinformation in new and traditional media, strengthening their networks and fostered their civic participation.

**Event 8**

**Participation:** The event, held in situ, involved involved 25 citizens, including 23 participants from Portugal, 1 from Ireland and 1 from France.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in-situ in Porto (Portugal) from 28/03/2022 to 01/04/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on the fight against disinformation and fake news, was to promote a broader understanding of the EU and to create media contents with the help of trainers and experts.

**Event 9**

**Participation:** The event, held in situ, involved 25 citizens, including 21 participants from Italy, 1 from Greece, 1 from Bulgaria, 1 from Belgium and 1 from France.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in-situ in Rome (Italy) from 02/05/2022 to 06/05/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event, focused on strategic communication against disinformation, was to develop new effective communication methods and media contents, with the support of experts, able to create a better understanding and combating disinformation in traditional and new media.

**Event 10**

**Participation:** The event, held in situ, involved 34 citizens, including 20 participants from Belgium, 1 from France, 1 from Bulgaria, 1 from Ireland, 2 from Greece, 6 from Italy, 1 from Portugal, 1 from Czech Republic and 1 from Romania.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in-situ in Brussels (Belgium) on 06/09/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event, which gathered at the European Parliament representatives of institutions and CSOs, was to discuss the results achieved by the project, recommendations and proposals aimed to fight disinformation within the EU, as well as to strengthen the cooperation among different networks and stakeholders.