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GREENEU

6th MEETING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATHIENOU (CYPRUS)

21/11/2023 – 24 /11/2023

MINUTES

WP7: WE ALL ARE EUROPE

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING THE MEETING:

- *Ayuntamiento de Dolores (Spain).*
- *Município de Amarante (Portugal).*
- *Comune di Cervia (Italy).*
- *Dimos Agias(Greece)*
- *Drustvo Za Razvijanje Prostovoljnega Dela Novo Mesto (Slovenia)*
- *Opcina Kalnik (Croatia)*
- *Municipality of Athienou (Cyprus)*
- *Godollo Kornyeiki Regionális Turisztikai Egyesület (Hungary)*

OBJECTIVES:

- Increasing awareness about the role of each citizen in the green transition
- Learn about how to involve youngsters in civic life and green initiatives
- Increasing skills and knowledge for contributing from local level to the European strategies
- Dissemination of strong messages about Green transition and the future of Europe

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES TAKEN PLACE

The GREENEU Project event held at Athienou Municipality aimed to foster collaboration among various stakeholders, to promote civic participation, governance and environmental initiatives. The target groups involved included policy makers, NGOs and local stakeholders, emphasizing a collective approach to sustainable development.



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Day 1 – Tuesday 21/11/2023

- Throughout the day, arrival of members at Larnaca airport (Cyprus).
Transfer to their hotel.

20:00: Welcome Dinner at “ATHIENO” restaurant in the town centre

Day 2 – Wednesday 22/11/2023

- The participants arrived without any problem at the place of the meeting.

9:30: Official registration of the participants.

9:45: The participants registered and then there was a welcome speech in the Town Hall from the Mayor of the Municipality of Athienou, Mr. Kyriakos Kareklas.

10.00: WORKING SESSION 1: Participative Session

Working Session 1 focused on participative dynamics with policy makers, NGOs and local stakeholders.

Participants engaged in dynamic discussions aimed at fostering civic participation and effective governance. Through participative dynamics, attendees, including policy makers, NGOs and local stakeholders, shared insights and perspectives on key issues. Topics of discussion ranged from community involvement in decision-making processes to the role of local initiatives in promoting sustainability. Interactive activities at Athienou Gymnasium provided a platform for collaborative problem-solving and idea generation.

Participants actively exchanged experiences and strategies, laying the groundwork for future cooperation.



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11:30: Coffee break

During the coffee break, attendees had the opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and rejuvenate for the upcoming sessions. The atmosphere buzzed with lively conversations as participants gathered around steaming cups of coffee and tea. It was a valuable interlude, allowing individuals to recharge and forge new connections within the conference community. As colleagues mingled and shared experiences, the coffee break served as a dynamic space for collaboration and camaraderie amidst the day's discussions and presentations.

11:45: Activities at Athienou Gymnasium

Activities at Athienou Gymnasium aimed in engaging participants in interactive sessions.

The activities at Athienou Gymnasium were meticulously designed to foster active participation and engagement among the participants through interactive sessions. Various methods such as group discussions, brainstorming sessions, role-playing exercises and hands-on activities were employed to encourage collaboration and idea generation. Participants were encouraged to share their perspectives, experiences and insights on topics related to civic participation, governance and sustainability. The interactive nature of these sessions not only facilitated knowledge exchange but also promoted networking and relationship-building among the attendees. Additionally, the use of multimedia presentations, visual aids and interactive technologies enhanced the learning experience, making the sessions both informative and enjoyable. Overall, the activities at Athienou Gymnasium provided a dynamic platform for participants to actively contribute, learn and connect with one another in pursuit of common goals.





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13:30: Lunch at the Constantineleneio House for Adults

15:30: Coordination Session by the Lead Partner

A coordination session by the Lead Partner was done by the representatives of the Lead Partner, who presented once again the common Google drive folder for saving all documents created in the Project. Participants were informed that they should keep travel invoices, etc. The issue of the platform, where the documents required by the European Commission to be uploaded (minutes, list of participants, reports, etc.) was discussed.

16:30: Free time.

19:30: Dinner at “Charoulla’s Tavern” in the town centre

Day 3 – Thursday 23/11/2023

- The participants arrived without any problem at the place of the meeting.

9:30: Official registration of the participants.



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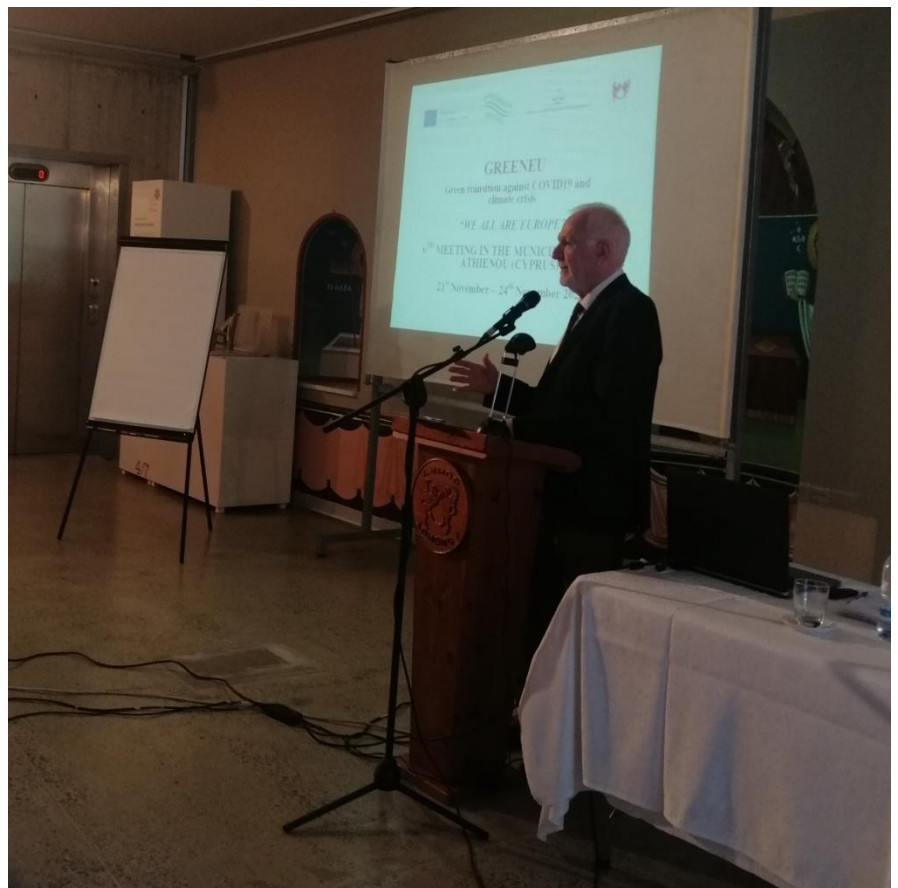
9:45: Presentation

There was a presentation of the Kallinikeio Municipal Museum, by the Curator Mrs Noni Papoui.



10:15: Presentation

Afterwards, the Mayor of Athienou Mr. Kyriakos Kareklas made a small presentation about the Good Practice of Volunteerism of Athienou and the URBACT Transfer Networks “Volunteering Cities” and “Volunteering Cities+”.





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10:45: Coffee break

11:00: WORKING SESSION 2: Street Action/Visit to various points of interest in Athienou

The action on the street was combined with a tour of various points of interest in the Municipality of Athienou, where the participants had the opportunity to talk to residents and interact with them, as well as to spread messages of the Project to them. The participants were asking the people at the public stores and the cafes to guess the country they were coming from and if they understood the reason of the program. Through these creative expressions, participants effectively communicated the goals and objectives of the GREENEU Project, fostering public engagement and support. The street action not only showcased the project's impact but also demonstrated the power of community involvement in driving positive change.





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13:30: Lunch at the Constantineleio House for Adults

15:30: WORKING SESSION 3: Open Workshop

The open workshop provided a platform for sharing and exchanging best practices in engaging youth in local initiatives. Participants discussed innovative approaches to involve young people in environmental and community projects, emphasizing the importance of youth empowerment and leadership. Presentations highlighted successful youth-led initiatives from various regions, inspiring attendees to explore new strategies for youth involvement in their communities. Through lively discussions and interactive workshops, participants identified opportunities and challenges in engaging youth, paving the way for collaborative efforts to harness the energy and creativity of young people towards sustainable development goals.



17:00: Evaluation of the meeting in Athienou was done and strategic plan for the future steps in the project.

17:30: End of the meeting and then free time.

19:00: Farewell Dinner at “Foti’s Tavern” in the town centre



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Day 4 – Friday 24/11/2023

- After breakfast, all groups of participants were transferred to Larnaca airport to get back home.