

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - GLOBSEC (GLOBSEC)
PIC number:	960870361
Project name and acronym:	“Towards Democratic and Inclusive Europe: EP Elections and Active Citizens Participation and Contribution”— EUact2

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	1
Event name:	Project Launch Event “Democracy in the EU amid Poli-crisis: Perceptions from across Europe”
Type:	Seminar/debate
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Slovakia, Bratislava
Date(s):	19 October 2022
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.globsec.org/what-we-do/events/democracy-eu-amid-poli-crisis-perceptions-across-europe
Participants	
Female:	14
Male:	11
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Greece]:	5
From country 2 [Slovakia]:	13
From country 3 [Bulgaria]:	1
From country 4 [Ireland]:	4
From country 5 [Italy]:	1
From country 6 [Austria]:	1
From country 7 [Czechia]:	1
Total number of participants:	26
From total number of countries:	7

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

This event, held of 19 October 2022, looked at democracy in Europe today, given the complicated context of the Russian war in Ukraine. The speakers, including Noelle O Connell, Executive Director, European Movement (EM) Ireland; Spyros Blavoukos, Head, Arian Condellis European Programme; ELIAMEP; and Sebastian Schäffer, Managing Director, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM); as well as the participants engaged in a lively discussion based on a few initial questions:

- What is the state of democracy across Europe today? Where are the citizens?
- How can crises be used as a democracy-strengthening impetus?
- What are some good practices across the EU? What have we learnt from the Conference of the Future of Europe and other participatory formats?
- Defending democracy versus democracy on the offence: Is there a difference?

During the discussion, speakers addressed how they assess the state of democracy, whether or not the values upon which the EU has been built are still strong, and what are the main challenges to democracy in Europe, while keeping in mind European citizens as a vital part of democratic, open and inclusive Europe.

The event began with welcoming remarks and after each main speaker a debating space was opened for all participants to engage. The participants included representatives from public administration, NGOs, former politicians, academia and diplomats.

On the sidelines of the event a ½ day partners coordination meeting was held as well.

HISTORY OF CHANGES

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