

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET***(To be filled in and uploaded as deliverable in the Portal Grant Management System, at the due date foreseen in the system.)***⚠ Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)**

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - Ellino-Italiko Epimelitirio Athinas CCIEE
PIC number:	916600531
Project name and acronym:	OLYMPICEU - The European Values Olympiad — OLYMPICEU

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	1st Transnational Event – Increasing civic engagement among marginalized groups		
Type:	Workshop / Transnational meeting		
In situ/online:	in-situ :		
Location:	Greece, Ancient Olympia (main location), with activities also implemented in Pyrgos and Andravida-Kyllini		
Date(s):	09 – 12 October 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	www.olympiceu.eu		
Participants			
Female:	300		
Male:	294		
Non-binary:	24		
From country 1 [ITALY]:	70		
From country 2 [GREECE]:	548		
From country 3 [			
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Total number of participants:	618	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The first transnational event of the OLYMPICEU project was held in Greece from 9 to 12 October 2025, with activities implemented across the partner municipalities of Andravida-Kyllini, Pyrgos and Ancient Olympia. The event represented the initial operational phase of			

the project and marked the concrete launch of its participatory methodology, focused on strengthening civic engagement among marginalized and underrepresented groups.

The event was implemented in full coherence with the objectives and structure defined in the Grant Agreement. It established the methodological and operational foundation of the project by initiating the analysis of barriers to civic participation and by activating direct interaction between citizens, local authorities and stakeholders from Italy and Greece. In line with the project's intervention logic, the activities aimed to explore how civic processes can become more inclusive, accessible and responsive to the needs of diverse population groups.

The programme was structured over four days and combined institutional meetings, field visits, participatory workshops and facilitated discussions. The multi-location approach allowed participants to engage with different local contexts, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the challenges affecting civic participation at municipal level.

Day 1 was dedicated to the opening and institutional alignment of the project activities. Participants were introduced to the objectives, methodology and thematic focus of OLYMPICEU. Local authorities and project partners contributed to framing the local governance context and outlining the main challenges related to civic engagement and inclusion. This initial phase ensured a shared understanding of the project's objectives and established the basis for the subsequent participatory work.

Day 2 focused on field-based activities and stakeholder engagement implemented in Andravida-Kyllini and Pyrgos, actively involving all participants from both Italy and Greece. The activities were designed to ensure direct interaction between international participants, local communities and institutional representatives, enabling a shared and comparative understanding of the challenges affecting access to civic participation across different local contexts. Particular attention was given to the identification of structural and contextual barriers, including limited access to information, social exclusion and constraints affecting participation, through collective discussion and cross-border exchange among participants.

Day 3 represented the core participatory phase of the event and included structured workshops held in Ancient Olympia and Pyrgos. These activities brought together citizens, local authorities and stakeholders in facilitated discussions aimed at identifying and analysing barriers to civic participation. Participants worked in groups to reflect on practical obstacles affecting engagement, including digital divide, accessibility issues, lack of awareness of participation mechanisms and limited trust in institutional processes. The sessions also enabled the comparison of perspectives between Italian and Greek participants, strengthening the cross-border dimension of the project.

Day 4 was dedicated to the synthesis and consolidation of the results achieved during the previous days. Participants and institutional representatives reviewed the key findings, validated the identified barriers and discussed initial reflections on how to improve inclusiveness in civic participation. This phase ensured the alignment of outcomes with the project objectives and prepared the transition towards the following implementation stages.

The event brought together citizens, local authorities, stakeholders and representatives of partner municipalities from Italy and Greece. In line with the target groups identified in the project, particular attention was given to the involvement of women, young people, elderly citizens, persons with disabilities and individuals with limited prior participation in civic processes. The participatory approach ensured their active engagement throughout the activities, both in discussions and in the identification of challenges.

The main outcomes of the event included the identification of key barriers to civic participation among marginalized groups, the initial mapping of participation challenges at local level and the strengthening of dialogue between citizens and public authorities. The event also contributed to increasing awareness of democratic participation processes and to establishing a shared understanding of inclusive governance approaches across the partner municipalities.

The in-situ format ensured effective participation and facilitated direct interaction among participants, reducing the limitations related to digital exclusion and enabling inclusive engagement across different social groups.

These results are fully consistent with the objectives and work plan defined in the Grant Agreement and represent the starting point for the progressive development of inclusive civic participation mechanisms within the project. The findings of this first event provided the analytical basis for the subsequent project phases focused on social inclusion, gender equality in civic leadership and trust-building between citizens and local authorities.

Further communication materials and dissemination outputs, including photographic documentation of the activities and participants' engagement, are progressively being made available on the project website: www.olympiceu.eu. These materials support the visibility and dissemination of the project results and contribute to ensuring transparency and accessibility of the activities carried out, in line with the communication and dissemination requirements defined in the Grant Agreement.

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

