

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	1 - GLOBSEC (GLOBSEC)
<b>PIC number:</b>	937638279
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	“Towards Democratic and Inclusive Europe: EP Elections and Active Citizens Participation and Contribution”— EUact2

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
<b>Event number:</b>	3		
<b>Event name:</b>	EUact2 Focus Group 2 SK		
<b>Type:</b>	Focus Group		
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In Situ		
<b>Location:</b>	Banska Bystrica and Bratislava, Slovakia		
<b>Date(s):</b>	7-8 March 2023		
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>			
Participants			
Female:	16		
Male:	9		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Slovakia]:	25		
Total number of participants:	25	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>This focus group took place in 2 locations Bratislava and Banska Bystrica in March 2023 with students from various academic backgrounds and interests. Gender representation was skewed towards more women participants and while the group consisted of mainly Slovak young people, 5 participants came from Serbia and Ukraine (holders of Slovak residency). In the 90 minutes moderated discussions the participants focused on the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comparing perceptions on democracy to those around</li> <li>- The future of the EU in next 20 years</li> <li>- Placing yourself (being involved) in the future of own country and the EU</li> </ul>			

- Providing possible steps to reach positive EU scenario and avoid negative EU scenario

The discussions on democracy (defining it and comparing with others) took a significant part of the focus group. It is a rather integral part of the young people’s lives. In a similar manner to the previous focus group in Slovakia freedom and democracy were understood as the same or irrevocably connected. Young people were optimistic about the future of the EU— seeing it as stronger geopolitical actor and as a better place to live with better internal policies. Nevertheless, the participants demanded stricter measures and stronger protections of the European values, rights and rule of law.

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