

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - Katoliška mladina, zavod za vzgojo, versko, kulturno in izobraževalno dejavnost mladih (Katoliška mladina)
PIC number:	899746975
Project name and acronym:	Youth Contact — Youth Contact

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Youth Contact		
Type:	Conference		
In situ/online:	https://katoliskamladina.si/youth-contact/		
Location:	Slovenia, Stična		
Date(s):	15–17 September 2023		
Website(s) (if any):	https://katoliskamladina.si/youth-contact/		
Participants			
Female:	122		
Male:	97		
Non-binary:	/		
From Slovenia:	160		
From Italy:	40		
From Croatia:	7		
From Slovakia:	12		
Total number of participants:	219	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
This project gathered citizens from different EU countries aiming to promote exchanges between citizens of different countries as a first project objective, to provide opportunities for citizens to			

discover the cultural diversity of the European Union and to realize that European values as a second project objective and to strengthen mutual understanding and friendship among the citizens of 4 partners coming from 4 EU countries.

The project enabled European citizens of different nationalities and languages to come together, achieve intercultural dialogue, discover the cultural diversity of project partners and contribute to the development of a dynamic and diverse European identity that forms the basis of a common future.

One three-day international event "Youth Contact" was organized within the Project. The project included preparatory activities, 3 online meetings, organization of an international event and a reporting period of 2 months. The three-day international event was organized in Slovenia, the country of the leading partner, where 59 foreign participants were presented. 30 participants was involved in online preparatory, coordination and reporting meetings, as well as 160 participants who was working live at the international conference.

The project involved 4 partners from 4 EU member states.

The date of the international event "Youth Contact" coincided with the organization of the traditional local festival "Youth Contact", from 15 to 17 September 2023. The meeting/festival in its modern form brought the message of Christ and his gospel and encouraged young people to live and spread it in their local environment even throughout the year. Contact with young people was a community experience in which every participant was indispensable. "Youth Contact" was created by Slovenian youth. They believe that they are brave creators, true witnesses of the faith. This gave a special stamp to the whole event, and at the same time provided all creators with a rich experience of learning and creating and discovering personal talents.

Under the auspices of the Catholic Youth, 160 volunteers were participating in organizing the Youth Contact. They planned the event throughout the year with enthusiasm and forethought. The creators of the festival came from all over Slovenia and was of different ages. Each of them, with their talent and skills, contributed to the creation of a festival that responded to the current needs, problems and longings of young people.

The participants from the European countries were welcomed by representatives of the local community, i.e. the Municipality of Ivančna Gorica, who presented the municipality, the local community, the natural and cultural attractions and the social engagement of young people. The participants from the European countries were hosted by families in the municipality. This encouraged networking between the local community and other European guests. They strengthened the exchange of cultural diversity and got to know each other.

During the international event "Youth Contact", 2 thematic round tables for young people was organized on 2 topics: "Locally or globally - both count" and "Challenges facing young people across Europe". There were 2 interactive lectures for participants on the topic: 1) "Combating

all forms of discrimination against young people" and 2) "Youth as a great resource of society", as well as 2 workshops on "Who I want to be" and "Thank you, please and sorry". The workshops were given by guests from Taize, who work with young people and organise summer weeks for them, and also by various experts from Slovenia.

Accompanying elements of the event were concerts, folk dances, sports competitions, etc. which were organized within the festival "Youth Contact", where participants, primarily young people, representatives of different cultures and communities through music establish connections, recognized differences and common European values. Mutual understanding and tolerance were promoted through music, thus contributing to a better understanding of the dynamics and multilayered nature of European identity.

Statements of participants:

"During the three day project I met many young people from different European countries and talked to them about their culture, habits, life in their countries... I think that diversity enriches us, so the project was a great opportunity for me because I like to learn about new cultures and look for connections and differences between us. I also took part in a workshop on discrimination, where we talked specifically about dealing with difference and discovered some simple tricks to overcome our prejudices that lead to discrimination." Aleks Birsa Jogan

"We were welcomed by the families we stayed with, by the organisers who were always there to help us, and by the other young people we met at the project. Different countries, cultures, languages, personalities, but many of the same things that unite us! And we are grateful to have been able to discover diversity. The programme was richly filled with Holy Mass, workshops, lectures, celebrations and socialising. Without the European project 'Youth contact' we would not have met all these people who are serving to build a common Europe." Benjamin Greško

"I was particularly impressed by the positive energy and unity among the participants, who came from different parts of the country and the European Union. Sharing my belief with people who share similar values was truly inspiring. I am grateful for this valuable experience and I am already looking forward to future performances of the Stična mladih event. I am sure that this meeting will continue to play an important role in my personal development." Tinkara Jerkič

Print media articles:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SONH9HETtF5QTTGc0wQc9rCu6kGRwXTb?usp=sharing>

Our social networks:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A3sCDRi52mqca2VtQEBz9mRNYZeN_vclY5FhgiMFMTE/edit?usp=drive_link

Publication of the Youth contact event in the media:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11MbP-slwVPcMo1UiQSg_QqLpxuZET_iY/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=104800927802447978427&rtpof=true&sd=true

<https://kalnik.hr/sudjelovanje-mladih-u-projektu-youth-contact-u-sloveniji/>

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