

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Stowarzyszenie Rozprawy o Europie
PIC number:	906017637
Project name and acronym:	"Next Step to Europe – Boosting active citizenship among youth in small cities" (NEXT)

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	5		
Event name:	Final conference in Poland "Me, Citizen of Europe"		
Type:	Mobility		
In situ/online:	In situ		
Location:	Kielce, Poland		
Date(s):	13th -16th October 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://rozprawyoeuropie.eu/en/projects/next-step-to-europe/		
Participants			
Female:	51		
Male:	19		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Poland]:	59		
From country 2 [Greece]:	3		
From country 3 [Spain]:	4		
From country 4 [Italy]:	4		
Total number of participants:	70	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

The international visit took place on October 13-16, 2025. The first day was dedicated to the arrival of participants, a shared meal, and integration activities.

Project work was carried out on October 14, 2025. The day began with a presentation of the different stages of the project. Together with the participants, we reviewed all visits, campaigns, and workshops that had been implemented, summarizing their outcomes, successes, failures, and the impact they had on the local community. We then moved on to group work. The main discussions revolved around three questions: *What has this project given me?*, *My favorite memory*, and *An inspiration for the future*. These became the starting point for deeper reflections and conversations about the project. Many valuable conclusions and memorable quotes emerged, which we will remember for a long time. Above all, participants highlighted that the project had given them new friendships, motivation to act, a sense of influence on the local community and youth to whom they could pass on knowledge, increased self-confidence, new skills, and much more. As part of this reflective session, postcards were also created with short personal messages summarizing how each participant would describe the project.

Following the memory and summary session, we were joined by Kama Kępczyńska - President of the "Creativity Works Europe" Foundation. As a Master of Polish Speech with extensive experience in public speaking and media, she was the perfect person to work with participants on their power speeches, which they were scheduled to deliver the following day during the conference at a high school in Kielce. Together, they explored techniques of effective speaking and the creation of concise and engaging content. Each participant from each partner country developed a speech connected to the themes of the project.

A meeting of representatives of the organizations was also held, summarizing the reporting and logistical aspects in order to bring the project to the best possible conclusion. The day also included a cultural element, with a presentation of the city of Kielce—its history, landmarks, and the challenges faced by the local community.

The main part of the project - the Final Conference of the "NEXT Step to Europe" Project—took place on October 15, 2025, at High School No. 5 in Kielce. The event marked the culmination of 18 months of international cooperation carried out under the Erasmus+ program, focusing on key topics for the future of young Europeans: climate, disinformation, European citizenship, and shared European values. The ceremony opened with a speech by the Principal of High School No. 5, who welcomed all participants and emphasized the importance of international cooperation in shaping openness and civic attitudes among young people. The Mayor of Kielce, Agata Wojda, also spoke, expressing her pride that Kielce had become the host city for the project finale, which brought together youth from various European countries. At the beginning of the conference, the school council mentioned the ongoing "Pink October" campaign, drawing attention to health prevention and social solidarity, and each participant received a pink ribbon as a symbol of support for women's health.

The conference program included presentations prepared the day before by participants from all partner countries. Each team delivered power speeches presenting the results of their work, sharing their experiences, reflections, and knowledge gained during the project. They spoke about activities implemented in their communities, what they had learned during international meetings, and how the project had influenced their perception of Europe and their role in shaping its

future. The speeches reflected the four main pillars of the project: climate and environment, disinformation, European citizenship, and EU values.

One of the highlights of the program was an interactive European Union knowledge contest in the form of a Kahoot quiz. The activity sparked a lot of excitement and healthy competition, with winners receiving symbolic prizes. The contest also provided a fun and effective way to consolidate the knowledge gained during the project.

After the presentations, workshops were held in the World Café format, enabling free exchange of thoughts, experiences, and ideas between students of High School No. 5 and international participants. Small groups discussed the challenges facing modern Europe and ways in which young people can positively influence their local communities and common European future. The session became an inspiring brainstorming activity, where every voice mattered and collective reflection led to new insights and initiatives.

The final conference in Kielce was not only a summary of the “NEXT Step to Europe” project, but also a symbolic conclusion of a stage of cooperation and the beginning of new ideas generated during the event. It was a time of commitment, collaboration, and mutual inspiration, confirming that young Europeans, by working together, can build bridges of understanding and shape a responsible future for a united Europe.

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HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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