

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	[2] - MANCOMUNITAT INTERMUNICIPAL DE LHORTA SUD (MHS)
PIC number:	896521628
Project name and acronym:	Have your say in EU - challenges of democracy and future of debate in European Union - Have your say in EU

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 1
Event name:	« TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT »
Type:	Workshops and conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Spain, Valencia and Torrent
Date(s):	17-20.01.2023
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="#">Have your say in EU – Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana</a>
Participants	
Female:	27
Male:	37
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Poland]:	2
From country 2 [Germany]:	2
From country 3 [Croatia]:	2
From country 4 [Bulgaria]:	2
From country 5 [Spain]:	56
Total number of participants:	64
From total number of countries:	5
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The first event took place in the region of Valencia, Spain, partly in the city of Valencia and the city of Torrent, hosted by the Mancomunitat Intermunicipal de l'Horta Sud. The first day focused on citizen participation, while the second day focused on transparency.

During workshops and conference the participants discussed such issues as civic participation, civil society, grassroots activities and cooperation between local authorities and residents. The closer look at existing tools of transparency and open government was taken during the Conference "Why HAVE YOUR SAY project?: Commitment and citizen participation in the democratic life of the European Union" with participation of the representatives of communities of the Valencia region: representatives of local authorities, schools, private sector and civil society from the region (among others, Councillors and mayors of town councils of the Mancomunitat: Xirivella, Torrent, Paiporta, Manises, Alfafar, Catarroja, Benetússer, Picanya; technicians of European projects of Quart de Poblet; students of the institute of IES la Marxadella). There was a possibility to discuss with invited experts: Bartolomé Nofuentes - Advisor of European funds and projects in the Generalitat Valenciana, Jaime Marqués - Alaquàs Town Councillor, Lucía Fernandez - Town Councillor of Quart de Poblet, Mario González and José Ordaz - Digital Value (company).

The meeting was also an opportunity to exchange experience and practices on the civic participation during the pandemic emergency in different countries presented by the participants from Spain, Poland, Germany, Croatia and Bulgaria.

Photos from the event:

<https://schuman.pl/have-your-say-in-eu/#1677582533290-f9da80ef-2439>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/Cno2fu-NBPL/>

Articles/Publications:

<https://valenciaplaza.com/lhorta-sud-inaugura-proyecto-europeo-have-your-say-jornadas-internacionales>

<https://www.levante-emv.com/horta/2023/01/17/mancomunitat-lhorta-sud-aborda-participacion-81310281.html>

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