

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Klaster Innowacji Społecznych
PIC number:	924904604
Project name and acronym:	Euroscepticism to Euro-engagement: Rural Dialogues about Europe's Future - Euro-engagement

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP7
Event name:	EU Future Workshop from WP1 Kick-off Meeting and EU Nection Tour
Type:	workshop, conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Poland, Międzybrodzie Bialskie
Date(s):	26-29.01.2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.klaster.org.pl/rural-decide-deliberations-27-28-stycznia-2026-dwa-dni-w-ktorych-wies-przechodzi-od-opowiesci-do-decyzji/
Participants	
Female:	25
Male:	9
Non-binary:	0

From country 1 – Poland [Klaster Innowacji Społecznych]:	19		
From country 2 - Romania [Filiala Asociației Se Poate]:	3		
From country 3 - Spain [ENREDADOS DE ALICANTE POR LA INNOVACION SOCIAL Y EL DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE]:	2		
From country 4 - Bulgaria [ASOTSIATSIA BIOMREZHA]	2		
From country 5 - Italy [PRO LOCO BROCCOSTELLA ASSOCIAZIONE DI PROMOZIONE SOCIALE]	3		
From country 6 - Lithuania [VYTAUTO DIDZIOJO UNIVERSITETAS]	3		
From country 7 -Ukraine	2		
Total number of participants:	34	From total number of countries:	7
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
WP1 - Kickoff Meeting and EU Necton Tour			
Event Overview			
<p>From October 14 to 17, 2024, the picturesque town of Roșiorii de Vede hosted the WP1 - Kickoff Meeting and EU Necton Tour as part of the innovative project "Euroscepticism to Euro-engagement." This significant event brought together partners and participants from various backgrounds to engage in meaningful discussions about Europe's future while celebrating its cultural diversity.</p>			
Day 1: Engaging with Partners and EU Trivia			
<p>The event commenced with a presentation of partners, where each organization showcased their unique contributions to the project through engaging PowerPoint presentations. Following the introductions, participants took part in an EU Trivia Challenge, a light-hearted yet informative activity designed to spark interest in the European Union. Teams competed to answer questions about EU history, institutions, cultures, and achievements, fostering camaraderie and a spirit of learning among participants.</p>			
<p>The day also included detailed project presentations and management discussions, ensuring everyone was aligned on goals and expectations. A key highlight was the EU Body Program, which paired rural residents with EU enthusiasts, facilitating informal conversations. This initiative encouraged participants to share personal experiences and insights, leading to rich discussions and a deeper</p>			

understanding of varying perspectives on the EU. Feedback from participants indicated that these interactions were invaluable, enhancing their knowledge and fostering a sense of community.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

The first day concluded with the EU Inspired Cultural Fair, where partners showcased their countries' traditional food, music, dances, arts, and crafts. This vibrant exchange not only highlighted the rich diversity of European cultures but also included local traditional ensembles, such as Grupul de Acțiune Locală Câmpia Bârnazului, who enchanted attendees with captivating dances from the region.

Day 2: Mapping Connections and Imagining the Future

The second day began with a fascinating workshop on Cucuteni pottery, an ancient tradition from the region known for its distinctive ceramic art. Participants learned about the history and significance of Cucuteni culture, including the intricate designs and techniques used by artisans. This hands-on experience allowed attendees to appreciate the craftsmanship involved in creating these beautiful pieces, fostering a deeper connection to local heritage.

Following the pottery workshop, participants visited the Cosoteni Monastery, the oldest church in Teleorman County. This historical site, now a functioning monastery, offered a glimpse into the rich religious and cultural history of the area. Attendees were captivated by the stunning architecture and serene atmosphere, which provided an opportunity for reflection on the spiritual dimensions of community life.

Local Engagement Presentations

Later in the day, esteemed representatives from Troianul, including the Mayor and members of the "We are Troianul" and "Împreună Pentru Teleorman" initiatives, presented local engagement strategies and community development efforts within the EU context.

Mapping the EU

One of the day's main activities, Mapping the EU, invited participants to collaboratively create a large map of Europe. Each participant marked their countries, regions, or cities, adding pins to indicate places they had visited within the EU. This interactive activity visually represented the participants' connections to Europe and facilitated vibrant discussions about travel experiences and cultural exchanges. The stories shared during this mapping activity were documented, highlighting the personal connections and experiences that shape participants' views on the EU.

Envisioning the Future

Later, participants engaged in the Eu-Future Workshop, where they painted tote bags to creatively express their visions for the future of Europe and rural communities within the EU. This workshop encouraged participants to articulate their dreams and aspirations for a united Europe, fostering a sense of hope and collective purpose.

Conclusion and Evaluation

As the kickoff meeting concluded, participants reflected on their experiences, emphasizing the importance of dialogue, cultural exchange, and collaborative envisioning in fostering Euro-engagement. The event successfully set the stage for ongoing discussions about Europe's future and the vital role rural communities play in shaping it. The WP1 - Kickoff Meeting and EU Necton Tour was not just an introduction to the project; it was a celebration of community, culture, and collaboration, paving the way for meaningful engagement with Europe's diverse future.

Outputs from the meeting:

- Roles & Responsibilities Document: <https://bit.ly/3Ymt87L>
- Presentations of the organizations: <https://bit.ly/4hCVgfZ>
- Eu Body Program Feedback: <https://bit.ly/48oEs88>
- Mapping the EU conclusions: <https://bit.ly/3C2a5rT>
- Agenda & Info-pack: <https://bit.ly/3Ut2h9b>

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