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EU EVENT IN ITALY ORGANISATIONS

Since 2018, we have been cooperating and working with young people from the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship in Poland, who have a wide range of interests, from film, photography, international relations to sports and music. Young people who create and work in ROE come from various backgrounds and have extensive experience in cooperation with young people and in the implementation of European projects. We focus on increasing knowledge about the European Union – its history, acvies and values, increasing youth participation in social, civic and political engagement and decision-making, creating opportunities for dialogue, meengs and exchange of experiences, involving young people in the informal educational process and promoting intercultural dialogue.



Founded in 2018, Youth on board is a youth-driven non-profit organization based in the University town of Shp, North Macedonia, striving to promote youth development and empowerment through philanthropy. Run by youths, for youths, we plan and execute events to show the impact one can make in the community while encouraging the act of giving back.

We believe in the power of education to transform young people's lives, families and communities for beer.

We promote best practice in youth development by giving young people and people working with young people advice, training and resources. Our organization develops and promotes Active Youth Citizenship. This is young people using knowledge, skills and experience to participate confidently in their communities.



ETV EuroTreviso (ETV) is a non-profit organisation established in 2016 by a group of young professionals promoting active citizenship and human rights as well as social inclusion, volunteer activities and international cooperation.

The Staff of ETV already had experience in international mobility programmes in different fields, such as volunteering, training and education projects (LLP Leonardo, Erasmus+, ESF).

ETV aims to develop and to implement strategies and local, national and international programmes giving young people the basics and the tools to address their future in a multiethnic society. For this reason we are establishing international partnerships with similar organizations in order to create a knowledge exchange and to improve practices in no-formal education.





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INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS



1. Dominika Chmielewska
2. Aleksandra Niewczas
3. Julia Łaszewicz
4. Mikołaj Michalczak



1. Jovan Necovski - Expert
2. Darko Barbarejski - Youth
3. Helena Zografoska - Youth
4. Elena Panova - Youth



1. Francesco Truini - President of the Board
2. Marco Stella - Member of ETV
3. Lucia Cambon Fernandez - Youth
4. Amanda Olmeda Balbuena - Youth



EU EVENT IN ITALY GUESTS AND EXPERTS



MAURIZIO MOLINARI

From January 2020 Head of the European Parliament Office in Milan. From July 2015 Head of Media of the European Parliament in Italy. Previously, he was a freelance journalist for Italian and international media, including BBC Radio 4 and BBC World Service. Communication expert. Conference interpreter.



MARCO PANIZZON

The youngest councillor of Silea with the age of 24 years who has been the former President of the Youth City Council of Silea from 2019 to 2022. From July 2022 he is the new Councilor for the support for ecological transition and sustainability.



FRANCESCO TRUINI

President of ETV EuroTreviso, he has extensive experience in dealing with European Projects especially in Erasmus+ Programme. He has a Master Degree in International Law and a Master in European Project Management.



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ABOUT THE PROJECT AND PROGRAMME

The project "The European Union - Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" aims to raise awareness of the history of the European Union and to show the benefits of EU membership, especially for young people. Thanks to the participation of organizations from countries with different experience of European integration (Italy - founding member), Poland (member since 2004), North Macedonia (candidate country), young people will learn about different perspectives of integration and approaches to the Union itself. What is equally important, our actions did not take place in large cities but in smaller locations, so we can reach people who have limited access to information.

A number of actions are planned under the project: 3 events entitled "EU Festival " in each partner country with debates; table discussions; European workshops for young people; the European Union knowledge contest and the presentation of youth works. In addition to young people, representatives of all partner countries, external experts, local authorities, lecturers and seniors will participate in the meetings.

A conference summarizing the project will be held at the end of the project. The works prepared by young people in the "I-European" competition will be the primary result of its implementation. All works will be translated into English and presented on the Internet websites. Winners of individual competitions will go abroad to specific events with partners. In addition a brochure summarizing the project will be produced at the end of the project. It will be sent to the most important people and institutions of culture, local authorities, politicians, etc.



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Europe for Citizens is an EU grant programme supporting non-governmental organisations and municipalities, and other non-profit organisations/institutions active in the field of civil society, culture and education, in the implementation of civil society projects, local initiatives on social engagement, democratic participation and European remembrance.

Aims of the Programme:

- to contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history and diversity
- to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at EU level
- to raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values
- to encourage democratic participation of citizens at EU level, by developing citizens' understanding of the EU policy - making-process and, by promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at EU.





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DAY 1 - 7th JULY 2022 - THURSDAY

09:00 - 18:00	Arrivals - Accommodation in "Roy Hotel" in Silea (Treviso)
19:00	Welcome dinner with experts and youth - information about the agenda

DAY 2 - 8th JULY 2022 - FRIDAY

09:20	Meet in the hotel lobby and transfer to the activity room
09:45	Welcome and Partners presentations Introduction speech by ETV EuroTreviso
10:00	Speech by Maurizio Molinari - Head of Office at European Parliament Liaison Office in Milan
10:15	Meeting with the Councilor of the city of Silea
10.30	Some background for discussion brainstorming - "What is EU for YOU?"
11:15	Break
11:30	World café - ONE EU - with: Youth on Board - North Macedonia, Reflections on Europe - Poland, ETV EuroTreviso - Italy - Council member of Silea
12:30	Kahoot about EU with prices
13:00	Lunch
15:00	Presentations of the "I-European" contest by young people
15:30	Study visit in Silea and Treviso
19:00	Working dinner with management team



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DAY 3 - 9th JULY 2022 - SATURDAY

09:45	The European Union – YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW - “The EU mobilities and the youth: an opportunity to grow up” with: - Association Youth on Board - North Macedonia - Reflections on Europe - Poland - ETV EuroTreviso - Italy
11:15	Break
11:30	Workshop with young people from Poland, North Macedonia and Italy about the European Union - benefits of being in EU and what we bring to EU - Trainer: ETV EuroTreviso
13:00	Lunch
15:00	Workshop with young people from Poland, North Macedonia and Italy about the future of Europe (war in Ukraine, future enlargements, geopolitical situation etc.) - Trainer: ETV EuroTreviso
19:00	Evaluation dinner

DAY 4 - 10th JULY 2022 - SUNDAY

09:00 - 10:00	Evaluation
10:00 - 20:00	Departures



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DAY 1

The first day of this meeting was a **traveling day**, when all of the groups arrived in Treviso and Silea, where participants had their accommodation and activities took place. In the evening, participants and leaders met at the welcome dinner. It was the time to get to know each other more and share what happened since our last meeting in Poland. Additionally, after the dinner, the leaders met to discuss the agenda and project management issues, financial matters, timetable, and risk analysis.

Coordinators from every country **summed up the previous meeting** and talked about expectations the youth have for the following one, but also discussed and officially confirmed the dates of the next meetings in North Macedonia and Poland.

This evening was for getting to know each other, talking, and enjoying free time together.

DAY 2

On this day the meeting started at 9:45 in the activity room, which was a place in the centre of Silea. President of the association ETV EuroTreviso - Francesco Truini **made a welcome speech**, explaining the idea of the project, what we had done yet and what we are going to do.

On the beginning, each of the **partner organizations were introduced** - Project Leader - Association Reflections on Europe was presented by Dominika Chmielewska, and Association Youth on Board by Jovan Necovski.

Representatives of ETV EuroTreviso – President of the board - Francesco Truini made introduction speech, explained agenda and main goals of the project. He also presented Europe for Citizens Programme.



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After welcome speech, participants met via online platform with **Maurizio Molinari** - Head of Office at European Parliament Liaison Office in Milan. He explained approaches of European Union, in the context of youth. We had a chance to ask him questions, share our doubts and express our opinions. Each of the expert representatives of partner organizations had a chance to talk one by one with the guest and ask a question.

"I am very happy to see that those kinds of projects are happening in our country and in EU. This is a great chance to exchange our opinions and talk about European Union from different view."

Afterwards, participants had an opportunity to **meet with a Councillor** of the city of Silea - **Marco Panizzon**, who before being councillor was a chairman of Youth City Council in Silea. He talked with our participants about community involvement and the perspectives of this involvement from the level of our countries and localities. The young people had the opportunity to ask him many questions and were very curious about how his involvement in activism for the YCC turned into a genuine interest in politics and the affairs of his city as an adult.

"I used to be in the same place as you, I didn't really understand what it was all about, but at that time I started to take more interest in it and now I am changing my city to make it more friendly to me and others."

Immediately after this talk, the youngsters joined in the discussion **"What is EU for YOU?"**, taking advantage of the presence of the expert they asked about his perspectives and shared their own. Many slogans were raised, the most important being:

FREEDOM, PEACE, COMMUNITY AND OPPORTUNITY



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We then moved on to the **World café discussion - ONE EU** - with: Youth on Board - North Macedonia, Reflections on Europe - Poland, ETV EuroTreviso - Italy - Council member of Silea.

1. Participants were divided into international groups, moderated by ETV EuroTreviso. The youngsters learned an in-depth perspective of each participating country.
2. The participants learned from each other by sharing, for example, what their lives are like on a daily basis and how they feel the significant presence of the European Union in their lives.
3. The young people conveyed each country's approach from the level of the state and city they live in. The discussion was so interesting that it lasted much longer than expected.
4. At the end, a representative from each group came to the center and represented his and his group's view in a discussion that was observed by all participants.

After this discussion, an **EU knowledge competition** was held on the **Kahoot platform**. The questions were difficult and challenging, asking about institutions, capitals, people and laws.

After many questions, the champion of knowledge about the EU turned out to be

1. **Julia** representing the Reflections on Europe association, from Poland
2. **Dominika** representing the same association
3. **Marco** from Italy



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The participants then went to lunch together along the way admiring the city of Silea. Right after this lunch, the participants met again in the working room to:

sum up the "I-European" contest.

The participants of the contest presented their works, talking about what they had in mind when creating these works and what being European means to them.

The podium looked as follows:

1st place - Christian Lodi Casagrande - "Unity in Diversity: Many drops together form an ocean"

2nd place - Eleonora Mesina - "The Europe without EU and without peace"

3rd place - Sofia Gastaldo - "EU. sharing our culture"

The winners received prizes and **Christian**, as first place winner, will **take part in the next meeting**, in North Macedonia.

After the competition was broken up, the participants **went for a walk** in the town of **Silea**, where the project took place and then in the town of **Treviso**, where the main activity is carried out by the ETV - EuroTreviso association.

The participants visited the most important places in Treviso, toured the entire city and finally had a real Italian dinner together in one of the restaurants in Treviso.



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DAY 3

The third day of our meeting began with a debate

"The EU mobilities and the youth: an opportunity to grow up"

with representatives of Association Youth on Board - North Macedonia, Reflections on Europe - Poland and ETV EuroTreviso - Italy.

Young people had the opportunity to learn more about **the opportunities** offered by youth programs funded by the European Union.

The participants **shared their perspectives and experiences**. Some of them had the opportunity to realize mobility within the framework of the Erasmus+ program, others volunteered within the framework of the European Solidarity Corps program and still others various forms of short-term projects such as youth exchanges or study visits.

After a brief presentation of the opportunities, a discussion on the differences in the various programs from the perspective of different countries, we moved on to a **workshop** with young people from Poland, North Macedonia and Italy about:

"The European Union - benefits of being in EU and what we bring to EU?"

The trainer was the ETV EuroTreviso association and it moderated the discussion. Participants brainstormed, shared opinions and created an endless list of benefits of being in the EU.



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Participants then went together for a real Italian lunch after which they returned to the working room to participate in another **workshop** with young people from Poland, North Macedonia and Italy about:

"The future of Europe in the context of war in Ukraine, future enlargements, geopolitical situation etc."

Definitely interesting in this discussion was the perspective of North Macedonia, which is still trying to join the EU, and also the contest of the war in Ukraine, which Poland faces on a daily basis by accepting refugees, helping at the border and supporting its neighbors. The young people turned out to be extremely interested in these topics, and after the workshop they moved on to discuss them.

At the end of the day, all project participants met for an evaluation dinner to **summarize** this meeting, **plan** the next ones and **prepare** for the meetings in North Macedonia and the closing conference in Poland.

DAY 4

On the last day, participants and the management team met in the morning for the last time **to sum up the four-day meeting**. Feedback was collected from the participants and discussed to improve the organization of future meetings.

This day was dedicated to farewells and departures of our participants to their countries.



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2nd PLACE

Eleonora Mesina

"The Europe without EU and without peace"



3rd PLACE

Sofia Gastaldo

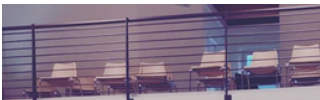
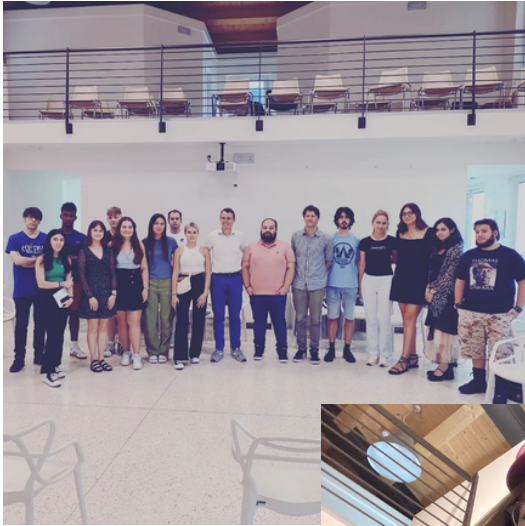
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