## **EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

(To be filled in and uploaded as deliverable in the Portal Grant Management System, at the due date foreseen in the system.

⚠ Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)

PROJECT	
Participant:	[1] - [Association Européenne Pour la Démocratie Locale [ALDA]
PIC number:	[963194384]
Project name and acronym:	[Social Post - covid Urban Revitalization] — [SPUR]

EVENT DESCRIPTION		
Event number:	[4]	
Event name:	[Second Local Path activities: Local pilot actions for social cohesion in the neighbourhoods: planning the strategy]	
Type:	[Open Space Technology] [Focus group]	
In situ/online:	[in-situ]	
Location:	[Cormano, Italy[ [Legnano, Italy] [Cinisello Balsamo, Italy] [Etterbeek, Belgium] [Agrigento, Italy] [Vodnjan-Dignano, Croatia] [Harghita County, Romania] [Vila Do Conde, Portugal]	
Date(s):	[14/01/2025] [21/01/2025] [22/01/2025] [23/01/2025] [26/01/2025] [30/01/2025] [01/02/2025] [02/02/2025] [03/02/2025] [04/02/2025] [05/02/2025] [07/02/2025] [08/02/2025] [12/02/2025]	
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/spur/	
Participants		
Female:	210	
Male:	159	
Non-binary:	1	
From country 1 [Italy]:	152	
From country 2 [Belgium]:	65	
From country 3 [Croatia]:	53	
From country 4 [Portugal]:	50	
From country 5 [Romania]:	46	

From country 6 [Slovenia]:	2		
From country 7 [France]:	1		
From country 8 [Germany]:	1		
Total number of participants:	370	From total number of countries:	8

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Work Package 4 foresees the design of the partners' local action plans. In this work package, partners have organised local consultations in different modalities promoting meetings to involve and engage citizens, and discussion to identify potential actions. The main purpose is to launch the designing of their local action plans starting from their community needs and existing good practices and other good practices as shared during WP3.

Pilot actions have been planned by identifying a set of activities to strengthen the social cohesion and support the social "rehab" of the most vulnerable categories (i.e. social initiatives, cultural events, etc.), by identifying the resources that can be mobilised (municipality spaces, volunteers' action, crowdfunding, etc.) and that are needed for the implementation of the actions.

ALDA as the Lead Partner has provided an Action Plan (Annex A) as well as a guide for the brainstorming to guide the partners in the planning phase and the designing phase of local actions. The brainstorming has been supported by a Miro shared board, created by ALDA as a supporting material for partners. This has been made available and accessible to the whole consortium so to favour the exchange and inspiration for the local processes.

The expected results of the WP4 action are:

- Estimated number of countries (countries of residence of direct participants): 5 countries: IT, BE, PT, HR, RO
- Estimated number of individual direct participants (= number of participants in the entire event. If a participant is involved in different activities of the same event, s/he must only be counted once): an estimate of 46-47 in each pilot areas (Agrigento and Milan, Etterbeek, Harghita County, Grad-Vodjnan, Vila do Conde):

The local consultations divided for each partner have been held as described in the following sheets. Each sheet contains information on the consultations held and the participants, exploring the following topics:

## Consultation

- type of consultation and co-design techniques
- brief description of the methodology used:
- number of consultation meetings:
- brief description of how each meeting have been taken place
- Need addressed also based on the needs highlighted within the WP2
- Identification of potential economic resources needed for the implementation of the local actions (such as crowdfunding or new economic sources, etc) and/or logistic resources (in-kind valorisation of venues, facilities, etc.)

## Brief description of the participants:

- Explaining any previous collaborations and preliminary activities that you may have organized to involve them.
- Type of reaction/response to the proposed activities How did they participate in the activities?
- Describe a little the characteristics of the participants: do you think the group was balanced in terms of representing the target group? Did the moderation of the meetings require particular measures to attract attention? Did you need particular external support for the organization and facilitation?
- Are they interested in continuing the process and contributing to the realisation of the pilot activities (as defined in the action plans)?
- Any particular notes to mention

#### **General Conclusion**

Participation in the consultations conducted at local level by SPUR's partners proved to be effective both in quantitative terms, referring to the number of people reached and the target groups involved, and in qualitative terms, due to the contributions made in terms of ideas, proposals and issues raised by participants.

On the basis of the feedback collected during the consultative phase, the consortium has redacted a local action plan for each country involved in the project.

The Commune d'Etterbeek decided to focus on fostering foreign people's active involvement in civic life, especially in the political and electoral life of the Municipality, also through a better collaboration with the existing participatory entities.

The Grad Vodnjan-Dignano decided to focus on fostering an increase in the civic life of the territory both by strengthening the Municipal programs for local associations and the implementation of consultative digital platforms, and by increasing citizens' engagement in urban regeneration interventions.

The Fondazione Comunitaria di Agrigento e Trapani decided to focus on fostering young people living in peripheral areas involvement in civic life through specific activities to improve their social, physical and psychological conditions, also through urban regeneration interventions.

The Città Metropolitana di Milano decided to focus on topics tailored on the needs assessed in the three different Municipalities involved in the Projects: in Cinisello Balsamo youth aggregation through cultural activities; in Legnano intergenerational exchange through cultural and social activities; in Cormano senior citizens and people with migratory background involvement through urban gardening and intercultural exchanges activities.

The Vila do Conde Municipality decided to focus on senior citizens in vulnerable living conditions involvement in civic life through the revitalisation of common urban spaces within a social housing district in the city.

The Harghita County Council decided to focus on fostering civic engagement through the strengthening of community programs and trainings addressed especially to young people, and to a higher sustain to the existing social aggregation activities.

As a general consideration that emerges transversally from the local paths implemented within the different countries, it has to be mentioned the higher difficulty in reaching young people through the consultative process: consideration that suggests further reflections and actions to implement in order to increase young generations' participations to the civic life after Covid-19. It has to be mentioned also the specific focus on the people with migratory background's participation in civic life pursued by the Commune d'Etterbeek, which received a very positive response both in quantitative and qualitative terms

This consultative phase has been fundamental in order to address the definition of the local action plans relying on the needs' assessments conducted through the implementation of participatory methodologies (WP2) that engaged the target groups involved in the project. It has been a shared will of the consortium to collect the participants' ideas and desires by giving them voices and opportunities to express, with a special attention to the most vulnerable groups.

Metropolitan City of Milan			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[4]	[4]	
Event name:	[Second Local Path activities: Local pilot actions for social cohesion in the neighbourhoods: planning the strategy]		
Туре	[Open Space Tech	nnology] [Focus group]	
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	[Cormano, Italy[ [Legnano, Italy] [Cinisello Balsamo, Italy]		
Date(s):	[21/01/2025] [26/01/2025] [12/02/2025] [14/01/2025]		
Participants			
Female:	65		
Male:	57		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Italy]:	122		
Total number of participants:	122	From total number of countries:	1

Città Metropolitana di Milano (Metropolitan City of Milan) is a metropolitan city in the Lombardy Region, that includes 133 municipalities: the capital municipality of Milan and 132 other municipalities. The Municipalities of Cormano, Cinisello Balsamo and Legnano belong to the Metropolitan city of Milan and were involved already in the design phase of the proposal as target locations. They had already been included in the SPUR project proposal as reference areas for the pilot action in the metropolitan context of Milan.

#### Comune di Cinisello Balsamo

## Consultation

- Type of consultation and co-design techniques: FOCUS GROUP divided by target audience;
- The methodology used was a focus group, after a brief overview of the project and an introduction of all participants various questions were asked to the group and everyone was given the opportunity to have their say and debate. We organized two meetings in total. The meetings were held at the cultural center and were very interesting and engaging moments. Based on the needs highlighted in WP2, we addressed the following need: lack of cultural activities;
- Articles about the project have been published on our institutional website, and they can be consulted here: <a href="www.comune.cinisello-balsamo.it">www.comune.cinisello-balsamo.it</a>

## **Brief description of the participants:**

- The participants were happy with the initiative, and they found the meetings satisfactory
- No external support was present; the groups were homogeneous regarding the gender of the participants. No intergenerational consultations were conducted.
- They would be interested in carrying out the proposed activities.

#### Comune di Cormano

#### Consultation

Methodology: Open Space Technology

We chose to operate in two different meetings. One with a smaller audience, aimed at those approaching for the first time, with the presence of some volunteers from associations working in the neighborhood to facilitate and act as a stimulus with their interventions. And a second meeting to which people who already take part in projects in the neighborhood activated in synergy by the municipality and associations (primarily **Giardino degli Aromi APS/ETS**) were invited. After an introduction in which we explained the aims of the project, the surveys done in the summer and the outcomes of the focus groups, we launched ideas, with simple questions referring first to people's lives and then increasingly focused on possible actions to be taken, related to the needs that had come out of the focus groups, used as bases. We wrote down (in the first case with post-it notes on a whiteboard, in the second by projecting them on a canvas using a pc and video projector) the various answers given by people, then grouping them by affinity and using them for further cues/questions until we arrived at a definition of the proposal(s) that went on to form the pilot project. In the second meeting we used as starting points/questions precisely the suggestions and proposals that came out of the first meeting

The following needs highlighted in WP2 were addressed:

- A. The need extended to the various targets of relationships, and more generally the feeling of being in touch with the Community they belong to, with strong requests to the Municipality, associations and public bodies to organize more and more opportunities for socialization and stable solidarity networks.
- B. the strong need for the retired target group/and to learn the use of PCs for communication and dealing with administrative paperwork;
- C. the need for young people to be involved in the organization of initiatives that affect them and in general in "public" choices .

The pilot project should respond, with different actions, to these needs, inter-connecting people, making differences (of age, sex, origin and culture) into strengths.

Identification of potential economic resources needed to implement local actions (such as crowdfunding or new economic sources, etc.) and/or logistical resources (in-kind enhancement of venues, facilities, etc.).

The pilot project is grafted into a fabric already fertilized by two projects carried out by the municipality with some associations active in the area (first and foremost **Giardino degli Aromi ETS**, **IoSpazioAPS** and **Cormano Eventi APS**) and on two municipally owned places, one outdoor (**OrtoGiardino Condiviso del Fonrasè**), equipped with some covered spaces, one indoor (with a main hall and two small rooms) that already host activities and events aimed at citizenship, and are intended to attest themselves more and more as centers for meeting and strengthening a healthy and cohesive Community that knows how to make differences (of gender, origin, culture) a strength and not a reason for division.

The actions can rely on the contribution of volunteers willing to provide skills, time and passion. This is why some "investment" expenditures (whether in terms of purchases such as a good lawnmower and a laptop computer, or in terms of acquiring skills, such as courses) can then give long-lasting effects without more economic investment (or with slight economic investments bearable with small side activities (establishment of a small refreshment stand at festivals, or by making fixed contributions.

An article about the process has been published on our institutional website, and it can be consulted at this link: <a href="www.comune.comano.it">www.comune.comano.it</a>

#### Brief description of participants:

Interaction with associations was important for the involvement of neighborhood residents and, especially, those already approached in past proposed activities, who, in many cases, were themselves important in involving friends, compatriots and neighbors.

Participation was very active, with more than half of those present taking action. In general, the mood was one of enthusiasm for the opportunity to be a protagonist and to have a say and see one's wish come true

The group in the end proved to be quite balanced in terms of gender, a good group of over 65 (and also over 75) and families. The almost total lack of very young people led to the exclusion of actions aimed directly at this target group from the discussion.

The presence of some volunteers from the associations facilitated the work, both because they intervened at times when there was a risk of prolonged pauses, which can induce embarrassment and

interrupt the flow of solicitations, and because they brought the discussion back into the right groove when some intervention diverted into topics that had no relevance.

From their attitude and enthusiasm, we anticipate great participation in the pilot project actions outlined by the participants in the meetings.

#### Comune di Legnano

#### **Consultations**

Paths of listening and participatory planning with citizens/young people and adults, oriented to the conception, sharing, discussion, planning and programming of socio-cultural initiatives to be carried out in the library and in various places in the city of Legnano, from the center to the suburbs, in which culture and reading become a tool for social aggregation and community social welfare. Paths capable of creating relationships, intergenerational exchange between adults, young people and children, for the construction of a city with and for citizens, suitable for everyone.

The consultations related to the SPUR project, in the wake of the participatory paths that have been ongoing for three years in the Legnano Civic Library, were anticipated by a call open to all citizenship, published in the institutional communication channels (web portal, social channels, newsletter, press), to which about fifty people adhered.

The meetings, which lasted about two hours and concluded with a convivial coffee break, were based on a very fruitful and stimulating intergenerational exchange among the participants, in which all citizens were able to express themselves, facilitated by creative techniques such as the use of post-it notes on flip charts, encouraged by a general climate of listening and attention. At an early stage of the meeting, the moderator (Dr. Buia Selene, head of the library) indicated the purpose of the consultation and then proceeded with the sharing of ideas and proposals, fully developing the stages of inspiration and ideation typical of participatory paths, with a reference to the techniques of design thinking. Aspects related to the feasibility of the proposals and their sustainability over time were evaluated.

The three general group meetings were followed by other subgroup meetings, organized independently, in order to more concretely and operationally develop ideas and proposals, intended for the implementation of the project's pilot action.

A number of typical community needs emerge from the various consultations: from the need for relationships, to strengthening the climate of trust, mutual exchange, dialogue, and knowledge, in line with what emerged in the focus group held in October with another sample of citizens of various ages and backgrounds. What also emerges is the need to feel "an active part" in the process of building a more citizen-friendly city, with a specific focus on enhancing and strengthening the cultural life of the city's outermost neighborhoods through actions aimed at reaching various age targets, from children to adults.

#### Brief description of the participants:

The group is very heterogeneous, in terms of cultural background, age and work and life experiences. It is constantly evolving and growing, exchanging and transversal, now strengthened and motivated by the meetings and participatory planning experiences undertaken over the past years in the library and the many activities/initiatives carried out by the excellent results (in terms of quality and audience participation). The use of social groups (WhatsApp and Facebook and Instagram pages) certainly facilitates the good climate of exchange, discussion and enthusiasm.

Each individual, young and adult, participates with the simplicity of his or her own characteristics and skills, putting his or her abilities to use and putting themselves out there to learn new ways of relating to others.

Fundamental, however, has also been the role of the facilitator in stimulating conversations, motivating the group, and supporting the implementation of engaging events of particular interest to the community. The group, over time, has increasingly become a hotbed of ideas that has expanded its activities by creating a network of contacts of fundamental importance for the future of the community, developing various projects. No external support was needed for the organization, as we relied on the facilitator's own participatory planning skills, coupled with the great willpower of the participants, which made everything unfold guite naturally.

Commune d'Etterbeek (Etterbeek), Belgium			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[4]		
Event name:	Brunch in'Etterbee	ek	
Туре	Brunch + world Ca	afé	
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	[Etterbeek, Brussels]		
Date(s):	[01/02/2025]		
Participants			
Female:	42		
Male:	25		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Belgium]:	65		
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	2		
Total number of participants:	67	From total number of countries:	2

We organized a brunch featuring a World Café for foreigners living in Etterbeek. Our goal is to encourage greater participation of foreigners in municipal life and local democracy, as we recognize that they often feel excluded.

#### Consultation

We organized a Saturday morning brunch to create a welcoming space for everyone. To make the event more inclusive, we also set up a kids' corner, which proved to be a great success—30 children participated, highlighting the need for such initiatives among isolated parents.

The main objective of the brunch was to host a World Café discussion to better understand the needs of foreigners in our municipality. Participants explored three key questions:

- 1. How can we improve the arrival experience for newcomers in our municipality?
- 2. What activities can we create to support them?
- 3. How can we better engage foreigners in municipal life and local democracy?

We aim to organize an event every month, except during the summer. We strive to offer a variety of activities, including cultural events, sports, conferences, and social cohesion initiatives.

In this case, we hosted a brunch in one of our community spaces, which made the organization easier. A volunteer looked after the children, and we provided several games from our toy library to keep them entertained.

The brunch attracted many citizens, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It provided an opportunity for people from different backgrounds to connect, share their experiences, and express their needs. During the World Café discussions, participants contributed a wealth of ideas and reflections, offering valuable insights on how to improve the integration of foreigners in our

municipality. Their input will help shape future initiatives, ensuring that our community becomes even more inclusive and responsive to the needs of all its residents.

We hired a catering service to provide food and drinks for the event and coordinated with municipal workers to help serve and welcome citizens. Their support was essential in creating a friendly and well-organized atmosphere. Additionally, a volunteer was on hand to look after the children, ensuring that parents could fully participate in the discussions.

To facilitate the World Café, we prepared all the necessary materials, including a flip chart for brainstorming and note-taking. We also ensured that all dining essentials were available, making the brunch both practical and enjoyable for everyone.

To evaluate whether the implementation of our pilot activities aligns with our initial objectives, we can use a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods. Based on the brunch and World Café event, here are some potential tools and approaches:

## 1. Co-Designing Indicators with Participants

Since the event aimed to foster integration, gather insights, and strengthen community bonds, we could involve participants in defining success indicators. For instance, during the World Café, we could include a discussion on:

- What would make them feel more included?
- What changes would they like to see as a result of these discussions?
- How would they measure a successful initiative?

#### 2. Measuring Engagement & Participation

- Attendance Metrics: Number of participants (including adults and children) as an indicator
  of community interest.
- Diversity of Participants: Tracking representation from different backgrounds to ensure inclusivity.

## 3. Feedback & Qualitative Insights

- **Post-Event Surveys**: Asking participants if they felt heard, whether they found the event useful, and if they would attend future gatherings.
- Informal Discussions: Gathering spontaneous feedback from attendees during and after the event.
- World Café Outputs: Analysing the ideas and reflections shared to identify recurring themes and actionable suggestions.

## 4. Follow-Up Actions & Long-Term Impact

- Implementation of Ideas: Tracking whether the suggestions from the World Café lead to concrete municipal actions or policy changes.
- Sustained Participation: Observing whether attendees continue to engage in future events or initiatives.

#### 5. Practical Considerations

- Ensuring all necessary materials (flip charts, writing tools, etc.) are available to facilitate structured discussions.
- Evaluating logistical aspects (venue, catering, childcare) to improve organization for future events.

By combining these methods, we can assess whether the event achieved its goal of fostering dialogue, identifying needs, and strengthening social cohesion in the municipality.

An article about the project has been published on our institutional website, and it can be consulted here: <a href="etterbeek.brussels">etterbeek.brussels</a>

#### Brief description of the participants

We launched this initiative in Etterbeek in 2021 with the aim of creating a space for foreigners to connect, engage, and contribute to the local community. Since then, we have consistently welcomed new arrivals and have continued to recruit foreigners to join us in various activities, fostering a sense of inclusion and belonging.

Over the years, we have organized a diverse array of events and activities designed to highlight the rich culture and opportunities within our municipality. These include thought-provoking conferences, inspiring exhibitions, guided tours of local shops, and visits to Etterbeek's cultural heritage sites. We also offer a variety of sports events, which provide a more active way for participants to engage and socialize.

Each event tends to attract different groups, depending on the nature of the activity. For example, some events may appeal more to families, while others attract individuals interested in cultural enrichment or sports. Despite this variation, we have observed that some participants tend to attend more regularly than others, forming a core group that actively contributes to the success of our initiatives.

This diversity in participation helps us tailor our future events and ensures we continue to engage with all members of our community. We're excited to keep growing this initiative, as it has proven to be an effective way of building connections and providing valuable experiences for foreigners in Etterbeek.

At the event, we had a greater number of women (42) compared to men (25), although this isn't always the case for every event. One of the most rewarding aspects was the diverse age range of attendees, as the event was open to people of all ages. We were pleased to see a broad spectrum of participants, including babies, children, teenagers, young adults, adults, and elderly citizens, all engaging in the activities together.

Moreover, we were proud to have 26 different nationalities represented (country of origin), which speaks to the inclusivity and reach of our initiative. This diversity not only met, but exceeded, our objective of creating a truly multicultural environment. The event served as a powerful reminder of how our community can come together, regardless of age or background, to share experiences and build connections

Allemagne	3
Belgique	3
Brésil	2
Cameroun	1
Chili	1
Colombie	2
Croatie	1
Espagne	3
Finlande	1
France	6
Grèce	2
Guinée	1
Inde	7
Italie	11
Maroc	2
Pakistan	1

Pays-bas	1
Pologne	3
Portugal	6
Roumanie	3
Slovenie	1
Slovénie	3
Suède	3
Tchéquie	2
UK	1
USA	2

The citizens seem to have a strong interest in continuing the process and contributing to the realization of the pilot activities, as defined in the action plans. The participation at our events, such as the brunch and World Café, demonstrated a clear enthusiasm for engaging in initiatives that promote inclusion and community cohesion. Many participants expressed a desire to stay involved and contribute further, offering valuable insights during the discussions.

The diversity of nationalities and ages present at the events indicates that there is a broad interest in being part of ongoing activities. Additionally, the recurring attendance of certain participants suggests a commitment to staying engaged and contributing to the success of future initiatives.

By involving participants in co-designing the indicators and gathering their feedback, we can ensure that they feel invested in the process and that their contributions help shape the development and implementation of the pilot activities moving forward.

Fondazione Comunitaria di Agrigento e Trapani (FCAT), Italy			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	4		
Event name:	Second local path	- Villaseta Social Library	
Туре	World cafè		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	[Agrigento, Italy]		
Date(s):	[07/02/2025] [08/02/2025]		
Participants			
Female:	13		
Male:	20		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Italy]:	30		
From country 2 [Croatia]:	1		
From country 3 [France]:	1		
From country 4 [Germany]:	1		
Total number of participants:	33	From total number of countries:	4

During the implementation of the activities foreseen in Work Package 4 (WP4) of the SPUR project, the city of Agrigento hosted the "Second local path" through the Community Foundation of Agrigento and Trapani. This pathway was developed through co-design events with citizens, with the objective of giving continuity to the analysis of needs that emerged in the previous local pathway and to elaborate concrete solutions for the wellbeing of the community.

Two main events were organised, which were attended by a total of 33 people.

An article about the consultation process has been published on a local newspaper, and it can be consulted here: <a href="www.agrigentooggi.it">www.agrigentooggi.it</a>

## Event 1 was attended by 22 participants. Event 2 was attended by 11.

The format of the local consultation consisted of three phases: a preliminary phase, a first phase analysing the needs gathered in WP2, and a second phase dedicated to co-designing solutions.

In the preliminary phase, each event opened with a presentation of the project and its aims, providing useful contextual information for participants who had not taken part in the previous local pathway. Icebreakers and facilitation practices were also used to foster an inclusive climate and stimulate active participation.

The first phase of the events focused on needs analysis using participatory tools such as the problem tree and objective tree. This approach enabled participants to become more aware of the needs already identified and analysed in Work Package 2 (WP2). Subsequently, the participants collectively discussed their prioritised needs through a democratic discussion process. The phase ended with a collective vote, which made it possible to select the most relevant needs to be explored in the next phase.

The second phase, structured according to the World Café methodology, allowed participants to co-design concrete solutions for each of the selected needs. Through thematic working tables, the group elaborated ideas and proposals, defining activities, expected results, success indicators and necessary resources, in line with the objectives of the second local pathway.

The organisation of the events described below was facilitated by the synergies and collaborations established during the First Local Path of WP2. In particular, both events were hosted by two local realities: the Social Library of Villaseta, managed by the TTT Association, and the co-working space Immagina.

The events were well attended due to the interactive approach based on discussion of perceived needs, constructive dialogue and application of co-design techniques.

Participants showed a strong interest in continuing the project path, expressing a willingness to follow the next steps and contribute to the development of concrete actions for the territory.

#### Event 1 - Agrigento, 07/02/2025

The first event took place on 7 February 2025 at the Social Library of Villaseta, a suburb of Agrigento. Participation was mainly by young people aged between 18 and 35.

The needs addressed during the co-planning tables using the World Café technique were:

- Reducing the situations that lead to anxiety and stress disorders among young people (first table)
- Reducing information overload and balancing online/offline life (second table)

The resources identified as potentially useful for the implementation of the local solutions were:

- Local bar/pub open and accessible to the event format and already frequented by the youth target group: (Scaro, Gazza, Atenea 90) and other places like Social Library oof Villaseta.
- Organisers
- Experts on the theme (psychologists, artists, ) and volunteers
- University with trainees in social service and pedagogy subjects
- Crowdfunding
- Public funding
- Sponsor (business activities interested in achieving the community goal)
- Expertise of those who have an association.

The event was co-organised with the TTT Agrigento Association and was implemented entirely by the Community Foundation of Agrigento and Trapani (FCAT), which guided participants through the use of facilitation tools and structured presentations.

The events were promoted through various communication channels, including:

- word of mouth on messaging platforms;
- contacting participants involved in WP2;
- publication of posts on social media and local media websites;
- use of Google Forms to collect registrations.

#### Event 2 - Agrigento, 08/02/2025

The second event took place on 8 February 2025 at Immagina, a co-working space located in Agrigento. Participation involved a heterogeneous audience in terms of age, fostering an intergenerational approach to discussing problems and co-designing solutions.

The needs addressed during the co-planning tables using the World Café technique were:

- Cultivating hope for the future and reducing economic uncertainty (first table)
- Enhancing relations and community cohesion (second table)

The resources identified as potentially useful for the implementation of the local solutions were:

- Cultural associations: Freaks, garden beach
- Bars/pubs: Scaro, Immagina, Biomelograno
- Crowdfunding
- Abandoned green areas
- Schools: Elementary, middle, high school, ITS-Istituto Tecnico Superiore Sicani
- Farms hiring migrants
- Counsellors and other mindset professionals

- Municipality Announcement Office Design professionals

The event was co-organised with Immagina and implemented entirely by the Community Foundation of Agrigento and Trapani (FCAT), which facilitated the active involvement of participants through the use of facilitation tools and structured presentations.

Grad Vodnjan - Dignano (GV-D), Croatia				
EVENT DESCRIPTION				
Event number:	[4]	[4]		
Event name:	[Secon Local Path	1]		
Туре	Working meetings			
In situ/online:	in-situ			
Location:	[Vodnjan-Dignano	[Vodnjan-Dignano, Croatia]		
Date(s):	[22/01/2025] [23/01/2025] [30/01/2025] [02/02/2025] [03/02/2025] [04/02/2025]			
Participants				
Female:	36			
Male:	16			
Non-binary:	0			
From country 1 [Croatia]:	52			
Total number of participants:	52	From total number of countries:	1	
Description				

During the implementation of the activities foreseen in Work Package 4 (WP4) of the SPUR project, the City of Vodnjan-Dignano hosted the "Second local path".

Second local path is organized through 6 events, attended by a total of 52 people which are conceived as a sequential continuation of the previous community focus groups.

Based on the information gathered during the previous local path, the objective of this local path is to unite all community stakeholders through joint or complementary activities and interests, in order to achieve greater results for both themselves and the community.

Furthermore, this initiative also contributes to achieving another outcome for the City of Vodnjan, namely, the collection of information from stakeholders regarding the spaces needed within the city area that could be utilized as municipal assets. The goal was to determine the spatial needs of each stakeholder and identify areas of overlap, thereby enabling the development of a spatial programming study for the revitalization of the old Astra space owned by the City, which requires renovation and new content to be revitalized

During the first two events, individual meetings were organized with various active stakeholders in the Vodnjan area to collect their insights on the integration of diverse community stakeholders, potential issues and opportunities that might arise, as well as their spatial needs. Based on their responses, we refined the questionnaires for larger stakeholder groups, thereby establishing an initial framework for further discussions.

During the remaining four events, the schedule of working sessions was as follows:

- The SPUR project was introduced, outlining its objectives, desired outcomes, and the
  expectations for participants.
- Additionally, an update on the achievements of the previous local path was provided.

Subsequently, we launched an interactive session using the Mentimeter application. Mentimeter facilitates real-time interaction with a large audience in an engaging manner—participants respond to predefined questions via their mobile devices, and each response is immediately displayed on the presentation. This immediate visualization allows for prompt reading and discussion of the answers, enabling all participants to see others' contributions and fostering dialogue, while saving valuable time that would have otherwise been spent on individual presentations of opinions.

Target groups were active citizens, associations, entrepreneurs, city departments, educational institutions, cities enterprises and citizens councils.

Additionally, we held a workshop with children of the Elementary school Vodnjan-Dignano (4th grade) to gain insight into how they perceive the city from their perspective—what they like, what they don't, what they feel is missing, and what activities they would like to have after school.

The workshop began in the classroom, followed by a city walk where the children took notes on their observations and suggested solutions to various urban issues. They realized that if each of them stood in the same place and looked in the same direction, they would all see different things. This highlighted both the uniqueness of each individual and the challenge of meeting the needs of every resident in the city.

After the walk, the children created artwork depicting what they would like to see in the city and what they would prefer to avoid. The exhibition of their work was held on the second day of the event, on February 19, 2025.

An article about the project has been published on our institutional website, and it can be consulted here: www.vodnjan-dignano.hr

Judetul Harghita (HARGHITA), Romania			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	4		
Event name:	WP4 – Second Lo	cal paths	
Туре	World Café		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	[Harghita County, Romania]		
Date(s):	[03/02/2025] [04/02/2025] [05/02/2025]		
Participants			
Female:	23		
Male:	23		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Romania]:	46		
Total number of participants:	46	From total number of countries:	1

The organised events aimed to engage the primary target group consisted of elderly individuals and stakeholders involved in elderly-focused activities, as well as young people and stakeholders engaged in youth-related activities in a structured consultation process, ensuring their active participation in shaping the pilot activities. The consultation focused on strengthening local engagement and the World Café method was employed to foster creative and collaborative discussions. The target group consisted of individuals aged 18-29 (young people), 60+elders and local stakeholders involved in elderly-focused activities and youth-related activities. The majority of participants were engaged through previous project activities of the WP2 – survey and focus group discussions –

Within the period of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 a total of three consultation meetings were held, each lasting between 1,5 to two hours, allowing for in-depth discussion and interactive engagement as follows:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025: Target group elderly individuals and stakeholders involved in elderly-focused activities.
- 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Target group young people and stakeholders engaged in youth-related activities.
- 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Target group young people.

The consultations aimed at strengthening local engagement, focusing on increasing participation in community activities, through addressing the following four questions to the participants: 1. What inspires/motivates you to participate in community activities or initiatives? 2. What barriers prevent people from becoming more involved in community activities?, 3. If you could design one initiative/activity to improve the community, what would it be? What was the best community event you've ever attended and why?

The participants response to the activities was largely positive, they were actively engaging in discussions and contributing valuable insights as follows:

Elderly participation in community activities

#### Motivations for Community Participation

For seniors, the main attractions of community activities include: the ability to feel useful, programs which bring structure into their life, sense of security and the opportunity for learning and self-improvement. They highly value the sense of community, maintaining social connections, and the organization and accessibility of events. Physical activity, curiosity, rejuvenation, and volunteering also play a significant role. Additionally, grandchildren and friendships can serve as motivating factors for participation.

## **Barriers to Participation**

Participation is often limited by uncertainty and fear, which have been reinforced by the pandemic and misleading media information. Many elderly individuals experience self-imposed isolation, particularly widows, and some seek excuses (e.g., financial difficulties, fear of judgment). Other obstacles include event overload, activities that do not align with their interests, health conditions, accessibility issues or lack of proper communication of the events.

With regards to their event preferences, they highlighted the following: Silver Academy, Silver Festival, excursions, cultural events, and events which ensure the possibility of meeting other elders, thematic programs/presentations.

The key takeaways from the discussion are:

- engaging seniors requires tailored initiatives that foster social connections and offer a sense
  of community and meaningful engagement, provide value, and are easily accessible to
  them
- there is an increasing demand for skill-development lectures, and cultural programs organized within local communities.
- effective communication channels are also crucial.

#### Youth:

Motivations for Community Participation

- young people are primarily drawn to new experiences, opportunities for growth, and events that are both entertaining and enriching.
- networking, friends' opinions and experiences, and the sense of belonging are crucial factors in their engagement.
- interactive events, programs supporting personal and professional development, and cultural
  or recreational activities are more possible to be attended by them.
- the way events are communicated, as well as their topic relevance and appeal, strongly influence participation.

#### Barriers and Challenges

- comfort-seeking habits, the dominance of the online world, event "overload" reduce willingness to participate in physical events.
- lack of timely and effective event communication, along with social media algorithms, impacts awareness of community activities.
- work and study commitments often make it difficult to find time for participation.
- uncertainty, lack of self-confidence, and absence of familiar company can deter young people from joining.
- financial constraints can be a barrier, especially for paid events, but participation depends more on the topic of the event.
- FOMO Fear of Missing Out: strong fear that others are having meaningful experiences
  without us. At the first hearing it sounds more a motivation than a barrier for joining
  community activities. But according to the participants of the World Café it could be
  considered both a motivation and a challenge.

With regards to their event preferences, young people highlighted:

- personal and professional development: financial and entrepreneurial workshops, self-awareness and psychology-related lectures, professional conferences, and training programs.
- entertainment and leisure: festivals, concerts, sports events, board game and quiz nights, dance evenings.
- community and cultural programs: volunteer activities especially social volunteering, traditional and heritage-preserving events, cultural evenings (theater, cinema).
- interactive events: workshops, debate nights, creative and arts and crafts activities, digital skills development programs.
- nature and physical activities: hiking, sports championships, survival camps, tree planting.

The key takeaways with regard to engaging young persons in community activities are:

- better communication and promotion: providing timely and targeted information through social media and other modern channels.
- organization of flexible and interactive events: allowing participants to join or leave freely at their convenience.
- tailoring events to different audiences: considering various age groups and interests when designing programs.

Many participants expressed interest in continuing their involvement in the implementation of the pilot activities. They demonstrated a willingness to contribute expertise and community mobilization efforts towards realizing the proposed interventions.

Municipio de Vila Do Conde (VILA DO CONDE), Portugal			
EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	4		
Event name:	Auscultation for a	ctivities	
Туре	Brainstorming and	l quizzes	
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	[Vila Do Conde, Portugal]		
Date(s):	[15/01/2025] [21/01/2025]		
Participants			
Female:	31		
Male:	18		
Non-binary:	1		
From country 1 [Portugal]:	50		
Total number of participants:	50	From total number of countries:	1

Based on what was collected during the initial questionnaires (WP2), activities were pre-designed, with the support of external entities, namely health, sport and PACD\_VC, a project that encompasses several initiatives aimed at active and healthy aging.

A meeting was held between the technicians responsible for SPUR, the social housing technicians who are part of the municipality and the PACD coordinator and the project manager of the active and healthy aging axis of that same project, in order to combine synergies and take advantage of the good practices and replicate some activities with the target groups of the SPUR project.

Contacts were subsequently established with other partner entities, particularly in the areas of health and sport.

Given the different results obtained in the needs assessment, we tried to filter which activities the population preferred. Thus, the target group and the general population of the space where we intend to implement the pilot activities were consulted in order to vote for the activities that aroused the most interest. Each person could vote on three activities. The questionnaire was chosen due to the fact that we did not obtain great participation from participants in collective meetings. However, 3 consultation meetings were held with the focus group, two on 15.01.2025 and one on 21.01.2025. There were 50 participants.

In terms of spaces and resources, we identified a currently unused space, owned by the Vila do Conde City Council, located in the middle of a Social Neighborhood (Farol). Given that it is a large, glass-enclosed space with the necessary basic resources (adapted toilets), it will be the space chosen to promote local pilot activities. In order to make existing entities in the community known, partnerships will be attempted with them so that they can promote the chosen activities.

Some instruments will be created to evaluate the sessions aimed at participants, but adherence will also be evidence (photographs and attendance records).

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

# Annex A





## SPUR – SOCIAL POSTCOVID URBAN REVITALIZATION

Project ID: 101138715 CERV PROGRAMME

# WP4 - Second Local Path activities: Local pilot actions for social cohesion in the neighborhoods. Testanning the strategy

#### WHAT?

Work Package 4 foresees the design of the partners' local action plans. In this work package, partners will organise local consultations in different modalities promoting the meeting and discussion between the target groups and the stakeholders to identify potential actions and to start the designing of their local action plans starting from their community needs and existing good practices and other good practices as shared during WP3.

Pilot actions will be planned by identifying a set of activities to strengthen the social cohesion and support the social "rehab" of the most vulnerable categories (i.e. opening and running a youth centre, creating a social gardening, itineration dinners, cultural events in the evenings, etc.), by identifying the resources that can be mobilised (municipality spaces, volunteers' action, crowdfunding, etc.) and that are needed for the implementation of the actions.

#### HOW MANY?

Each local pilot will involve 46-47 stakeholders for a total of 230 participants

DELIVERABLE



















Each partner has to fill out its own Event Description Sheet (EDS), following the template available in <u>SPUR shared folder/WP4</u> in each of your

## To be Annexed:

- agenda based on the following template WSPUR\_Agenda of the Local Path meeting.docx
- Attendance List template here
- At least 2-3 pictures for each meeting
- WHEN?

Until February 2025 // We submit the request for extension to the Officer to postpone the deadline of D4.1 from January 31st to February 28th

## **WP4 ACTION PLAN**

Period	Activities	By WHEN?	Useful Resources
Mid november - mid december	Internal brainstorming regarding WP4 and the design of their local action plans	4th of December	This Action Plan     The <u>shared CANVA</u>
5th of December 2024	7th Steering Committee		1) Agenda 2) Minutes
Mid november - 20th of December	Fixing a date for the support meetings	5th of December	Poll <a href="https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dGgGNwJd">https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dGgGNwJd</a>



















	Calendar of partners' local consultations (to be held in early 2025)	20th of December	Brainstorming CANVA     Meetings
23rd of December - 6th of January	Holiday closures		
Early January - Mid february* // *TBC - We submitted the request to the Officer to postpone the deadline of D4.1 from January 31st to February 28th	Implementation of local consultations: use of civic engagement techniques (such as world cafè), public events, etc.		
Mid february* // TBC - We have submitted the request to the Officer to postpone the deadline of D4.1 from January 31st to February 28th	Closure of local consultations and identification of local action plans		☑ D 4.1 EDS - SPUR EDS event descriptio
	Filling the EDS 4.1 on the Second Local Paths activities	Each partner should fill and/or send their completed EDS 4.1 by 24th of February*	
	Filling the D5.1 on the Report on pilot actions	Each partner should fill and/or send their completed D5.1 by 24th of February	■ D5.1 - Report on pilot action plans - temp…



















Mid/end of february WP5 - International event All partners participation DATES TBC - Grad-Vodjnan













