

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Ed.U.Co. – Educational Urban Community: A European Environmental Network for Youth Empowerment and Community-Building
<b>Participant:</b>	Comune di Siena
<b>PIC number:</b>	954435672

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	1
<b>Event name:</b>	"GREENING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER" - KICKOFF MEETING (SIENA – ITALY)
<b>Type:</b>	Opening ceremony, keynote speeches; Interactive workshops, team-building activities; Facilitated discussions;
<b>In situ/online:</b>	<i>In situ - Presential</i>
<b>Location:</b>	Italy, Siena
<b>Date(s):</b>	18/04/2024 – 19/04/2024
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	
Participants	
Female:	25
Male:	41
Non-binary:	0
From Italy:	49
From Romania:	2
From Greece:	1
From Hungary:	2
From Slovenia:	2
From Spain:	5
From Cyprus:	2
From Latvia:	2

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Total number of participants:	67	From total number of countries:	8
<b>Description</b> <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

The First International Event WP 1 « Greening our future together – Kick off Meeting » was held in Siena (Italy) between the 23th and 24th of April 2024 for our joint project Ed.U.Co.

**PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING THE MEETING:**

- Comune di Siena (Italy).
- Ayuntamiento de Finestrat (Spain).
- Brasov Metropolitan Association for the Sustainable Development of Public Transport (Romania).
- E-Trikala AE (Greece).
- Local Government of Kekava (Latvia).
- Podjetniski Inkubator Kocevje (Slovenia)
- Ujbuda Onkormanyzata (Hungary).
- Municipality of Athienou (Cyprus).

**I) DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES TAKEN PLACE**

22/04/2024

- Arrival of Participants from each partner delegation
- Official welcoming by representatives of the City Council of Siena  
Cultural visit to a "Contrada": one of the district into which the historic centre of Siena is divided and which annually run the "Palio"
- Ice-breakers dynamics and networking between participants at "Palio headquarter".

23/04/2024

- The session started in the morning and the City Hall of Siena. The Coordination staff of Siena, together with invited speakers from Legambiente Italia, introduced the project concept and they introduced an overview of the City of Siena and its green transition projects, included the Horizon 2020 "Urbinat" project or its Urban Gardening and Community Development strategies.
- After this, participants had an study visit to the Ravacciano Valley, where city volunteers and students from VET schools introduced the community educational project that is being developed there. Participants were able to interact with the main actors of this community initiative and discuss about similar challenges in their home cities. Participants were able to reflect about the results of this project of rehabilitation of Ravacciano Valley, after 5 years of community work.
- Later, participants attended a session at the Museum of Santa Maria della Scala, where 2 representatives of Siena, introduced educational initiatives that they coordinated in that Museum. These initiatives are more focused on scholar education and are focused on visual thinking approaches to be applied with children. At this regard, participants visited the specific exhibitions that are related to visual thinking and children, and reflect about how to introduce new approaches to children for community development.
- In addition, a participatory workshop was organized with partner representatives in order to reflect about which are the main challenges at their cities, in terms of Community Development and Green transition projects led by Community. Participants were divided mixed groups, discussed, exchanged ideas and made a joint reflection about similar challenges between European cities.
- The after finished with a last workshop, when all participants introduced their territories and their main challenges and experiences related to green transition projects led by local communities. All participants, by 20-25 minutes each one, introduced their institutions and their municipalities.

24/04/2024

- The morning began with a study visit at the San Miniato neighbourhood, where participants visited the San Miniato Urban Community Garden and the Boschetto di San Miniato. Local volunteers, together with Municipality staff, introduced the Community experience, showing its main elements. Participants walked through the gardens and the urban forest, exploring and interacting with them and reflecting about if similar initiatives could be adapted to their towns.

- The next session was implemented at the Istituto Ricasoli school. Participants visited the experience of a farming school, specialised in ecological farming and wineries. School teachers did a workshop about ecological farming and all participants plant a tree, using innovative tools for being more efficient about water management. This innovative tool, was developed by the Urbinat project (Horizon 2020).
- During the afternoon, at the Museum of Santa Maria della Scala, an environmental expert shared a conference about social and participatory Nature Based Solutions. The speaker, who was a landscape architect who has been working with the Municipality of Siena, explain main concepts related to Nature Based Solutions and how to involve citizenship in the decision making processes and in the project implementation phases. The expert, share also, in detail, the experience of Siena in the Horizon 2020 Urbinat project.
- After this, participants had a group discussion to analyse the already explored best practices from Siena, and reflect about the transfer potential to their realities.
- The day finalised at the social cooperative «Circolo ARCI Ravacciano» where the Municipality of Siena deliver a certificate of assistance and officially concluded the event.

25/04/2024

Departure of participants.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01/09/2022	Initial version (new MFF).