

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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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:	WP10
Event name:	Debate Contests in Greece
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Greece – Corinth, Kalamata, Athens, Rethymno
Date(s):	Corinth – 11/03/2023 Kalamata – 17-19/03/2023 Athens – 01/04/2023 Rethymno – 28-30/04/2023
Website(s) (if any):	ActionAid website
Participants	
Female:	337
Male:	166
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Greece]:	503
Total number of participants:	503
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The “You Lead” debate contests were organised between March and April 2023 in four Greek cities: Corinth, Kalamata, Athens, and Rethymno. In these debates, a total of 111 schools and 503 people successfully participated: 359 students (149 M, 210 F) competed with the support of 144 teachers (17 M, 127 F). ActionAid Hellas with the support the Hellenic Association of Rhetoric in Education, and a group of volunteers organised and carried out the debate contests.</p>	

In each contest, various forms of debates were included in order to allow for both individual and group debate contests. Debate topics were relevant to the theme of the project: climate change, green issues, civic engagement, and democratic participation.

In addition, all debate contests followed a similar programme. At the beginning of the programme, an ActionAid Hellas representative presented the "You Lead" project and the topics of the debates, i.e. climate change and democratic participation. Then, two rounds of each type of contest followed with a short 15 min coffee break in between. Finally, each event closed with the final round of each type of debate contest, which led to the winners in each category. In cases of contests spanning over multiple days, different forms of debate were divided into different days. Winners will be invited to the national debate contest (WP15).

Below, you can find details about each debate contest.

Corinth

On 11th March 2023, a You Lead debate contest took place at the Private Apostolos Pavlos School in Corinth. A total of 46 people participated in the contest, including students and teachers. The contest incorporated three different forms: Group Discussion, Spontaneous Speech, and Persuasive Speech.

Group Discussion is a group debate contest between two teams of two-to-five people each, during which the two sides must assume a specific role and debate a current issue. Spontaneous Speech is an individual debate contest, which offers the opportunity to cultivate creative expression, strengthen imagination, and boost self-confidence by allowing the contestant only about a minute to prepare a short speech that touches the audience. Finally, the Persuasive Speech is an individual debate contest during which the speaker prepares and delivers a speech intending to persuade the audience in favor or against a specific point of view. Some key debate topics include "democracy is a way of life" and "gene-edited crops should be legal."

Kalamata

Between 17th – 19th March, a You Lead debate contest took place at the School of Humanitarian and Cultural Studies, University of Peloponnese in the city of Kalamata. A total of 89 people participated in the debate contests, including students and teachers. The contests incorporated four different forms: Expressive Reading, Spontaneous Speech, Group Discussion and Persuasive Speech.

The individual debate contests took the form of Expressive Reading, Spontaneous Speech and Persuasive Speech, while the group debate contests took the form of Group Discussion. Expressive Reading is a competition based on the interpretation of a written text (poem or prose) during which the contestant must faithfully render the tone and emotion of the text in order to excite the crowd in a positive and entertaining way or by inciting anger and causing reflection. Spontaneous Speech offer the opportunity to cultivate creative expression, strengthen imagination, and boost self-confidence by allowing the contestant only about a minute to prepare a short speech that touches the audience. Persuasive Speech is an individual debate contest during which the speaker prepares and delivers a speech intending to persuade the audience in favor or against a specific point of view. Group Discussion is a debate between two teams of two-to-five people each, during which the two sides must assume a specific role and debate a current issue. Finally, the Improvisation Contest challenges teams of five to create a complete and compelling story based on the topic revealed several minutes before the contest. Key debate topics included "elections are not the best test for democracy" and "greenhouse gas emissions should be zero by 2050".

Athens

On 1st April 2023, a You Lead debate contest took place at the Ionideios School in the greater Athens area. A total of 171 people participated in the contest, including students and teachers. The contest followed the rules of a Creative Speech Competition and included both individual and group debate contests.

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Rethymno

Between 28-30 April, a You Lead debate contest took place in the Philosophy School, University of Crete in Rethymno. A total of 197 people from across the island of Crete participated in the contests, including students and teachers. The contest incorporated three forms of debate: two individual and one group.

Expressive Reading is a competition based on the interpretation of a written text (poem or prose) during which the contestant must faithfully render the tone and emotion of the text in order to excite the crowd in a positive and entertaining way or by inciting anger and causing reflection. Spontaneous Speech offers the opportunity to cultivate creative expression, strengthen imagination, and boost self-confidence by allowing the contestant only about a minute to prepare a short speech that touches the audience. Finally, Group Discussion is a debate between two teams of two-to-five people each, during which the two sides must assume a specific role and debate a current issue. Some of the key topics included “voting during elections should not be optional” and “being a vegetarian is better than being carnivorous”.

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