

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	ACTIONAID HELLAS ASTIKI MI KERDOSKOPIKI ETAIRIA (AAH)
PIC number:	931941954
Project name and acronym:	YOULEAD - Youth Leaders advocates for Greener Europe

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP19
Event name:	European training online for national students' delegations on advocacy, EU rights and climate change
Type:	Meeting
In situ/online:	Online
Location:	Austria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Slovenia
Date(s):	9.10.2023, 23.10.2023, 13.11.2023, 27.11.2023
Website(s) (if any):	ActionAid Hellas Website
Participants	
Female:	80
Male:	41
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Greece]:	21
From country 2 [Austria]:	30
From country 3 [Italy]:	32
From country 4 [Slovenia]:	17
From country 5 [Hungary]:	21
Total number of participants:	121
From total number of countries:	5
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The European training online for national students' delegations on advocacy, EU rights and climate change was realised in 4 online meetings. The workshops were organized by ActionAid Hellas in collaboration with project partners and successfully took place on the following dates:</p> <p>Monday, 09/10/2023, 15:00 - 17:00 (CET)</p>	

Title: "European Union, Climate Change Policies, and Youth Climate Advocacy"

This session delved into the European Union's climate change policies, exploring their impact and opportunities for youth advocacy. Participants gained insights into EU decision-making bodies and the stance on climate issues, including key policies like the European Green Deal and the Fit for 55 Package. A representative from the Fridays for Future youth activist movement shared her experiences, offering a firsthand perspective on youth engagement in advocating for climate-related policies.

Monday, 23/10/2023, 15:00 - 17:00 (CET)

Title: "Youth Advocacy: Fundamental Principles and Tools"

Geared towards empowering participants, this workshop provided a comprehensive overview of the fundamental principles and tools crucial for impactful youth advocacy. The agenda encompassed key topics such as grasping advocacy principles, mastering diverse tools, and constructing influential campaigns. The workshop further facilitated a hands-on experience, with participants organized into smaller groups. Here, they actively collaborated on a climate-related issue, applying the advocacy principles and tools discussed earlier to develop effective approaches for finding solutions. This practical component aimed to reinforce the application of knowledge gained during the initial stages of the session.

Monday, 13/11/2023, 15:00 - 17:00 (CET)

Title: "Seeds of Change: Youth Unite for Climate Manifesto Development"

In an interactive session, participants actively collaborated in crafting a Youth Manifesto, aiming to identify key issues and articulate collective aspirations. The session kicked off by presenting students with essential components of a manifesto and insights into considerations when preparing to draft one. To illustrate successful manifesto writing, students delved into Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic speech, "I Have a Dream."

Breaking into smaller groups, students were guided to explore the fundamental thematic components inherent in a manifesto. This approach aimed to empower students to lead in identifying these components rather than being presented with a predetermined structure. By fostering this exploration, students had the freedom to design the manifesto's structure based on their collective ideas, ensuring a more authentic and student-driven outcome.

Monday, 27/11/2023, 15:00 - 17:00 (CET)

Title: "Nurturing Our Vision: Collaborative Refinement of Youth Climate Manifesto"

Building on the foundation laid in the preceding workshop, this session centered on the collective development of the Youth Climate Manifesto. Participants actively contributed their insights, fostering a shared vision that authentically represents the collective stance of the national student delegations. The collaborative effort focused on four key structural thematic sections:

- Identity
- Understanding the issue
- Vision for the future
- Commitment and action

To ensure inclusivity, each group made contributions to all four thematic sections, ensuring that a diverse array of ideas was incorporated. The synthesized content was then refined into a cohesive document, subsequently integrated into a survey designed to gather feedback from all students involved in the project since its initial stages. The results collected through this survey will play a crucial role in shaping the final version of the Youth Climate Manifesto.

A total of 121 attendees actively participated in these workshops, showcasing a strong commitment to understanding and advocating for environmental and climate-related issues. The workshops successfully achieved their objectives in educating, empowering, and uniting the national student delegations on vital aspects of EU policies, youth advocacy, and climate manifesto development.

Furthermore, in Italy, WeWorld organized two training sessions on Advocacy topics for teachers who participated in YouLead's debate activities. This decision arises from the teachers' request to be able to expand their knowledge to support their students' path and provide further learning tips. A total of 45 teachers participated in the trainings (these participants was not considered in the table above).