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# Report from EU 4 Youth Event in Spain



*Alzira, Spain 11-16 June 2023 r.*





## Organization & participation



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### Municipality of Starachowice

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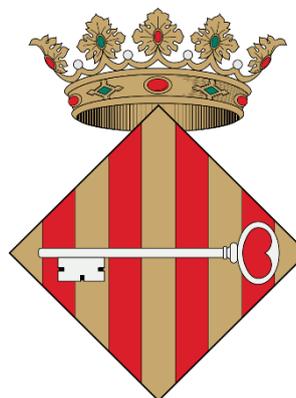
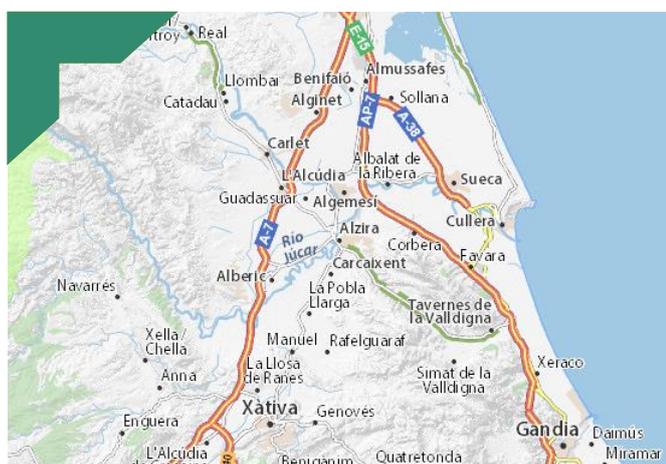
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Arrival Day

Place: Alzira

<b>8:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Arrival of participants to Alzira</b>
<b>18:00 – 19:00</b>	Kick off meeting with management team – agenda, timetable, promotion and networking
<b>19:00 – 22:00</b>	Welcome dinner



Day 1

12<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

8:00 – 8:45	Breakfast at hotel
8:45	Outbound Bus
9:30 – 10:30	<b>Welcome Speeches at the Great Hall of the City of Alzira</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Diego Ernesto Gomez GARCIA, Hon. Mayor – President, City Council of Alzira</li> <li>- Mrs. Carmen Herrero Pardo (Director, IDEA, The Local Agency of Development).</li> </ul>
10:30 – 11:30	<b>International stands &amp; networking</b> (IES Rel En Jaume High-School). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Typical food from each of the countries will be provided as a training activity for the learners at Escuela de Cocina de El Respirall (ET FORMEM REVITALIZRA 2022).</li> </ul>
11:30 – 14:00	<b>EU 4 YOUTH Debate in Alzira</b> on the Green Deal and climate change. <b>Knowledge Test</b> – Contest for youth About the EU: 20 questions about the EU.
14:00 – 16:00	Lunch
16:00 – 18:00	<b>Culture Visit in Alzira and TikTok video</b> (What is the European Union for me? – short videos – for Instagram and TikTok purposes).
18:00 – 18:40	Inbound Bus
18:40 – 21:00	<b>Cultural activity in Valencia</b> <b>Visit to the old quarter</b> of Valencia.
21:00 – 23:00	Dinner





On 12th of June we went to the City Hall of Alzira, where welcome speeches took place in the Great Hall of the City Hall, led by Mr. Diego Ernesto Gómez García, Hon. Mayor-President, City Council of Alzira, and Mrs. Carmen Herrero Pardo (Director, IDEA, the Local Agency of Development).

The Mayor gave us a tour of the building, talked about the history of the city and explained the significance of the city's flag and coat of arms. Afterwards, each of the partner country representatives received a gift of the Alzira city flag. We had an opportunity to share with the Mayor our organisation and our national approach to youth policies and the European Union.



Afterwards there was The Knowledge Test on Kahoot - Contest for youth about the EU was won by high school student Llorente, second place went to our councillor Klaudia and third place to Aitana who also attends to the high school.

The next place we visited was the IES Rei En Jaume High-School, where there were we had a International stands where we had the opportunity to learn about the culture and taste typical dishes from the participating countries. The YOUth for EU Oxford Debate in Alzira on the Green Deal and climate change took place in the same building, where young people met with decision-makers (e.g. local government officials, experts, etc.). There were 2 teams (5 young persons each) where they discussed about climate and what to do to save our planet. The discussion in English was observed by students, teachers and experts, who then had to vote for the team they thought had the best arguments. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions to the participants of the debate and confront their ideas and opinions. It was attended by over 120 people. The debate was won by "the government" side through an online vote by the audience – so the European Green Deal is needed and expected by the young people in the light of ecological crisis.



Later we took part in a Cultural visit in Alzira and recorded a TikTok video on "What is the European Union for me?". We ended the day on a nice note with a walk through the streets of Valencia, where we visited the old quarter and main spots.



Day 2

13th of June 2023

8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast at hotel
9:00	Outbound Bus
10:00 – 11:00	<b>International Workshops for Young People</b> led by environmental experts.
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Break &amp; Networking</b>
11:30 – 13:30	<b>Workshop on European citizenship</b> led by environmental experts.
14:00 – 16:00	Lunch
16:00 – 18:00	<b>World Café Discussion in IDEA</b> - Round tables organised together with the City Council, discussion on European citizenship, ecology, health, cybersecurity, fake news.
18:00 – 18:40	Inbound Bus
18:40 – 21:00	<b>TikTok recordings in Valencia</b>
21:00 – 23:00	Dinner





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We started Tuesday with an International Youth Workshop led by environmental experts in La Murta National Park, a protected natural area with lots of flora and fauna. In 6 international groups we were tasked with finding plants from a special album and in the process we admired the views of the mountains and learned what aqueducts are. In the second workshop, we created Fukuoka-style seed balls and aromatic perfumes. With the created balls we went to a deforested area and tossed them. This was followed by a Workshop on European citizenship led by environmental experts. Later, we took part in a World Café discussion at IDEA round tables organised jointly with the City Council, there were also discussions on European citizenship, ecology, health, cyber security, fake news and with the help of coloured string we created a spider web of biodiversity connections and talked about solutions to the problems the world faces to protect the climate. We ended the second day with continuation of recording short dissemination videos.





Day 3

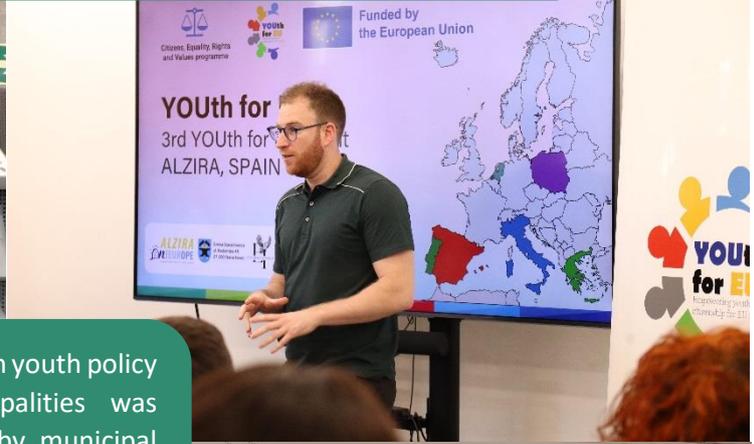
14th of June 2023

8:00 – 9:30	Breakfast at hotel
9:30	Outbound Bus
10:10 – 11:00	<b>Study visit about youth policies in municipalities</b> - Visit to IDEA premises and presentations.
11:00 – 11:30	Traditional Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:30	<b>Study visit Part 2 (exchanging good practices regarding youth policies at local&amp; regional level)</b> - Presentation by Mr. Raul Puerta Lorenzo, Deputy – Director, IVAJ (Valencian Youth Institute), Ms. Susanna Martinez Gomar, CVJ (Valencian Youth Council), Mr. Joshua Alemany, youth officer, MANRA & Ms. Mayte Vives, youth officer, CityCouncil of Alzira. - Presentation of partner countries and young people about European Values
13:30 – 14:00	Bus towards Cullera
14:00 – 16:00	Lunch Break
16:00 – 18:00	Cultural visit and networking in Cullera Visit to the coastal town of Cullera
18:00 – 18:40	Inbound Bus
18:40 – 21:00	Free Time
21:00 – 23:00	Farewell Dinner





On 14th of June, we took part in a study visit about youth policies in local governments.



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At the end, we were given a tour of IDEA's headquarters and visited Cullera, a charming town on the Balearic Sea.





Departure day

15th of June 2023

8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast at hotel
9:00	Evaluation meeting and departures





## MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

*During Event, the international steering group addressed the following management topic*

### FINANCIAL ISSUES

Budget categories lump-sum, financial documents, eligible and ineligible costs, reports (financial part), lump -sum rate accounting documents, invoices ad their descriptions

### MANAGEMENT

Reports, setting a timetable, review the Management Plan, problems, risks, COVID-19 situation as an impact on future activities, contracts with young people during trainings, project settlement

### EVALUATION

Evaluation of project activities to date, filling in evaluation questionnaires, planning evaluation activities.

- On the first and last day, meetings of the management staff were also held, during which the progress of project matters, finances, and the schedule was discussed, and evaluation and risk analysis were carried out. As a result of the conducted surveys, we came to the following conclusions. They agreed that the most important aspect of the meeting for them was exchanging good practices and discussing youth policy and how it is conducted in various European countries. At a later level of importance was acquiring new skills during the event and making new contacts/acquaintances. Participants admitted that the project influenced their development to a large extent.

### PROMOTION AND DISSEMINATION

Preliminary work on project publication, review of dissemination activities, establishing a plan of promotional and dissemination activities.

## EU Event in Spain meets all the following requirements

### 1. Preparation and project management

Online meetings with partners, working on Management Plan, public procurement, DEOR, information and promotion, formal documents, etc. Offline meetings in each partner.

### 2. Debate “EU 4 YOUTH” in Spain

Project second debate, where young people will meet decision-makers (e.g. local government officials, experts, decision-makers, academic lecturers, etc.). The main theme was European Green Deal and climate crisis. Organized lectures, an Oxford debate, presentations of youth projects.

### 3. Test of Knowledge – contest for youth about EU

The test of knowledge about the European Union on the Kahoot platform for young people from Alzira schools about the EU.

### 4. World Café discussion

Table discussions organized in Alaquas together with the City Council, discussions on European citizenship, ecology, health, cybersecurity, fake news

### 5. Study visit about youth policy in municipalities

Exchange of good practices regarding youth policies at local and regional level, meeting with local government officials and experts, presentations of youth projects, networking, discussions

### 6. International workshops for young people

Workshops on European citizenship led by experts (e.g. from Team Europe, university lecturers, etc.).

### 7. Evaluation

- Evaluation (ex ante and ex post surveys)



## The following project objectives have been achieved

Enrich youth's knowledge of the importance of active citizenship and participation thanks to their participation in the events and contest, their interaction with people from other countries, different backgrounds and different ages.

Increase their awareness of the importance of the shared history of Europe, the significance of the values it stands for and their appreciation of diversity as intrinsic part of European societies.

Increase their level of understanding of the values, rights and freedoms of the EU through increasing young people's capacity for contextualization and encourage young people to get involved in social life and civic activity

Gain encouragement to engage for the future of their community through better understanding of the policies of the EU and the instruments the Union provides for employment, mobility, education and training and volunteering.

Gain awareness of the impact of political choices individual citizens and communities make on the long-term welfare of society.