EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT		
Participant:	KOINONIKOS POLITISTIKOS ORGANISMOSDIMOU DELTA (KPODD)	
PIC number:	894210118	
Project name and acronym:	Building societies without racism —AntiracismSO	

EVENT DESCRIPTION		
Event number:	1st	
Event name:	TACKLING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION THROUGH EDUCATION	
Type:	Conferences, lectures, exchange of good practices	
In situ/online:	[in-situ	
Location:	Siggiewi Local Council, Malta	
Date(s):	25-28 May 2023	
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.facebook.com/kpoddelta/	
Participants		
Female:	35	
Male:	42	
Non-binary:	0	
From country 1 Hellas:	12	
From country 2 Cyprus:	2	
From country 3 Bulgaria:	2	
From country 4 Hungary	2	
From country 5 Estonia	2	
From country 6 Denmark	2	
From country 7 Belgium	2	
From country 8 Italy	2	
From country 9 France	2	

From country 10 Portugal	2	
From country 11 Spain	2	
From country 12 Sweden	2	
From country 13 Slovenia	2	
From country 14 Malta	41	
Total number of participants:	77	From total number of countries: 14

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

At the beginning of this journey in Malta, the fight against police violence and the racist content it contains was discussed. Through seminars/round table/workshop we try an educational approach aimed at providing specific tools for the recognition of communication practices and the gradual discouraging of their unconscious use and the deconstruction of stereotypes. Stereotypes are imprinted on the world's consciousness, mainly during childhood. This leads children and adults to use hateful communication in their daily lives. Educational programs and awareness campaigns specifically for children are promoted. Their content is focused on human rights and the importance of diversity.

The relevant two-day discussion was held in the presence of the president of the KPODD, Mr. Alexandros Diamantopoulos, the mayor of the municipality of Siggiewi in Malta, Mr. Dominic Grech, the mayor of the municipality of Gallodoro in Italy, Mr. Filippo Gurrenti, and the mayor of the municipality of Freguesia Baguim do Monte in Portugal Mr. Francisco Laranjeira.

An intervention was made by Ms. Alexander Tortell – Inclusion & Anti-Racism Adviser – Human Rights Directorate. Also, the representatives of organizations participated in the discussion.

The positions of the participants and the conclusions of the work of the first day were that: Policymakers must create, enforce and fund policies to eliminate discrimination; Governments, local authorities must provide the appropriate financial re-sources for schools to be able to promote equality and non-discrimination and regularly monitor the situation.

Governments, local authorities must work together to:

- mandate schools to incorporate the fight against racism and discrimination, as well as respect for diversity, into their operation.
- ensure that human rights education is offered from kindergarten onwards and that teaching materials are free of racist content and updated to reflect the diversity and pluralism of society.
- provide incentives for responsible use of the Internet.
- ensure that schools adopt and enforce a code of conduct against racism and discrimination for students and staff
- monitor racist incidents by implementing policies to end them.

There was also an intervention by Police Inspector Mark Cremona-Community Policing & Crime Prevention. He emphasized the importance of collaboration with the school community and he analyzed the programs they implement with them.

Representatives of the school community and participants reported that teachers are trained to work with children from all backgrounds; also, pupils' parents should be included in their school's decisions

to promote equality and non-discrimination in education. Children from all backgrounds must have equal access to education and be fully integrated into the school system.

- the school tackles any segregation of minority children by pre-venting them from being placed into separate classes and helping minority children learn the language of instruction.
- the school encourage recruitment of teachers from minority groups
- the school actively promote equality through awareness-raising campaigns targeted at all pupils and their families
- Police educates teachers to prevent any manifestations of racism and racial discrimination at school, and to react promptly and effectively when faced with such problems.

They present key statistics about minority children such as school attendance, drop-out rates and academic performance.

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 25 MAY

Arrival of the delegation

Hotel accommodation

20:00 Welcome dinner from the President of KPODD and local government

Presentation of the participants

FRIDAY 26 MAY

Breakfast

09:00 am departure from hotel to Siġġiewi Civic Centre

10.00 am Intervention by Ms Bernice Zarb, Project Officer, Human Rights Directorate, Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality

Discussion with participants and guests

Coffee break

12:00 am Presentation of the project Building societies without racism

13:00 Visit to St. Nicholas Parish Church

13:30 Lunch

16:00 Visit to the city of Rabat and Mdina

SATURDAY 27 MAY

Breakfast

09:00 am departure from hotel to Siġġiewi Civic Centre

10:00 am Intervention by Police Inspector Mark Cremona - Community Policing & Crime Prevention

Coffee break

12:00 Presentation of Citizens, Equality, Rights and Value (CERV) Programme

13:30 Transfer to Valletta for Lunch

16:00 Visit to the city of Valletta

SUNDAY 28 MAY

Breakfast

Preparation of the Event 2o at Sindos, Hellas

Evaluation of the Event 1o

Press Conference

Check out and departure

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