

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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⚠ Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)

| PROJECT | |
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| Participant: | 3 – Elliniko Idryma Evropaikis kai Exoterikis Politikis (Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy) - ELIAMEP |
| PIC number: | 997802238 |
| Project name and acronym: | EUact2- Towards Democratic and Inclusive Europe: EP Elections and Active Citizens Participation and Contribution |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION | |
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| Event number: | 6 |
| Event name: | EUact2 Focus Group 1-2 EL: “Democracy and Youth – Focus Group Discussion” |
| Type: | Focus Groups |
| In situ/online: | <i>In situ</i> |
| Location: | Athens, Greece |
| Date(s): | 18/01/2023 |
| Website(s) (if any): | https://www.eliamep.gr/en/event/euact2-%CE%B4%CE%B7%CE%BCE%BF%CE%BA%CF%81%CE%B1%CF%84%CE%AF%CE%B1-%CE%BA%CE%B1%CE%B9-%CE%BD%CE%B5%CE%BF%CE%BB%CE%B1%CE%AF%CE%B1-focus-group-discussion/ |
| Participants | |
| Female: | 44 |
| Male: | 37 |
| Non-binary: | N/A |
| From country 1 [Greece]: | 80 |
| From country 2 [Italy]: | 1 |
| Total number of participants: | 81 |
| From total number of countries: | 2 |
| Description | |
| <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i> | |
| On January 18th, ELIAMEP organized its focus group event in Greece. Intending to increase participation, ELIAMEP followed an extensive outreach process disseminating the call to youth | |

organizations and Attica-based universities. Eighty-one (81) participants turned up at the day of the event, 54% of whom were female and 46% male. The participants came from a wide range of academic backgrounds. Each focus group had a facilitator with experience from previous similar events, who coordinated the structured discussion. The allocation of participants in the groups was done in such a way as to increase the diversity of each group in terms of study area, age, and gender.

During the first forty-five minutes (45') of the event, two academic experts were invited to provide insights and relevant food for thought for the following discussion. Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis (European University Institute – EUI, Florence) and Professor George Pagoulatos (Athens University of Economics and Business – AUEB, Athens) and General Director of the Hellenic Foundation on European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) presented their views and introduced the audience to the challenges of modern democracy at the local, national, and European level. Their introductory comments were followed by a Q&A vivid discussion with the audience, coordinated by Associate Professor Spyros Blavoukos (Athens University of Economics and Business - AUEB).

After the dialogue with the experts the participants were split into their respective focus groups. To kick off the discussion among participants, we created a word cloud asking them to respond to one simple question ("Mention three words associated with Democracy"). Following this 'ice breaker', the participants began discussing the agenda items. The focus group activities lasted ninety minutes (90').

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