

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Reinforcing European citizenship through building up the conditions for civic and democratic participation - REcup
Participant:	INSTITOYTO KOINONIKIS KAINOTOMIAS KAI SYNOXIS
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EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number :	6		
Event name:	Training Activity: From inclusion to activation (2nd Circle)		
Type:	Training Activity		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Thessaloniki, Greece		
Date(s):	22/04/2024 – 24/04/2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://recup-project.eu/		
Participants			
Female:	18		
Male:	7		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Greece]:	13		
From country 2 [Spain]:	4		
From country 3 [Malta]:	3		
From country 4 [Slovenia]:	5		
Total number of participants:	25	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>During the sixth event of the REcup Project, titled "From Inclusion to Activation (2nd Circle)," held from April 22-24, 2024, in Thessaloniki, Greece, participants engaged in a comprehensive training activity aimed at reinforcing European citizenship through civic and democratic participation. The event was originally planned as a three-day activity, but due to a clerical error in the application form, it was mistakenly listed as a five-day event. The actual structure of the event was designed to fit within three</p>			

days, aligning with the planned agenda and logistical arrangements. The core objectives, sessions, and outcomes remained unchanged, ensuring that the activities effectively addressed the intended themes of intercultural dialogue, active citizenship, and community engagement within the designated timeframe. The event included the participation of local unemployed individuals and key stakeholders, with each partner organization also bringing unemployed participants, relevant stakeholders, and partner representatives to ensure diverse perspectives and meaningful exchanges.

On the first day, attendees arrived in the morning and were greeted with a warm welcome, where facilitators introduced the training objectives and acknowledged the diverse backgrounds of the participants. This was followed by an interactive icebreaker session that helped participants get acquainted and share their expectations for the event.

After a brief coffee break, the first training session began with a focus on intercultural dialogue. Participants discussed the importance of intercultural communication in community initiatives, examined case studies of successful collaborations, and engaged in group activities to promote cross-cultural understanding. The second training session explored innovative approaches to community engagement, where participants brainstormed ideas for citizen-led initiatives and discussed potential challenges in implementing these ideas.

Following a lunch break featuring Greek cuisine, the third session of the day involved a panel discussion with representatives from various target groups, including unemployed citizens, stakeholders, and community groups. This session allowed for the sharing of perspectives and a Q&A that engaged participants directly with the panelists. The fourth session was dedicated to capacity-building workshops, focusing on skills development, resource mobilization, and communication techniques for effective community leadership.

The day concluded with an action planning session, where participants worked in groups to develop actionable plans for their initiatives, receiving peer feedback to refine their strategies. The participant groups presented a range of action plans aimed at fostering inclusion and civic engagement. These included initiatives such as launching community dialogue forums to strengthen local participation, creating digital platforms to connect unemployed citizens with training opportunities, and establishing mentorship programs to support marginalized groups in navigating civic and employment pathways. Each group committed to implementing their plans within their respective communities, fostering sustainable civic participation beyond the training activity. The day ended with a summary of key takeaways, announcements for the following day, and a networking dinner, fostering deeper connections among participants.

On the second day, participants started with a brief recap of the previous day's discussions before embarking on a city tour of Thessaloniki, allowing them to explore the cultural and historical aspects of the city. The event concluded with a closing ceremony, where participant groups presented their action plans and commitments. Facilitators and organizers expressed their appreciation, and participants exchanged contact information, committing to stay connected and continue the dialogue beyond the training. The event officially ended with a farewell lunch, marking the successful completion of the training activity.

REcup Training Activity: From Inclusion to Activation (2nd Circle) Agenda

Date: 23-25 April 2024

Venue: *Social Innovation and Cohesion Institute – Fifty-Fifty, Proxenou Koromila str. 51, 1st floor, GR-546 23, Thessaloniki, Greece*

Session Day 1: 22nd April 2024

10:00 – 11:00

Participants Arrival

Arrival and registration of participants.

11:00 – 11:30

Welcome Greetings

Warm welcome and introduction to the training activity.

Overview of the agenda and objectives for the next two days.

Introduction of facilitators and acknowledgment of participants.

11:30 – 12:00

Icebreaker Session

Interactive activities to foster rapport and acquaintance among participants.

Introduction of participants' backgrounds, expectations, and aspirations.

12:00 – 12:30

Coffee Break & Networking

Informal networking over refreshments.

12:30 – 13:00

Training Session 1: Intercultural Dialogue & Exchange of Knowledge

Presentation on the importance of intercultural dialogue in community initiatives.

Case studies and success stories of intercultural collaboration.

Group activities promoting cross-cultural understanding.

13:00 – 13:30

Training Session 2: Innovative Active Citizens Initiatives

Exploration of innovative approaches to community engagement.

Workshops on brainstorming and idea generation for citizen-led initiatives.

Group discussions on potential challenges and strategies for effective implementation.

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch Break

Enjoy a delicious Greek lunch while networking with fellow participants.

14:30 – 15:30

Training Session 3: Target Group Perspectives

Panel discussion featuring representatives from target groups (unemployed, stakeholders, citizens' groups).

Sharing of perspectives, challenges, and opportunities for active citizenship.

Q&A session with panelists.

15:30 – 16:00

Training Session 4: Capacity Building Workshops

Workshop 1: Skills development for effective community leadership.

Workshop 2: Strategies for mobilizing resources and building partnerships.

Workshop 3: Communication and advocacy techniques for citizen-led initiatives.

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break

Refreshments and informal networking.

16:30 – 17:00

Training Session 5: Action Planning & Next Steps

Guided group sessions to develop action plans for citizen-led initiatives.

Peer feedback and collaborative problem-solving.

Setting goals, timelines, and responsibilities for moving forward.

17:00 – 17:30

REcup & Closing Day 1

Summary of key takeaways from the day's sessions.

Announcements for the next day's agenda and reminders.

Closing remarks.

19:30

Networking Dinner

Dinner event to foster deeper connections and continue discussions.

Session Day 2: 23th April 2024

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome Back

Brief recap of the previous day's discussions and objectives for the day.

10:30 – 12:30

City Tour

Guided tour of Thessaloniki, exploring cultural and historical sites.

12:30 – 13:30

Closing Ceremony

Presentation of action plans and commitments by participant groups.

Words of appreciation to participants, facilitators, and organizers.

Exchange of contact information and farewell wishes.

Invitation to continue the dialogue beyond the training.

13:30

Lunch

Final meal together to close the event.

Dissemination:

<https://www.facebook.com/FiftyFifty.gr/posts/pfbid0LC4bHrByeaMHuYoBPUKm8dq2cXJQALxcLKcPYtU18TSD9D5qbtP5XgP1WnwGFRnul>

<https://breznicki-hum.hr/index.php/ostalo/eu-projekti/recup-project/757-the-recup-project-under-the-european-program-cerv-2022-citizens-town-hosted-its-training-activity-titled-from-inclusion-to-activation-2nd-circle-from-april-23-to-25-2024-in-thessaloniki-greece>

<https://www.nevlnadnik.info/si/novice/?id=19037>

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