

**The project « Challenging Euroscepticism Through Educating and Empowering Youth as European Citizens» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

**Preparatory activities:** the activities involved 9 participants from the consortium.

**Location / Dates:** online, 04/03/2021; 27/04/2021

**Short description:** these activities consisted of a general introduction of the project team, presentation of project activities and an open discussion on how to share the best practices among the consortium experts. Experts agreed on the division of tasks, creation of unified structure of presentations and agreed to ask for a prolonged timeline of the project with the implementation of webinars with high school students from May-June 2021 to September-October 2021 due to still ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. In the end, EACEA approved postponement of the activities for one year.

### **Events:**

8 events have been carried out within this project:

#### **Event 1 – Educational webinars in Serbia**

**Participation:** The event involved 212 citizens all of them students of high schools, from 10 different cities in Serbia, all of them residents of Serbia.

**Location / Dates:** The series of webinars took place online with participants from various cities in Serbia (Sombor, Aleksinac, Kraljevo, Šabac, Guča, Niš, Novi Sad, Belgrade, Zaječar and Vrnjačka Banja) from 02/11/2021 to 30/11/2021

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to educate the participants about the EU, its institutions and policies and discuss these topics and general view on EU's role on everyday life of its citizens with high-school students as first time voters.

#### **Event 2 – Educational webinars in Czech Republic**

**Participation:** The event involved 184 citizens, all of them students of high schools, from 7 different cities in Czech Republic, all of them residents of Czech Republic.

**Location / Dates:** The series of webinars took place online with participants from various cities in Czech Republic (Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Zlin, Kladno, Plzen and Pardubice), from 19/01/2022 to 11/04/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to educate the participants about the EU, its institutions and policies and discuss these topics and general view on EU's role on everyday life of its citizens with high-school students as first time voters.

#### **Event 3 – Educational webinars in Greece**

**Participation:** The event involved 190 citizens, all of them first year students from 15 different universities in Greece, all of them residents of Greece.

**Location / Dates:** The series of webinars took place online with participants from 8 different cities in Greece (Athens, Ioannina, Piraeus, Mitilini, Thessaloniki, Komotini, Kozani and Tripoli). Athens and Thessaloniki 30/11/2021 to 18/02/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to educate the participants about the EU, its institutions and policies and discuss these topics and general view on EU's role on everyday life of its citizens with high-school students as first time voters.

#### **Event 4 – Educational webinars in France**

**Participation:** The event involved 153 citizens, all of them students of high schools in the Ile-de-France province in France, all of them residents of France.

**Location / Dates:** The series of webinars took place online with participants from various municipalities within Ile-de-France province from 15/11/2021 to 16/03/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to educate the participants about the EU, its institutions and policies and discuss these topics and general view on EU's role on everyday life of its citizens with high-school students as first time voters.

#### **Event 5 – National workshops in the capitals**

**Participation:** The events involved 60 citizens, including 15 participants from Czech Republic, 15 participants from Greece, 15 participants from France and 15 participants from Serbia.

**Location / Dates:** These 4 events took place in Prague, Belgrade, Paris and Athens from 19/04/2022 to 02/07/2022

**Short description:** Groups of 15 young participants in each country were selected from the webinars. The selection was made based on the activity and interest in the discussions during the webinars and was also subject

to gender balance among the students. The workshops enabled them to exchange views, elaborate and develop their thoughts with the help of the moderators, and present their ideas to the present experts. The focus of the workshop was to brainstorm about the future of the EU and possible solutions to the challenges it is facing.

#### **Event 6 – Three-day trip with workshops in Brussels**

**Participation:** The event involved 36 citizens, including 7 participants from Athens and Thessaloniki, Greece; 8 participants from Ile-de-France province, France; 10 participants from Prague, Ostrava, Zlin and Brno, Czech Republic; and 7 participants from Belgrade, Niš, Kraljevo and Novi Sad; Serbia and 4 participants from Brussels, Belgium.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Brussels, Belgium from 11/07/2022 to 13/07/2022

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to follow up on the discussions at the national workshops and through conversations with students from 4 countries identify 4 key issues the EU should tackle for its successful and sustainable future. They also met with representatives of European institutions and discussed how the EU is functioning with practitioners from the field.

#### **Event 7 – National roundtables with stakeholders in the capitals**

**Participation:** The event involved 90 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Prague, Czech Republic; 15 participants from Athens, Greece; 27 participants from Paris, France; and 35 participants from Belgrade, Serbia

**Location / Dates:** The events took place in Prague, Czech Republic; Athens, Greece; Belgrade, Serbia and Paris, France from 19/12/2022 to 27/06/2023

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to present the outcomes of the project to national stakeholders and experts interested in the topics of education and Euroscepticism with the presence of selected students which participated in the project. During these roundtables, expert policy papers and a handbook based on the experiences from the project and consultation with students were presented.

#### **Event 8 – Final conference in Brussels**

**Participation:** The event involved 64 citizens, 47 residing in Belgium, 8 residents of Prague, Czechia, 2 residents of Paris, France, 2 residents of Belgrade, Serbia, 3 residents of Greece, one from Athens and two from Thessaloniki, 1 resident of Slovakia and 1 resident of Italy.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Brussels, Belgium on 23/03/2023

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to present the project outcomes to relevant stakeholders from EU institutions and diplomats from EU member states based in Brussels, and hold a discussion on the phenomenon of Euroscepticism among youth and furthermore debate about the need to better involve youth in the decision-making processes.