EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	4 – The European Movement Ireland – EM Ireland
PIC number:	937638279
Project name and acronym:	"Towards Democratic and Inclusive Europe: EP Elections and Active Citizens Participation and Contribution"— EUact2

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	7
Event name:	EUact2 Focus Groups 1-2 - Dublin
Type:	Focus Group
In situ/online:	In Situ
Location:	Ireland, Dublin
Date(s):	23 February 2023, 28 February 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.europeanmovement.ie/euact-2/
Participants	
Female:	16
Male:	10
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Ireland]:	21
From country 2 [Belgium]:	2
From country 3 [Netherlands]:	1
From country 4 [Romania]:	2
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Total number of participants:	26	From total number of countries:	4

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The event was a focus group, split into two sessions and held in Dublin on the 23rd and 28th of February 2023 respectively, that focused on

- Perceptions of representation
- Democracy and democratic engagement
- The role of young people
- Ireland's role in Europe
- The future of Europe

Both dates were attended by a range of young people, with 13 attending each. Four EU countries were represented at the first event (Belgium, Ireland, the Netherlands and Romania), while only Irish people took part in the second event. Participants were from diverse backgrounds, and included third-level students, professionals, NGO volunteers and a parent with a young infant. Two participants were from Northern Ireland, although because of constitutional arrangements specific to Northern Ireland they were Irish/EU citizens and held Irish passports.

During the 1st session, participants were encouraged to focus on issues related to representation; democratic engagement; and how they saw Ireland, their own member state, and themselves, represented within the EU. During the 2nd session, in discussing issues around representation and democracy, participants built on ideas presented earlier to frame their vision for the future of Europe.

Participants were very engaged throughout, and the open nature of the focus group as a research method meant that conversations were broad and lively.

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