

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	KMOP - Social Action & Innovation Centre
PIC number:	969224486
Project name and acronym:	Young Leaders United for Democracy — YOUNG DEMO

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	Work Package 6
Event name:	Greek Youth in-situ events
Type:	Three (3) in-situ workshops Seven (7) in-situ multiplier events
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Greece, Athens
Date(s):	<p>Three (3) in-situ workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/03/2024 • 20/04/2024 • 11/05/2024 <p>In-situ multiplier events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18/04/2024 • 25/04/2024 & 26/04/2024 • 10/05/2024 • 11/05/2024 • 16/05/2024 • 18/05/2024 • 31/05/2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.kmop.gr/projects-vf/news-young-leaders-united-for-democracy/
Participants	
Female:	189
Male:	94
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 Greece:	283
Total number of participants:	283
From total number of countries:	1

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Within the framework of Young Demo project, and particularly **Work Package 6 – T6.1**, three on-site workshops were organised in Athens, Greece by KMOP. These workshops focused on enhancing participants' understanding of EU and active citizenship by focusing on European Parliamentary elections and European youth policies. Moreover, the workshops focused on developing communication and public speaking skills in order to enhance and increase civic involvement of the young participants. Lastly, participants were also introduced to the implementation of advocacy and informative actions in order for them to be able to organise their advocacy campaigns.

The *learning objectives* that the three workshops focused on are:

1. Better understanding of how EU functions
2. Practicing communication and public speaking skills
3. Implementing advocacy and informative actions

Description of the workshops:

1st Workshop – Friday, 15 March 2024

The main objectives of the first in-situ meeting of the Young Demo project were to help participants get to know each other, understand the project's objectives, identify their learning needs and expectations, and start working on their advocacy actions. To achieve this, the KMOP team organised ice-breaking and team bonding activities, followed by a presentation on the Young Demo project's objectives. In order to identify participants' needs, they were asked to take a [quiz](#) in groups of two, which led to a discussion on surprising facts and knowledge gaps on EU matters. Using a flipchart, participants anonymously shared their expectations and desired workshop topics, showing a keen interest in EU functions and soft skills like public speaking. After lunch, the focus shifted to advocacy actions, with an explanation and examples provided to clarify the concept. Participants then brainstormed potential advocacy actions they could organize, fostering collaboration in smaller groups. This approach aimed to create an interactive and responsive learning environment, enhancing participants' understanding and engagement.



2nd Workshop – Saturday, 20 April 2024

During the second workshop the KMOP team focused on the EU institutions, the decision-making process, the main objectives of the EU, political parties as well as the European Elections. The main objectives of the workshops were to help participants understand the EU function and to familiarize with these topics, boosting their confidence in discussing them with their peers. Interactive methods such as Mentimeter, small group discussions, and interactive presentations were used in which participants interact and learnt from each other. Participants were provided with some valuable resources, such as [Europa.eu](#) and the [Treaty on the EU](#). Small working groups had to conduct research, prepare a short presentation about each main institution of the EU (European Council, Council of the

EU, and European Commission) and share it with the other working groups, practicing their public speaking and presentation skills. Special emphasis was given to the European Parliament as the main instrument directly elected by the EU citizens to highlight the importance of EU elections and MEPs. The approach followed on the workshop aimed to create a more interactive and engaging learning experience about the institutions and the EU elections. The workshop closed with a feedback session in which participants reflected on the lessons learnt, shared what they liked the most and suggested aspects of improvement for the next workshops.



3rd Workshop – Saturday, 11 May 2024

The main objectives of the third and final workshop were to enhance participants' communication and public speaking skills, which are crucial for effective advocacy and informational actions. To achieve these objectives, a detailed presentation on communication skills was delivered, followed by a discussion on the difficulties participants face in public speaking. Interactive learning methods were then implemented, with exercises designed to practice public speaking and boost participants' confidence. Activities included back-to-back drawing to illustrate clear communication, a moving debate to explore different viewpoints, and an argument exchange exercise to practice forming and countering arguments about voting in European elections. Afterwards, participants who had already organized information events shared their experiences to help others improve their event planning and execution. The session concluded with a discussion and evaluation of all three workshops with participants highlighting what they learned from the three days in-situ meetings.



To effectively promote the workshops, we created some posts on KMOP’s social media:

https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=410422394978967&id=100080336306968&mibextid=WC7FNe&rid=PzAFvSl4Wimih5Fk

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1342006503139790>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/C3-DBmsIkZI/?igsh=anAzcWd4d2Myam8z>

Within the framework **Work Package 6 – T6.2**, the young people that participated in the national design thinking in situ meetings under T6.1 organised and implemented information events and acted as multipliers of the information and knowledge they obtained during the in-situ meetings.

In total eight (8) multiplier events were organised and implemented by the young people, who were supported by KMOP, reaching a total of 280 participants. The events organized covered the following topics:

- Civic involvement
- European values
- European parliamentary elections
- Methods of active participation of young people

Through the information events Greek participants wanted to increase awareness among other peers about the importance of participating in the European parliamentary elections as well as to provide them with basic knowledge on EU affairs.

Description of the local multiplier event implemented:

1st local multiplier event:

During the on-site workshops, participants came up with the idea to organise and host a youth festival to raise awareness about youth participation and EU elections in Greece. Thus, on April 18, 2024, with the support of the KMOP organisation, Greek participants hosted a Youth Festival targeting young people, local stakeholders and general public. The primary goal was to amplify the voices of young people advocating for a better and more sustainable society, foster dialogue between young individuals and youth organizations, address challenges related to strengthening democracy and active citizenship among youth, and highlight stories and impactful initiatives focusing on social rights, accessibility, and the upcoming European elections. The festival provided a great opportunity for the participants of the Young Demo project to present their work to the audience and discuss the importance of EU parliamentary elections. Participants emphasized the significance of youth participation and engagement in the elections, motivating other young people to stay informed and vote. A total of **115 people** attended the youth festival, including young individuals, representatives from youth and civil society organizations, and local stakeholders.



2nd & 3rd local multiplier event:

On the 25th and 26th of April 2024, a two-day workshop was organized by the Greek participants in the 5th High School of Nea Ionia, Athens, Greece. A total of **26 young people** (aged between 14 and 16 years old) participated in the workshops, which focused on active citizenship and youth participation. During the workshops, the Greek participants, with the support of KMOP, organized informative presentations to provide young people with foundational knowledge on EU values, elections, and civic involvement. Group discussions and dialogues were encouraged to share ideas and knowledge among the participants. Additionally, activities and role-playing games were implemented to create a more interactive learning experience.



4th local multiplier event:

On May 10, 2024, another workshop was organized and implemented at a high school in Piraeus, Greece. A total of **98 young people** (aged between 16 and 18 years old) engaged in an interactive presentation about the European Union, covering its history, institutions, and powers. Additionally, some students who were part of the European Parliament Ambassador School (EPAS) program participated in a flipped classroom workshop. These students were given time to prepare presentations on EU institutions in smaller groups and then present their work to the rest of the participants. This activity aimed to enhance the learning experience, encourage collaboration among participants, and deepen their understanding of EU institutions by requiring them to research and explain these concepts to their peers.



5th local multiplier event:

On May 11, 2024, an on-site workshop was conducted at KMOP's office in Athens, Greece, by four Greek participants who were supported by KMOP. Participants invited a total of **12 young people** and prepared an interactive presentation and workshop on EU elections. The workshop included a detailed discussion on the election process in Greece, helping attendees understand the steps involved in voting and the importance of their participation. Additionally, participants explored the causes of low participation among young people in elections, discussing potential barriers and strategies to increase engagement.



6th local multiplier event:

On May 16, 2024, an informative event was organized by a participant of the Young Demo project at a university in Athens, Greece. A total of **12 participants** were engaged in an interactive presentation regarding the European Union and its values, the EU institutions, and the European elections.



7th local multiplier event:

On May 18, 2024, two participants of the project organised and implemented an informative event at KMOP's office. Participants engaged **13 young people** in an interactive discussion on EU. Participants discussed topics such as the structure and history of the European Union, institutions and main objectives of the EU. Participants also discussed about European elections and youth participation.



8th local multiplier event:

On May 31st, 2024, two participants organised and implemented a workshop engaging **7 young people**. They created a board game featuring questions related to EU matters and invited friends and peers to join in and play together. This activity aimed to provide an interactive and enjoyable learning experience, encouraging young people to deepen their understanding of EU topics in a fun and engaging way.



HISTORY OF CHANGES

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1.0	14.06.2024	Final version by KMOP