

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Kielce (KIELCE MIASTO NA PRAWACH POWIATU)
PIC number:	938303602
Project name and acronym:	"Cities 4 YOUth - Next Generation (C4YOU - NEXT GEN),

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	6		
Event name:	Cities 4 Youth Event In Kielce		
Type:	International mobility, hosting of a youth event and multicultural youth festival		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Kielce, Poland		
Date(s):	February - April		
Website(s) (if any):	https://cerv1.webnode.page/work-package-6/		
Participants			
Female:	114		
Male:	91		
Non-binary:	2		
From city 1 [Starachowice]:	9		
From city 2 [Kielce]:	175		
From city 3 [Alzira]:	5		
From city 4 [Faenza]:	6		
From city 5 [Valongo]:	5		
From city 6 [Pissouri]:	7		
Total number of participants:	207	From total number of countries:	5
Description			

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The WP6 event of the project „Cities for YOUth – Next Generation” was implemented in Kielce, Poland, from 23 to 27 March 2026, coordinated by the Municipality of Kielce, and included a transnational study visit, institutional meetings, networking activities, a Youth Festival, and a Youth Initiative implemented under a single work package. The event brought together young people, representatives of municipalities, youth organisations, schools, and local authorities from Poland, Cyprus, Spain, Italy, and Portugal, strengthening European cooperation and facilitating the exchange of good practices in youth participation and local youth policy.

The event began with organisational meetings dedicated to the presentation of the project, its objectives, work packages, expected results, implementation timeline, reporting procedures, financial management, monitoring activities, and internal coordination among project partners. Partner organisations introduced their missions, local activities, and experiences in implementing youth participation initiatives, creating a common understanding of the project's goals and strengthening cooperation within the international partnership.

A key objective of the study visit was to explore different approaches to local youth policy and democratic participation. Participants visited the Kielce City Hall, where they met with representatives of the Municipality of Kielce, including the Mayor of Kielce, Agata Wojda. During the meeting, participants discussed the city's youth policy, mechanisms supporting youth participation in local governance, and the role of local authorities in creating opportunities for young people to engage in civic and community life. The exchange enabled participants to compare experiences from partner countries and identify examples of good practices that could be transferred to their own local contexts.

The programme also included meetings with the Kielce Youth City Council and the Świętokrzyskie Youth Assembly, providing participants with practical insight into youth representation structures operating at municipal and regional levels. Discussions focused on cooperation between young people and public authorities, youth-led initiatives, civic engagement, volunteering, and methods of involving young people in public decision-making processes. These exchanges contributed to the development of recommendations for strengthening youth participation across partner countries.

As part of the study visit, participants visited Urban Lab Kielce, an innovative youth-oriented space supporting creativity, social innovation, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. The visit showcased practical examples of youth-focused programmes, participatory design processes, educational workshops, leadership initiatives, and opportunities available for young residents to actively shape their local environment. Additional networking visits with educational institutions and youth stakeholders strengthened cooperation between municipalities, schools, and civil society organisations working in the field of youth policy.

The educational programme was complemented by study visits to regional cultural and educational institutions, including the Manor House of the Chęciny Starosts and the Leonardo da Vinci Science Centre. These visits promoted learning through cultural heritage, science, and interactive educational methods while encouraging reflection on European identity, local history, and innovation.

An important part of the programme was the preparation of the Youth Festival through workshops introducing the Oxford-style debate methodology and collaborative work in international groups. Participants jointly developed arguments and discussion topics related to opportunities and challenges for young people living in small and medium-sized cities, strengthening their critical thinking, communication, and teamwork skills.

A central public activity of the WP6 event was the Youth Festival, organised at the Nicolaus Copernicus School of Economics in Kielce, which gathered local students together with international participants, youth workers, municipal representatives, and partner organisations. The festival included a World Café focusing on ecology, disinformation, social activity, democratic values, and active citizenship, an Oxford-style debate entitled "Small City – Big Opportunities", exhibitions, artistic performances, and inspirational presentations devoted to youth policy and civic engagement. The festival created an open platform for dialogue between young people, educators, decision-makers, and local stakeholders, promoting active participation, intercultural dialogue, and the exchange of ideas on issues affecting young people across Europe.

The programme also included an intercultural evening, during which participants presented the traditions, culture, music, cuisine, and customs of their respective countries. This activity strengthened mutual understanding, promoted European values, and encouraged intercultural dialogue among participants from all partner countries.

As a direct follow-up to the transnational mobility, the Municipality of Kielce implemented a local Youth Initiative on 24 April 2026 at Urban Lab Kielce. The initiative took the form of an interactive meeting between young people and the Ambassador of Vietnam, creating a unique opportunity for dialogue on international cooperation, education, intercultural exchange, and youth participation. The meeting

included an open discussion and a question-and-answer session, enabling young participants to exchange views directly with the Ambassador and explore possibilities for future collaboration.

The Youth Initiative was organised as a youth-driven local activity responding to one of the priorities identified during the project implementation: strengthening European values through international cooperation, intercultural dialogue, and active citizenship. Participants discussed opportunities for educational projects, international youth exchanges, cooperation between youth councils, and cultural events promoting Vietnamese culture in Kielce. The initiative demonstrated how international partnerships can create new educational and civic opportunities for young people while strengthening mutual understanding and respect between cultures.

The meeting encouraged young people to actively engage in shaping future initiatives within their local community and strengthened their awareness of international cooperation beyond the European level. By interacting directly with a diplomatic representative, participants developed their communication skills, broadened their understanding of international relations, and gained practical knowledge about educational and mobility opportunities available to young people. The Youth Initiative therefore represented a tangible local legacy of the project, translating the outcomes of the international mobility into concrete community-based action.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	28.02.2025	Initial version (new MFF).