**Short description of the project's results**

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Despite the extraordinary case of COVID-19, the consortium managed to implement all planned activities, while at the same time building a good rapport with the participants. The fact that most of the participants followed many of the activities organized, serving also as multipliers to their local communities themselves is proof thereof. Especially after the Transnational Workshop & European Parliament Simulation, several participants were identified as policy makers within their Municipalities, promoting the results of the project and the key findings that were raised from their discussions with the other participating young Europeans. Overall, the project succeeded to attract 472 direct participants, young Europeans, decision makers, civil society representatives, and local authorities from the partners' countries.

This project was implemented simultaneously in 6 countries by organizing national structured dialogue activities and national workshops. Young people, civil society, local authorities, policy makers, and stakeholders of the EU participated at the workshops and discussions for the future of the EU, contributing to the Policy paper that was developed, including proposals for the support of democratic engagement, direct democracy, and youth engagement from all project activities.

Transnational conferences were also organized and a workshop in Thessaloniki acted as the closing ceremony for all stakeholders where future initiatives and actions were addressed.

As for the expected results, the project managed to increase them to great extent:

* Engagement of the participants in the project
* Understanding of the current situation and the influence of Euroscepticism
* Promotion of European values
* Promotion of active citizenship
* Promotion of the European identity
* Promotion of local authorities’ participation
* Promotion of intercultural understanding and facilitation of the communication among the participating countries
* Promotion of active citizenship and the sense of contributing to the decision-making process

We can summarize our project with the words “empower the youth for a better future” or “youth has the power”.

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### Impact and Citizen Involvement

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* Citizens’ understanding of the Union and diversity were applied by the participation of citizens with diverse backgrounds, by developing activities on social inclusion, and by discussing the future of the EU. Union policies and elections were also among the discussed themes, even though discussions followed after the new Parliament had been elected. Also, as activities were implemented using informal tools and methods, the participants practiced intercultural dialogue and enhanced mutual understanding of diversity.
* The main goal of the project was to inspire young people to engage in the political life on both the local and the European level. The project managed to activate the youth in the political life by settling the European Elections as the starting point. A structured dialogue and the interaction with decision-makers and stakeholders of the EU gave added value to the promotion of the democratic youth participation within the EU.
* The structured dialogue and the involvement of EU stakeholders, of local authorities and decision-makers to these activities provided the participants with an insight into the structures/processes of the Union. Furthermore, the participants enriched their understanding of the Union policy-making process during the preparation phase when they were given detailed information, easing their engagement at all project stages.

The project featured equal access as it was available to all European citizens between the ages of 18 and 40, experts, representatives of local associations without any form of discrimination based on sex, origin, religion, disability, and sexual orientation. 6 EU countries were involved, thus providing a balanced integration and participation of citizens and the civil society from a wide range of Member States. Transnationality and local dimension were also highlighted by tackling the issue of youth engagement within diverse societies and merging transnational and local project anticipated activities.

Concerning future endeavours, the project succeeded to strengthen the cooperation within the consortium since there was excellent cooperation during all project phases. Furthermore, participants had a leading and active role by proposing ideas and concerns for future projects and jumping into the policy-making.