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| PROJECT                   |  |
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| Participant:              | [No 1] - [Institute of Research and Training on European Affairs] ( [I.R.T.E.A. ]) |
| PIC number:               | [936877605]  |
| Project name and acronym: | [Digital Civic Participation v2.0] — [D.C.P v2.0]                                  |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION               |  |
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| Event number:                   | [WP7]  |
| Event name:                     | [Workshop for young people and municipal employees]  |
| Type:                           | Workshop   |
| In situ/online:                 | In situ  |
| Location:                       | Greece, Athens – Gazi View Iakxou 22 11854<br>Greece, Salamina – Salamina's Town Hall  |
| Date(s):                        | 31/03/2023<br>05/04/2023   |
| Website(s) (if any):            | <a href="http://www.irtea.gr/?p=5499&amp;lang=en">http://www.irtea.gr/?p=5499&amp;lang=en</a><br><a href="https://www.dcp-project.eu/2023/06/01/reporting-press-release-on-wp-7-11/">https://www.dcp-project.eu/2023/06/01/reporting-press-release-on-wp-7-11/</a> |
| Participants                    |  |
| Female:                         | 65   |
| Male:                           | 34   |
| Non-binary:                     | 0  |
| From country 1 [Greece]:        | 99   |
| From country 2 [name]:          |  |
| From country 3 [name]:          |  |
| ...                             |  |
| Total number of participants:   | 99   |
| From total number of countries: | 1  |

## Description

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The goal of this Working Package was to educate, train and empower both young citizens and municipal employees on e-participation tools and concepts such as e-democracy, participatory approaches for local governance etc. The Institute of Research and Training on European Affairs organized 2 workshops, the first workshop which was organized for Young People and for Municipality Employees as observers took place at 31 of March 2023 at Gazi View, Iraklio 22 Athens and the second workshop only for Municipality Employees took place at 5th of April 2023 at Salamina Town Hall with the Municipal Employees that were observers at the first Workshop.

IRTEA organized on the 31st of March 2023 a workshop for Young People with emphasis on “Blockchain and the Decentralization of Democracy” in the framework of DCP v.2.0 project gathering 99 participants in total from Greece, out of which 65 were female and 34 were men.

The workshop featured expert speakers who shared their insights on blockchain, its potential to enhance democracy, and the challenges and opportunities that come with the technology. Participants engaged in a lively and informative discussion, exploring various use cases of blockchain in democracy, from voting to public records and beyond.

One of the highlights of the workshop was the keynote speech by Evgenia Kapassa – PhD candidate and Researcher at the University of Nicosia, who shared her vision of how blockchain could be used to create a more participatory and inclusive democracy. Among other issues during the workshop was mentioned, how Blockchain has the potential to revolutionize our democratic systems, and “It can ensure transparency, reduce the risk of fraud, and enhance voter turnout.”

The workshop also featured practical sessions where participants divided into groups try to identify as youth, local participatory problems at a local level, and how they can be solved through the use of Digital Participation and Blockchain. Overall, the workshop aimed to explore the potential of blockchain technology in promoting democratic processes. We are already planning similar events in the future, aimed at empowering more people to leverage blockchain for social good.

During this workshop, the Municipal employees attended and even discussed with some of the young people in order to identify their needs and their way of thinking.

On the 5th of April 2023, IRTEA organized another workshop, specialized on Municipal Employees at Salamina Municipality, gathering 10 participants in a specialized meeting for youth policies at the island.

### Methodology Applied:

#### WORKSHOP I FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The goal was to identify common local issues and challenges and work together on common solutions, in order to achieve this goal and considering the obstacles that we had in the previous working packages we thought to dedicate the workshop for the Youth to a category of Digital

Participation that would rise their interest on participating.

We were very happy to see that this idea worked even more than expected, our workshop for the Youth has entitled “Blockchain and the Decentralization of Democracy”, this is considered one the most ascending topics of discussion on Digital Democracy. That way we achieved, to bring together Municipal Employes (as observers) with Young People, have a good number of participants and high participation during the activity.

#### WORKSHOP II FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

The goal of this workshop was to combine the results of the first workshop and the experience of the Municipal Employees observes with the draft manual of the project in order to identify common local issues and solutions to digital democratic procedures.

The Employees that attended the first workshop also participated to the second, for that reason the workshop began with a quick presentation of what it was discussed in the previous workshop and of the draft manual. Following that the municipal employees worked as a group in order to work on 2 of the participatory problems that were identified during the first workshop, and based on the tools of the manual to find solutions to address those issues.

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