

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Padrón (Spain)
PIC number:	931881523
Project name and acronym:	Strengthening European Identity in times of crisis – us4EU

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5th
Event name:	Integration and Cooperation
Type:	Conferences, lectures, exchange of good practices
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Kekavas, Riga
Date(s):	19th – 22nd September 2024
Website(s):	https://www.facebook.com/ngosolistuvak/posts/pfbid02yyapbtBCV4z1Wy68xCvSf2AfgjGn47oipkuNogaLXd8ysaxSX6FSTEVrAi4bo8wrl https://kekava.lv/aktuali/kekava-aizvadita-starptautiska-projekta-nosleguma-konference/ https://padron.gal/actualidade/item/1566-padron-pecha-en-riga-o-proxecto-europeo-reforzando-a-identidade-europea-en-tempos-de-crise
Participants	
Female:	38
Male:	25
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Belgium]:	1
From country 2[Czech Republic]:	1
From country 3 [France]:	2
From country 4 [Germany]:	1
From country 5 [Hungary]:	1
From country 6 [Italy]:	4
From country 7 [Latvia]:	36

From country 8 [Lithuania]:	2		
From country 9 [Malta]:	3		
From country 10 [Poland]:	1		
From country 11 [Portugal]:	2		
From country 12 [Romania]:	1		
From country 13 [Slovakia]:	2		
From country 14 [Spain]:	5		
From country 15 [Sweden]:	1		
From country 16 [Greece]:	1		
Total number of participants:	63	From total number of countries:	16
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The fifth and last event of the project "Strengthening European Identity in Times of Crisis," held in Riga and Kekava, Latvia, from September 19 to 22, 2024, gathered 63 participants from 16 European countries. Focused on the theme of "Integration and Cooperation," the event aimed to foster discussions on European challenges, women's leadership, and democratic engagement. It brought together diverse stakeholders, including entrepreneurs, political leaders, and civil society representatives, to explore how cooperation and integration can be effective solutions to pressing regional issues.</p> <p>This was the main program of the event:</p> <p>Day 1 - Thursday, September 19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of participants in Riga. • Welcome dinner. • Presentation of the project's objectives and the schedule of activities. <p>Day 2 - Friday, September 20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to the European Union House in Riga, with a talk from the European Commission's representative in Latvia on the European Democracy Action Plan (EDAP). • Conference by Latvian MEP Reinis Poznaks, addressing Latvia's role in the EU and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. • Visit to the Latvian Parliament, including a guided tour and a discussion with the Chair of the European Affairs Committee. • Guided tour of Old Riga, highlighting important symbols of EU history. • Social media updates and free time in Riga. <p>Day 3 - Saturday, September 21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Kekava to meet local empowered women entrepreneurs, including Ginta Logina (founder of a health products company) and Liga Broduza (owner of a social enterprise). • Meeting with representatives of the Kekava Municipality, featuring speeches by the mayors of Kekava and Padrón. • Cultural visits around Kekava and a final evaluation meeting. <p>Day 4 - Sunday, September 22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and farewell to the participants. 			

One of the main goals of the event was to highlight the importance of women's participation in leadership roles, both in business and governance, showcasing successful examples of women entrepreneurs and political figures.

Additionally, the event promoted the European Democracy Action Plan (EDAP), educating participants on combating disinformation, protecting media freedom, and strengthening civic engagement.

The event fostered a sense of European identity by encouraging cross-cultural exchanges and deepening participants' understanding of EU institutions, values, and democratic processes. Key achievements included empowering women by presenting real-life examples of female leadership, promoting European values through discussions on the EDAP, and fostering cross-cultural cooperation by connecting participants from diverse European backgrounds.

The event also successfully enhanced civic participation, inspiring attendees to actively engage in democratic processes and promote inclusivity in their respective communities. Through networking opportunities and educational discussions, the event established lasting partnerships and laid the groundwork for continued collaboration among the municipalities and civil society organizations involved in the project.

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