

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	4 – Democracy International (DI)
PIC number:	937080238
Project name and acronym:	Have your say in EU - challenges of democracy and future of debate in European Union

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP 4
Event name:	MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD – EUROPEAN PUBLIC SPHERE
Type:	Discussions panels – Public event
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Cologne, Germany
Date(s):	6-8.07.2023
Website(s) (if any):	Have your say in EU – Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana
Participants	
Female:	38
Male:	22
Non-binary:	6
From country 1 [Poland]:	2
From country 2 [Germany]:	50
From country 3 [Croatia]:	1
From country 4 [Bulgaria]:	2
From country 5 [Spain]:	3
From country 6 [Romania]:	1
From country 7 [France]:	1
From country 8 [Austria]:	1
From country 9 [Netherlands]:	2

From country 10 [Danemark]:	2		
From country 11 [Belgium]:	1		
Total number of participants:	66	From total number of countries:	11
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The event was held in July (6-8) in Cologne, in Germany, organised by the Democracy International (DI) with the link to the Christopher-Street-Day street festival within Pride Week in Cologne.</p> <p>The event started started on Thursday 6 July with a public workshop on LGBTQI+ activism in the EU and beyond. Activist from several EU contries and the ones from U.S. reported on their commitment and the current human rights situation for the queer communities in their countries, sharing best practices of ensuring democratic values. The next day – 7 July, participants spent on the street festival – the organiser DI created a friendly space for meetings, spontaneous discussions and exhibitions within the feature of the Europe Dome. During co-creation session participants of the “Have your say in EU” project, among others from Poland, Spain, Germany, Bulgaria and Croatia gave a short presentations regarding LGBTQI+ rights in their respective countries and citizens participation in securing these ones. The session was followed by the meeting and discussion with the activist from <i>Democracy Connectors team</i> from Tunisia to discuss and share the experience regarding activism in the field of human rights. The next meeting and open discussion was held with representatives of the <i>ASA Ukrainian Vibes team</i> to talk about the situation in Ukraine and its impact on EU, about upcoming challenges for Europe and tools of civic participation. During the last day, besides the evaluation and wrap up sessions, participants had a chance to visit the exhibition »Cologne under National Socialism« with an insight into everyday life in Cologne during the years 1933 to 1945 as a kick-off for the discussions about the threat of nationalistic narratives and how citizens are able to strengthen democratic practices.</p> <p>Links to photos and newsletter: https://www.instagram.com/democracy_intl/ democracy-international.org/civcrm/mailling/view?id=2400 Have your say in EU – Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana</p>			

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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