



EUDEM

**Strengthening
Democratic Resilience
Across Europe**

Consortium Meeting
online 16/04/2024

The CERV-2023- CITIZENS-CIV PROGRAMME

CERV aims to enhance civic and democratic engagement in the EU by promoting **citizens' participation** in the democratic life of the Union, encouraging public **exchange of views on EU actions**, and supporting civil society's involvement **in fostering a democratic, inclusive, and rights-based community**.



Responsibility of Partners (beneficiaries)

Implementation and Compliance:

Beneficiaries must implement the project as outlined in the agreement, using appropriate resources and retaining accountability, even when delegating tasks to affiliated entities or other participants.

Joint Technical Responsibility: They share collective responsibility for the project's technical execution. If a partner fails in their duties, others must ensure completion of these tasks without additional funding.

Financial Accountability: Partners are accountable for their financial contributions and are subject to specific recovery rules if financial discrepancies occur.

Ethics and Confidentiality: Partners must avoid conflicts of interest, maintain confidentiality of sensitive information, and adhere to ethical standards and EU values.

Data Protection: They are required to comply with data protection laws, ensuring secure handling of personal data.

Visibility and Communication: Beneficiaries must ensure EU funding visibility, provide accurate project information, and include a disclaimer regarding the independence of expressed views.

Project Structure

The Problem:

- The EU faces challenges such as **democratic backsliding**, youth disenchantment, social polarization, and the erosion of civil society democratic space. These challenges undermine EU unity, solidarity, and effective governance.

How the Solutions Will Be Attained by Project Activities:

- **Engage citizens**, CSOs, community leaders, policymakers, and marginalized communities in participatory events to enhance democratic participation and social cohesion.
- **Participatory Methods**: Organize 12 work packages including in-situ and online events across Europe to address specific issues like democratic resilience, youth engagement, and integration of Ukrainian war migrants.
- **Capacity Building**: Equip participants with skills in participatory democracy through practical training sessions.
- **Innovative Tools**: Employ AI tools to enhance inclusivity and gather extensive citizen input.
- **Sensemaking and Harvest Events**: Analyze outcomes, distill insights, and inform policymaking to respond to challenges effectively.

The Impact of the Project:

- Increased awareness of human rights and EU values.
- Strengthened democratic participation and societal engagement.
- Enhanced capacity of citizens to effectively communicate with policymakers.
- Contribution to EU policy insights and long-term democratic resilience.

Budget

- Advance payment of 60% of the budget. 40% paid at the end of the project.



IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW

1) Quality Standard templates:

- Registration form
- Reporting
- Evaluation
- Presence form
- Online/paper Feedback forms etc

2) Participant's selection process and Media

- **Selection of participants:** diversity, equality, targeting various age groups, genders, backgrounds and location (rural/town).
- Standard communication format and content organization
- Diverse communication channels, targeted outreach, and collaboration with community groups will ensure inclusivity and diverse audience.

3) Info to participants

- topics, agendas,
- Logistics
- background information,
- ethics,
- gender policy,
- accessibility,
- privacy
- data collection,
- non-discrimination, and inclusivity.

4) One day standard participatory event methodology:

- A) Participatory Leadership (AOH),
- B) Non-Violent Communication (NCPD) - Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue), and
- C) Conference on the Future of Europe (COFOE) design.

5) Reporting includes:

- Methodology to select participants, ethics, gender and inclusivity measures, and risk mitigation
- The participatory methodology implemented including the script and timetables,
- Documentation sent to participants
- **Monitoring and evaluation** of the activities mentioning any difficulties encountered and measures to overcome them.

6) Consortium ensures throughout the project activities: Ethics, gender policy, equality, accessibility, privacy, data collection, non-discrimination, and inclusivity.

Structured Participatory Methods:

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Participatory Leadership (AOH): Utilizes dialogue, facilitation, and co-creation to address complex democratic challenges, **fostering open dialogue and idea generation.**

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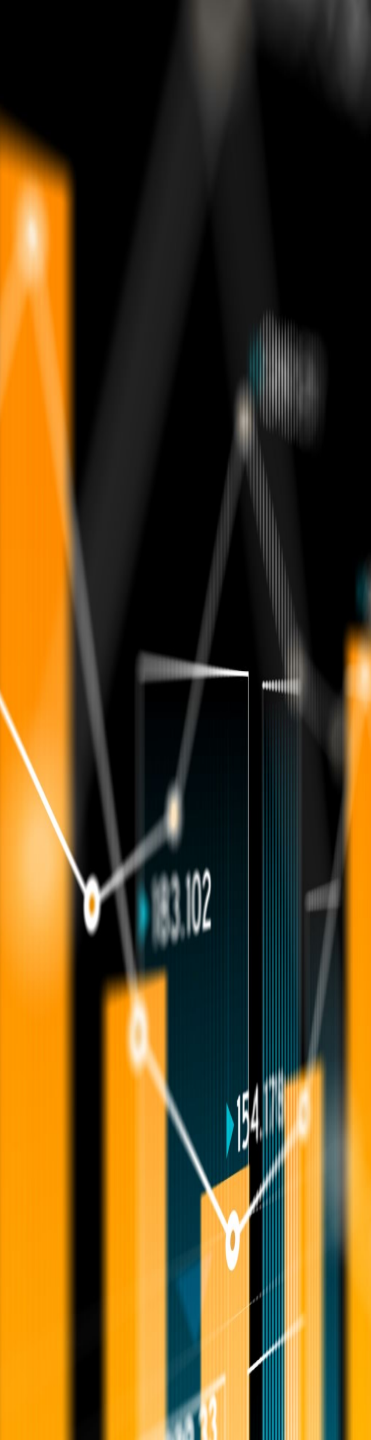
NCPD Method: Engages divided or stressed communities in structured dialogues to **discuss critical issues like discrimination and governance**, aiming to build trust and renew cooperation.

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Conference on the Future of Europe (COFOE): Structured to **provide clear, tangible results** usable by participants and policymakers, enhancing the dialogues with **structured small group deliberation** for deep, meaningful exchanges.

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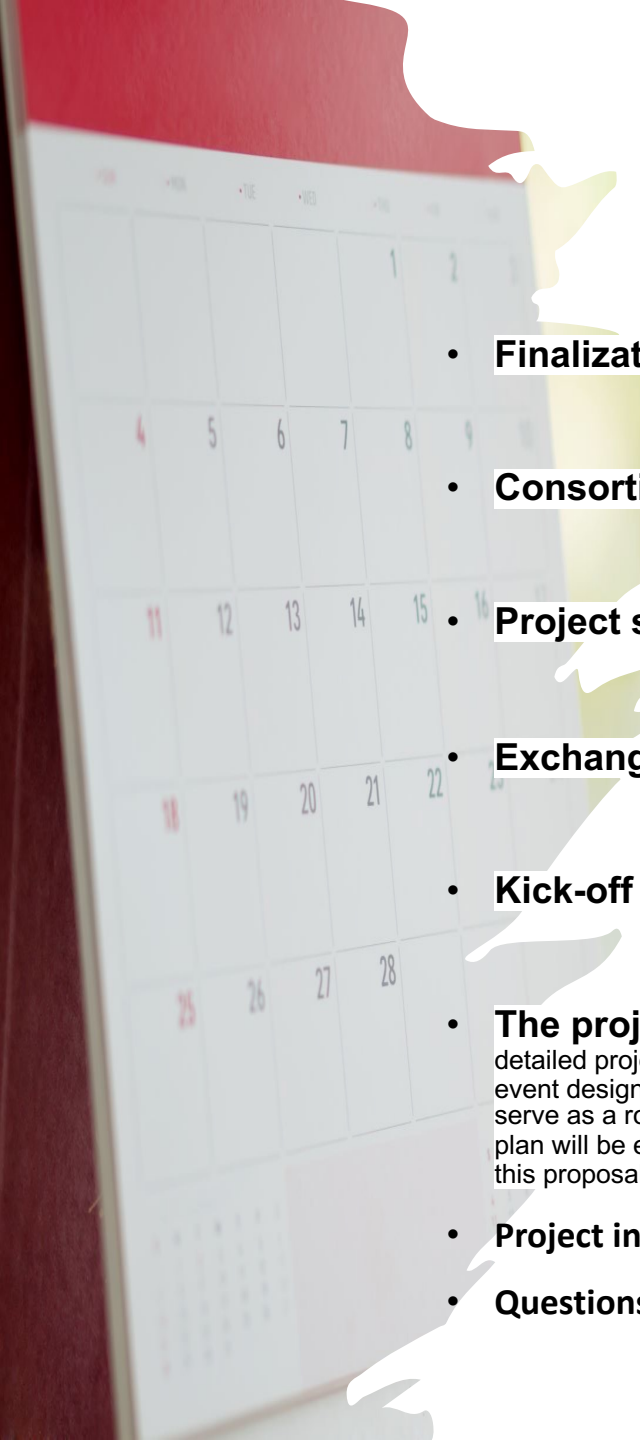
AI Digital Survey Tool (Pol.is) – 2 Online events only: Enhances broad participation, using data-driven insights to identify common themes and divergent opinions, **facilitating a comprehensive analysis and inclusive discussion** across European citizens.



Monitoring and Evaluation Measures

- **Quantitative and Qualitative Indicators:** assess outreach and impact.
 - Quantitative: Metrics such as event attendance and online engagement (local and EU).
 - Qualitative: Includes direct interviews, in-person feedback, reflections, insights, and recommendations and online feedback surveys to ensure consistent quality across events.
- **Gender-Responsive Indicators:** Integrated into the evaluation strategy to address gender equality and non-discrimination.
- **Overall Evaluation Process:** Continuous monitoring and regular data collection to track progress and make necessary adjustments to optimize events impact.

Save the date

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- **Finalization of the Budget - ASAP**
 - **Consortium agreement (send to partners before the start of the project)**
 - **Project starts: 1 August**
 - **Exchange of information/documentation to prepare for the Kick-off: During August**
 - **Kick-off meeting date proposal: September 3rd - 5th or 10th - 12th**
 - **The project initial planning (kick-off):** To ensure effective planning and control, during the first consortium meeting the consortium will implement a detailed project plan outlining the specific objectives, timelines, and responsibilities for each activity. It will also define the content for standard documentations, common event designs, templates for reports, general project quality standards and audit criteria and participants selection criteria and risk mitigation processes. This plan will serve as a roadmap for the entire project, guiding the implementation of events and activities to ensure they align with the project's overall objectives. An implementation plan will be elaborated to follow up gender, ethical and inclusivity issues in all events as well as a contingency plan to deal with project possible risks as stated already in this proposal.
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