

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - CNS – Confcommercio Nord Sardegna
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	4
Event name:	Local Meeting 2
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Nonza, Stuttgart, Olbia, Alcorcon (Madrid)
Date(s):	8/6/2024 (Fr), 18/6/2024 (Sp), 26/6/2024 (Ger), 11/7/2024 (It)
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.epf-cerv.eu/project/project-activities/">https://www.epf-cerv.eu/project/project-activities/</a>
Participants	
Female:	31+25+17+30
Male:	5+21+16+14
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [France]:	33
From country 2 [Germany]:	46
From country 3 [Italy]:	44
From country 3 [Spain]:	36
Total number of participants:	159
From total number of countries:	4
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The second meeting of EPF was focused on women's civic participation. In four sessions, held in Nonza, Stuttgart, Sassari and Alcorcon (Madrid), 159 participants have joined the conversation on this topic.</p> <p>The first session was organised by the University of Corsica and took place on Saturday 8th of June 2024, in a special and very suggestive location: the gardens of Corsica Luce, at the feet of the bastide built in 1860, in the small village of Nonza, situated on the west coast of the region of Cap Corse. His</p>	

particularity is that the village stands on a cliff overlooking a large black beach. It is located at a 20 km distance from Saint Florent and 33 km from Bastia, one of the main cities of Northern Corsica.

The event, hosted by Julie Canarelli of Corsica Luce, an organisation engaged in promoting artistic expression and creation on the island by offering multidisciplinary programming, allowed to four women engaged in politics to witness their experience in the island political and social dynamics. The responsible of the project Sébastien Quenot had reunited Anne-Laure Santucci, Maria Guidicelli, Annette Pieri and Josepha Giacometti-Piredda whose political affiliations differ from each other but all of them share an important element: the engagement.

In fact, "the important thing is to fight in order to defend what we believe in, at different scales. When you believe in what you do, you have a place" declared Maria Guidicelli, previous member of Corsica's council and architect of Padduc (plan d'aménagement et de développement durable de la Corse).

Thanks to the specialist in Gender anthropology, Caroline Torres, the public could improve his knowledge about women's political history. She affirmed: "We had to wait until 1945 to see women voting in France. And moreover, at the beginning it was not a free right, because women were often influenced by the husband or the priest, they had to vote what the main figure of the family or the community used to tell them".

The special moment of this local meeting, i.e. the day before the European elections, let the speaker to reflect on current events, like the election campaign run by Valérie Hayer, leader of the government party.

However, what emerged out of this reflection is that a woman engaged in politics in Corsica, representing what she is, what she desires and what she can do in her surroundings, is possible. The important is to show by acting that women are an asset (Maria Guidicelli).

And yet, all the participants agreed about the fact that when a woman decides to be involved in politics, then family life is sacrificed. Josepha Giacometti-Piredda admitted that she had been supported by her family during her six years' experience by saying "a family life in parenthesis". Or, in addition, "the political engagement is an engagement for the others" (Anne-Laure Santucci).

The second session was held in a training room at the SSF headquarters in Alcorcón (Madrid) on 18 June 2024, organized by SSF and CCSI, who welcomed the participants at the beginning. A total of 36 people attended, including mainly professionals working with women in vulnerable situations and representatives from the Alcorcón City Council. The event addressed civic participation, with a special focus on people in vulnerable situations, particularly those with disabilities, as women with disabilities face a double vulnerability in civic participation.

During the event's dissemination phase and recruitment of participants, professionals from the Alcorcón Municipality Disability Technical Committee requested the inclusion of an introduction to the CERV Call, where the EPF project is framed. In response, the event facilitators from SSF and CCSI introduced the topic, highlighting the promotion of active citizenship and civic participation as key aspects of EU-funded programs.

The event facilitated the exchange of experiences and best practices among attendees regarding the promotion of civic participation and the encouragement of gender equality as a cross-cutting theme.

The EPF project, along with its multimedia materials and the CALL4CREATORS initiative, were very well received and appreciated. All representatives from the organizations were encouraged to disseminate the Call and motivate content creation among their users. The topic of women and disability was highlighted as particularly important to address.

Finally, the participants were invited to continue discussing the positive aspects of the event and inclusive participation over refreshments and feedback from some participants about the event was collected through recorded interviews. *"From the event, I take away the testimonies of the people who participated about the concept of participation, which is sometimes very abstract."; "The event has taught me how to collaborate with other entities from Europe and to enrich ourselves culturally and in every sense."; "There is a lack of people with disabilities at this type of event."; "I loved the event; I am taking away a lot of new knowledge that I am now processing."*

It is noteworthy that the positive and multiplying effect of the local EPF events was evident, as the catering was provided by a migrant woman who had been a user of SSF's socio-labour orientation service and one of the guests at the first local meeting in Madrid.

On June 26, 2024, ITKAM organized the third session at the Königin-Katharina-Stift Gymnasium in Stuttgart. The event, moderated by the organizer, focused on the topic "Female participation and engagement in politics" and saw the participation of two classes of students between 16 and 17 years old.

The meeting started with ITKAM's introduction of the project EPF and its objectives, including a brief analysis of the current situation in terms of female representation in politics overall Europe. Afterwards, the students were invited to participate in an interactive quiz (on the platform Mentimeter) where questions on the most famous female role models in Europe and in Germany were asked.

The presentation of Miss Selin Akin followed, spokesperson of the "Dachverband der Jugendgemeinderäte Baden-Württemberg e.V.", the umbrella organisation of youth councils in the region of Baden-Württemberg. She talked about her own experience as a young woman engaged in politics and about the main challenges she and her peers have faced along this path. Moreover, she

stressed how important it is for young people (girls but also boys) to take part in their community and social life, to directly address such challenges and create a more respectful society.

At the end of her presentation, she invited the students to share their own experience and to ask any questions related to women representation and political engagement.

The last session of the local meeting took place on July 11 at 10.30 at the headquarters of Confcommercio Nord Sardegna – Olbia. The event opened with institutional greetings from the President of the Association, Comm. Sebastiano Casu followed by a brief introduction to the project, the speakers, and the moderator by the Director of Confcommercio, Alberto Marrone. The moderator, Caterina de Roberto, Deputy Regional Coordinator of Giulia - Giornaliste Unite Libere Indipendenti Sardegna and Head of Service of L'Unione Sarda, presented data on women in the world of politics, with a specific focus on the territory of Sardinia.

To the round table participated Sabrina Serra, Deputy Mayor of the municipality of Olbia, Ivana Rassa, group leader of the PD of the Municipality of Olbia, Cristina Usai, Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Arzachena.

The debate, the exchange and the ideas deriving from the round table make us reflect a lot on how much there is still to do in terms of access to the political and social life of women, but it is increasingly clear (the numbers prove it) that there is an ever-increasing attention on the part of women in this world with the ambition and desire to play a social role in order to make women's voices heard.

From interactions with the public present, it appears that this is a process that has already begun, but which still sees many limitations and obstacles.

The meeting ended with a networking aperitif, which was a further opportunity for discussion between the speakers, the moderator, and the participants.

All the sessions ended with a short presentation of the Eurojustice survey, inviting all the attendees to participate and answering the questionnaire.

#### HISTORY OF CHANGES

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