U4EU 4

NEWSLETTER#1

U4EU

EUROPE In difficult times

In the twenty-first century, Europe has reached a crisis point in the construction of the European identity. Indeed, during the last years a number of events that took place across Europe have challenged the main idea and the founding values of the European Union: the Eurozone crisis, the migration crisis and Brexit have led to an increase of Euroscepticism. These events have caused changes to the mindset of citizens regarding the EU, portion of whom started doubting the values of this institution

This could endanger the future of Europe and the assurance of the European societies' well-being as they are highly connected with the development of common objectives and a strong participation in the EU public sphere.

As a consequence, it is time for European citizens and especially for younger ones who soon will have to face the consequences of today's situation, to get actively involved in the process of strengthening the European consciousness regarding the European Union and its future, and to be heard by the European institution which would in return the citizens' expectations through their policies.



WHAT IS OUR GOAL

The U4EU project, which is funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union, aims at encouraging democratic and civic participation of Greek, Bulgarian, Spanish, Italian, German, Belgium, Hungarian, Portuguese and Dutch young citizens and give them an opportunity to express their concerns and vision towards common challenges related to European identity, diversity and the future of Europe.

The project, which will be implemented from March 2020 to September 2022, tends to give voice to young people from nine different European countries and provide them the opportunity to express their concerns to the public sphere, to exchange their ideas, to produce their own suggestions and to generate a multicultural community dialogue concerning the future of Europe.

WHO: THE PARTNERS

The U4EU project results of the effort of a European partnership of 9 non-profit organizations and NGOs :

ANCE (GR) has a very extensive experience in coordination and management of EU funded projects. Its main fields of activities are support for vulnerable social groups and the youth, and promotion of sustainable development.

KMGNE (DE) has carried out more than 100 research and consultation projects on sustainability and has scientifically accompanied and practically implemented numerous educational projects for the youth.

The **Multi Kulti Collective** (BG) works on civic participation, integration of migrants/refugees and human rights and with the youth, and is experienced in campaigning, awareness-raising, using arts and culture for social change.

Nous (IT) works in the cultural field for promotion of European opportunities. It organizes events festivals, cultural exchanges and artistic events for communicating the opportunities offered by Europe.





CLUBE (PT) aims to develop personal, social, professional, civic and

relationship skills and to promote the participation, empowerment and social inclusion of youth and vulnerable groups.

TELEDUCA (SP) is dedicated to teenagers, young people, women, migrants and other social collectives providing them with better opportunities for selfexpression and self-representation to face the power of medias and cultural industries.

UNITED (HU) is the European network against nationalism, racism, fascism. It coordinates campaigns, organizes conferences, takes part in projects, produces publications and undertakes advocacy work to protest against discrimination.

CCB (NL) promotes cross cultural dialogue, good living (buen vivir) and conflict transformation, stimulating people of different communities to deal positively with diversity.

YEL (BE) aims to give young people the skills, knowledge and network to play an active role in tackling European and global challenges. YEL also organizes the Young European Council, which draft policy recommendations and present them to the Council of EU.

WHEN: THE Implementation

(March 2020 - September 2022)

LET'S TALK ABOUT EUROPE

Seven community dialogue events among citizens and other stakeholders will be organized in Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Belgium and Portugal.

"WHAT DOES EUROPE MEAN FOR ME...?"

Production of 7 videos where young people will share their views and concerns about future of Europe.

MAKE AN IMPACT: LESSONS FROM CSOS

- CSOs from all the participating
- countries will be brought together in
 - Athens (Greece) order to inform
 - citizens about the importance of
 - volunteering.

GIVE VOICE, GIVE POWER!

- An integrated video consisting
- of national videos will be
- projected in the European
- Parliament.
- •

SOCIAL MEDIA CITIZEN'S ENGAGEMENT

All videos and activities of the project will be spread in social media

REFLECTING ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

A workshop will be organized in Sofia (Bulgaria) to allow the youth to debate and draft recommendation on the future of the EU.

WHAT EUROPE MEANS FOR THE EUROPEAN YOUTH

A summary of the community dialogues' results will be presented into an epublication.

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



@U4EUproj





Co-funded by the

of the European Union

U4EUproject.eu











Europe for Citizens Programme



