

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:	[6] - [ZAVOD ZA SPORT, KULTURO, TURIZEM IN MLADINO NOVO MESTO] ([ZNM])
PIC number:	[880458913]
Project name and acronym:	[SECURE] — [Strengthening European Communities, Uniting Regions and Reinforcing Engagement]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[1]
Event name:	[First International Event – “Navigating Crisis: Europe in the Age of Insecurity”]
Type:	[International Event]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Novo Mesto], [Slovenia]
Date(s):	[22-25/05/2025]
Website(s) (if any):	https://secureprojectnot.wordpress.com/first-international-event/ https://www.lighthouselanguages.it/portfolio/secure/
Participants	
Female:	71
Male:	57
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Slovenia]:	40
From country 2 [Italy]:	35
From country 3 [Greece]:	2
From country 4 [Hungary]	26
From country 5 [Spain]	2
From country 6 [Latvia]	4
From country 7 [Portugal]	1
From country 8 [Serbia]	10

From country 9 [Malta]	2	
From country 10 [Poland]	2	
From country 11 [Czech Republic]	2	
From country 12 [Cyprus]	1	
From country 13 [France]	1	
Total number of participants:	128	From total number of countries: 13

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The event aimed to launch the transnational phase of the SECURE project and address the growing sense of insecurity experienced by citizens across Europe. Grounded in the concept of polycrisis—the convergence of economic, environmental, political, and social instability—the event facilitated dialogue, exchange, and collaboration among stakeholders to strengthen civic resilience and democratic participation.

The event brought together delegations from 13 countries, including representatives from:

- Local municipalities
- Civil society organizations
- Youth centers
- Educators and trainers
- Citizens and community leaders

Participants came from Italy, Slovenia, France, Greece, Cyprus, Latvia, Spain, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Malta, Czech Republic, and Poland.

The programme focused on exploring the Age of Insecurity through both analytical and participatory methods, highlighting the impact of overlapping global crises on citizens and communities.

Main sessions included:

Presentation of the CERV programme, of the SECURE project and introduction to the main topics of “Polycrisis” and “Age of insecurity”.

Meeting with representatives of the Municipality of Novo Mesto: Mr. Matej Škof (Vice Mayor) and Mrs. Klara Golič (Head of Department for Civil Protection). Participants explored how the municipality approaches crisis preparedness, especially in relation to environmental risks such as floods, droughts, and forest fires. The workshop highlighted practical tools, communication strategies, and inter-agency collaboration practices adopted at the municipal level. A broader discussion followed, examining which types of crises are currently impacting Slovenia and how they affect citizens and institutions.

“Polycrisis as Seen from the Citizens’ Side” at OTON Youth Center: session that allowed delegations to share the actions on the field to contrast the impacts of crises at national and local level.

Crises Mapping Exercise at OTON Youth Center: delegations conducted a crisis mapping exercise, identifying the main challenges in their countries (e.g., cost of living, housing, energy, institutional mistrust). Participants visualized how these crises intersect and amplify each other. The exercise was followed by a group debate that encouraged comparison of perspectives and identification of shared European trends.

These activities provided space for critical reflection, group dialogue, and collective analysis on the relationship between insecurity and democratic life.

Participants explored how issues such as war, climate change, economic uncertainty, migration, and disinformation interact and are experienced on a local scale.

Target: citizens, young people, stakeholders, PA.

The event has been hosted in Novo Mesto during the Cvička festival, allowing for a greater engagement of local citizens

Outcomes

The event underlined, rose awareness and triggered reflection on the need for:

- Stronger local responses to complex global challenges
- Greater emphasis on civic education, especially media literacy
- Inclusive narratives around migration and demographic shifts
- Cross-border cooperation for democratic renewal

It also laid the groundwork for future local engagement actions and four additional international events to be held across partner countries.

A key quote from the event:

"We are all facing the same storm, but in different boats. SECURE gives us the tools—and the company—to row together." by Laszlo Horvath

Further information, photogallery, presentations and materials can be browsed here:

<https://secureprojectnot.wordpress.com/first-international-event/>

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