

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Moving on, Healthy and United — [MHU]
Participant:	San Lawrenz Local Council (SLLC)
PIC number:	938375770

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Twinning Event in Colle Umberto		
Type:	Town Twinning (CERV Lump Sum Grants)		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Italy, Colle Umberto		
Date(s):	7th December 2022 – 11th December 2022		
Website(s) (if any):	https://sanlawrenzlc.gov.mt/homepage/publikazzjonijiet-ohra/		
Participants			
Female:	50		
Male:	53		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Malta]:	54		
From country 2 [Italy]:	49		
Total number of participants:	103	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The main activity covered by this EU grant is the town twinning activity taking place in Colle Umberto. The project included several preparations for the main activity, to be a successful event and reap the desired results. Preparations included the selection of participants, dissemination events, organisation of events and logistics, coordination with partners, arrangements with policymakers, and monitoring and evaluation. Although San Lawrenz Local Council retained the ultimate responsibility for the management of the project, the council of Colle Umberto had a main role within the logistical preparation given it is the host of the Meeting, as well as its own share of tasks to prepare for.</p> <p>This main activity which took place between 7 and 11 of December included the following activities:</p>			

- General Introductions: The Mayors of both villages introduced the project to participants, the aim and objectives, going over the programme of activities, and informed of the upcoming meeting in San Lawrenz.
- Debate citizen participation within the EU: One of the locally elected representative for Colle Umberto met with the participants to discuss direct citizen involvement at different levels, from regional to national to EU level, and how this strengthens the EU overall. We talked about the existing channels for participation, such as the previous year's Conference on the Future of Europe, these methods' strengths and weak points, and participants were able to talk about what can be done to improve citizen ownership of the EU, as well as involvement in it.
- Round-up Citizens Discussion: The Future of Our Europe: Following these two informative talks with European policy makers, citizens have a more solid understanding of the current trends within the EU from a policy perspective, and the challenges it faces. Based on this, this activity led to a discussion where citizens proposed their ideas on the future of the EU: what should be done at the local, national and European level to strengthen people's sense of belonging to the EU and to sustain European integration in the face of unprecedented challenges even to our most basic sense of security.
- Visit and debate with the President of the Region of Treviso on common challenges post-Covid: Participants from both localities visited the President of the Region of Treviso for an informative discussion with regional leadership. The talk focused on the common social, economic and political challenges small, rural localities faced during the conjoined crises of the pandemic coupled with the consequences of the war in Ukraine. A main issue of particular concern to both localities is agriculture, and so this was one of the main things discussed – what is the future of Agriculture in today's challenging times? What measures are being taken and should be taken at local, regional and EU level to support agriculture?
- Discussion on local culture and identity post-Covid: Once back in Treviso, citizens continued addressing the issue of the impact of Covid. The pandemic directly impacted expressions of culture and identity, and threatened social ties – this is especially detrimental to small localities for whom local identity tends to be very strong. Citizens shared their experiences of how the pandemic affected our culture and identity; the challenges and the new opportunities and methods of expressing culture and identity discovered during the pandemic.
- Workshops: Moving forward post-Covid: Based on the previous discussions highlighting challenges being faced because of the pandemic, working in small mix-country groups citizens discussed ideas and proposals on how to face this shared challenge and come out of it stronger than before, sharing good practices from what has been undertaken so far, and the way forward for our small, rural communities in order to safeguard our local way of life.
- Workshop on possible joint activities involving youths and children to promote the future of EU: Building on the decades long relationship between San Lawrenz and Colle Umberto, participants discussed possible ways in which the discussion of the future of the EU can be brought closer to home in our localities. This took place within the context of the first day's activities where we reflected on the future of the EU and what should be done to safeguard its continued cohesion and people's sense of belonging to it. Ideas and initiatives were discussed on how to promote the future of the EU with youths and children – a practical thing that as local authorities we can do within our small communities to do our part for the future of the EU.
- Signing of MOU between the two localities: an MoU was signed between the two localities to work together, share ideas and collaborate in activities about the future of the EU targeting children and youths.
- Participant Evaluation: A feedback session was held to evaluate the project; participants were asked to determine whether, in their opinion, the project was a success in achieving the aim and objectives outlined. They also included the filling in an anonymous feedback form to provide further evaluation that can be analysed by the project management team after the twinning.
- Cultural Activity: A cultural event open for the public closed the town-twinning event. During a culinary festival-style night which also served as a closing/farewell session, citizens had the opportunity to tangibly experience how important Europe is to safeguard cultural exchange, peace and prosperity.

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