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## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

| PROJECT                   |                                                                                                                                 |
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| Participant:              | [1] – [Lighthouse Languages APS] ([Lighthouse LAN.])                                                                            |
| PIC number:               | [913055181]                                                                                                                     |
| Project name and acronym: | [Defending Empowered Media, Openly Cultivating Resilience and Creating YouthWise Inclusive Social Engagement] — [DEMOCRACYWISE] |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION          |                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Event number:              | [2]                                                                                                                                                           |
| Event name:                | [Local Engagement Events]                                                                                                                                     |
| Type:                      | [Local Events]                                                                                                                                                |
| In situ/online:            | [in-situ]                                                                                                                                                     |
| Location:                  | [Italy], [Orte] – [Poland], [Wieliszew] – [Cyprus], [Sia] – [Spain], [Castellon de la Plana], [Portugal], [Paredes] – [Ireland], [Meath] – [Hungary], [Sumeg] |
| Date(s):                   | From 01/06/2024 to 31/05/2025                                                                                                                                 |
| Website(s) (if any):       | <a href="https://democracywiseciv.wordpress.com/local-engagement-events/">https://democracywiseciv.wordpress.com/local-engagement-events/</a>                 |
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| Female:                    | 121                                                                                                                                                           |
| Male:                      | 9                                                                                                                                                             |
| Non-binary:                | 0                                                                                                                                                             |
| From country 1 [Italy]:    | 34                                                                                                                                                            |
| From country 2 [Cyprus]:   | 22                                                                                                                                                            |
| From country 3 [Spain]:    | 43                                                                                                                                                            |
| From country 4 [Portugal]: | 33                                                                                                                                                            |
| From country 5 [Poland]:   | 25                                                                                                                                                            |

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| From country 6 [Hungary]:     | 30  |                                 |   |
| From country 7 [Ireland]:     | 10  |                                 |   |
| Total number of participants: | 197 | From total number of countries: | 7 |

**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

As part of the project's commitment to fostering democratic participation and countering disinformation, Local Engagement Events were organized by project partners across various communities. These events aimed to raise awareness about the EU's democratic processes, enhance citizen engagement, and promote media literacy.

Each event followed a structured agenda:

Introduction to the Project & CERV Programme – Participants were briefed on the project's objectives, its alignment with the European Commission's priority "A New Push for European Democracy," and the opportunities offered by the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) Programme.

Reflection on democratic participation – Discussions focused on the importance of civic engagement, the functioning of EU institutions, and the direct impact citizens can have on policymaking.

Instruments of direct democracy – Tools such as the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI), public consultations, and local advocacy were presented to empower attendees to take an active role in shaping EU policies.

Media literacy & countering disinformation – Interactive sessions equipped participants with skills to identify misinformation, verify sources, and engage in informed public discourse.

The events adopted an inclusive approach, ensuring representation from intergenerational groups—youth (18-30 y/o), seniors (60+ y/o), and marginalized communities—to facilitate knowledge exchange between digital-native and traditional-democracy-experienced citizens.

**Results and Impacts**

The Local Engagement Events successfully:

- Increased awareness – participants gained a clearer understanding of EU democratic mechanisms and their role in shaping policies.
- Enhanced engagement – attendees expressed greater motivation to participate in EU initiatives, with many committing to follow-up actions such as joining the DEMOCRACYWISE next events.
- Strengthened media literacy – improved confidence in identifying disinformation, particularly among older participants who benefited from digital skills training.
- Fostered intergenerational dialogue – the mix of young and senior citizens facilitated rich discussions, bridging gaps between traditional and digital forms of civic participation.

These events laid a strong foundation for sustained citizen involvement in EU democracy and expanded the project at local level. By combining education, dialogue, and practical tools, they contributed to a more informed and resilient European public sphere. Future actions will build on these outcomes to further amplify citizen voices and counter disinformation.

**List of events:**

Italy (Orte) – May 13<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Cyprus (Sia) – February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Spain (Castellon de la Plana) – (several sessions) 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 2025  
Poland – (Wieliszew) - May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025  
Hungary – (Súveg) - May 29<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Ireland – (Meath) - April 10<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Portugal – (Paredes) – (two sessions) March 09<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2025

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