

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Reinforcing European citizenship through building up the conditions for civic and democratic participation - REcup
Participant:	ASOCIATIA ASEL RO (ASEL RO)
PIC number:	897346807

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number :	1		
Event name:	“Open Conference on Strengthening European citizenship by creating the foundations for civic and democratic engagement.”		
Type:	Event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Bucharest. Romania		
Date(s):	24/1/2024-26/1/2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://recup-project.eu/		
Participants			
Female:	17		
Male:	13		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Romania]:	11		
From country 2 [Malta]:	2		
From country 3 [Greece]:	6		
From country 4 [Croatia]:	2		
From country 5 [Italy]:	3		
From country 6 [Slovenia]:	4		
From country 7 [Spain]:	2		
Total number of participants:	30	From total number of countries:	7
Description			

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Open Conference on Strengthening European citizenship by creating the foundations for civic and democratic engagement, for the REcup Project, held on January 24-26, 2024, at the Hotel Continental Forum in Bucharest, Romania, was a pivotal moment for reinforcing European citizenship through civic and democratic participation. The event involved Project Coordinators from all participating organizations and citizens to be part of the project, to reach a common understanding of the project and its idea.

The first day began at 10:00 AM with participants arriving and registering, creating an atmosphere of anticipation. By 10:30 AM, the event officially commenced with welcoming greetings from the project leaders. These leaders introduced the project's objectives and provided short presentations of the participating organizations, setting the tone for collaboration and shared vision.

The next session at 11:00 AM focused on the REcup Project's role in fostering citizen engagement. The speakers outlined the project's inspiration, concept, and vision, emphasizing its critical importance for civic and democratic participation across Europe. This session underscored how the REcup Project aims to empower citizens, enabling them to play an active role in their communities.

After a brief coffee break at 11:30 AM, where participants enjoyed refreshments and informal networking, the event resumed with team-building activities from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. These activities were designed to map out key stakeholders and identify potential challenges that might arise during the project's implementation. This collaborative effort helped to build a sense of unity among the participants, laying a strong foundation for the project's future work.

At 1:00 PM, the focus shifted to the significance of the REcup Project for the local community. Discussions during this session highlighted the project's scope and strategies, emphasizing how it would foster relationship-building and strengthen community ties. Participants then enjoyed a lunch break from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, featuring traditional Romanian dishes, which provided further opportunities for informal interaction and bonding.

The afternoon session at 2:30 PM involved an interactive workshop on stakeholder involvement, with a particular focus on collaborative decision-making. This session was designed to foster a sense of ownership among the participants, encouraging them to actively contribute to the project's direction and outcomes.

At 3:30 PM, a representative from the local authority delivered an empowering speech on European citizenship, emphasizing the transformative power of civic participation in reinforcing a shared European identity. During the round table discussion from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, participants presented draft action plans outlining strategies for engaging local communities, strengthening civic participation, and ensuring long-term sustainability of the REcup Project. These plans included methods for identifying and involving key stakeholders, approaches for increasing public awareness, and practical steps for implementing participatory activities that align with the project's objectives.

The day concluded with a reflection session from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM, where participants shared their thoughts and insights gained throughout the event. Ample breaks throughout the day ensured that participants had plenty of opportunities for networking, allowing for meaningful interactions that would help build lasting connections. The day ended with a dinner at 7:30 PM, providing an opportunity for participants to bond over a shared meal, wrapping up a productive and inspiring day dedicated to strengthening European citizenship through civic engagement.

The second day of the REcup meeting served as a conclusion to the discussions and activities from the first day, focusing on finalizing action plans, strengthening collaboration, and reflecting on key takeaways. Despite the shorter schedule, the session was structured to ensure that participants left with clear next steps and a shared vision for the project's impact.

The day began with an informal networking session over coffee, allowing participants to reconnect and exchange thoughts in a relaxed setting. This was followed by a structured session dedicated to refining the action plans discussed on the previous day. Participants presented key elements of their proposed actions, received feedback, and collectively defined concrete next steps. The discussion emphasized the allocation of responsibilities, identification of milestones, and strategies for maintaining momentum beyond the meeting.

To conclude, an evaluation and feedback session provided an opportunity for participants to share their reflections on the meeting, highlighting insights gained and potential improvements for future activities. The final remarks from the project coordinator reinforced the commitment to collaborative engagement and ensured that all participants felt prepared to implement the agreed-upon actions.

This Event for REcup was a significant milestone in fostering European citizenship and civic engagement. Over the course of two days, project coordinators and citizens came together to establish a shared understanding of the project's vision, engage in collaborative discussions, and lay the groundwork for future actions. Through interactive workshops, insightful discussions, and networking

opportunities, participants actively contributed to shaping the project's direction. The event successfully strengthened partnerships, encouraged stakeholder involvement, and set a clear roadmap for upcoming activities. With a commitment to sustaining momentum, REcup is now positioned to move forward with a solid foundation, ensuring long-term impact and meaningful community engagement.

REcup Project Event Agenda

Session Day 1 – 08/11/2023

Venue: Hotel Continental Forum București, Strada Izvor 82-84, RO-050564, Bucharest, Romania

10:00 – 10:30

Participants Arrival and Registration

Arrival of participants and registration at the venue.

10:30 – 11:00

Welcoming Greeting and Introduction

Welcome speeches from project leaders.

Short presentations of the participating organizations.

11:00 – 11:30

The Role of REcup Project on Citizens Engagement

Discussion on the project's role in enhancing civic and democratic participation.

Presentation of the project's inspiration, concept, and vision.

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

Networking opportunity with coffee and light refreshments.

12:00 – 13:00

Team Building Activities

Activities focused on mapping stakeholders and identifying potential challenges.

13:00 – 13:30

Project Significance for the Local Community

Emphasis on the project's impact on the local community.

Discussion on the project scope and strategies.

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch Break

Enjoy traditional Romanian dishes.

14:30 – 15:30

Stakeholder Involvement and Interactive Workshop

Workshop on collaborative decision-making.

Emphasis on fostering a sense of ownership among participants.

15:30 – 16:00

Empowering European Citizenship through Civic Participation

Speech by a local authority representative on civic engagement and European citizenship.

Insights into the transformative power of civic participation.

16:00 – 17:00

Round Table for Formulating Action Plans

Presentation of draft action plans.

Feedback session with coordinators and citizens.

17:00 – 17:30

Reflections Time

Reflection on the day's sessions and discussions.

Opportunities for final networking.

19:30

Dinner event to conclude the day with further networking and discussions.

Session Day 2 – 09/11/2023

09:30 – 10:00

Morning Coffee & Informal Networking

Participants gather for coffee and informal networking before the final session.

10:00 – 11:00

Finalizing Action Plans & Future Collaboration

Short presentations of refined action plans (based on Day 1 discussions).

Identification of next steps and responsibilities for each partner.

Defining key milestones and upcoming activities.

11:00 – 11:30

Evaluation & Closing Remarks by the coordinator.

11:30

Farewell & Departure of Participants

Dissemination:

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<https://www.nevlnadnik.info/si/novice/?id=19034>

<https://breznicki-hum.hr/index.php/ostalo/eu-projekti/recup-project/753-the-recup-project-under-the-european-program-cerv-2022-citizens-town-hosted-its-open-conference-titled->

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HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).