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| PROJECT                          |  |
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| <b>Project name and acronym:</b> | COGREENEU: European Cooperation Against Climate Change— COGREENEU      |
| <b>Participant:</b>              | ASEID- Asociación para el Empleo, la Inclusión y el Desarrollo (ASEID) |
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| EVENT DESCRIPTION                                       |   |
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| <b>Event number:</b>                                    | 1   |
| <b>Event name:</b>                                      | GREEN CHANGE FOR BETTER INCLUSION   |
| <b>Type:</b>  | Multicultural workshop about European Green Deal and sustainability in Europe                       |
| <b>In situ/online:</b>                                  | In situ- Presential   |
| <b>Location:</b>  | Spain, Alcoi  |
| <b>Date(s):</b>   | 14.06.2023  |
| <b>Website(s) (if any):</b>                             | <a href="http://aseid.es/project/cogreeneu-project/">http://aseid.es/project/cogreeneu-project/</a> |
| Participants  |   |
| Female:   | 43  |
| Male:   | 34  |
| Non-binary:   | 0   |
| From Spain (ASEID, Altea, UNED, Alcoi...):              | 52  |
| From Italy (Giosef):                                    | 4   |
| From Lithuania (Kaunas):                                | 4   |
| From Belgium (Responsible Young Drivers and 2 experts): | 6   |
| From Greece (Organosi Gi):                              | 4   |
| From Cyprus (RESET):                                    | 6   |
| From Ireland (expert):                                  | 1   |
| Total number of participants:                           | 77  |
| From total number of countries:                         | 7   |
| Description   |   |

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

This event held in Alcoi on June 14th was the central activity of the international meeting of COGRENEU project partners that took place in Spain and was organized by the consortium leader, ASEID, from June 12th to 15th, 2023. It was the WP1: Green Change for a Better Inclusion.

Under the title 'Multicultural Workshop about the European Green Deal and Sustainability in Europe', the event encompassed various activities held in a single day with the following specific objectives:

- Increase awareness about civic participation and social inclusion.
- Increase knowledge about the European Green Deal, Global Agenda 2030, and other international strategies.

For this purpose, the organization involved various entities representing civil society with the intention of fueling and enriching the debate on topics of great interest to the European Union and its citizens, such as the challenge of climate change and the importance of citizen civic participation for improving quality of life and common well-being. The proposed format contributed to stimulating an interesting debate among all participants, highlighting how cultural diversity (with representation from 7 countries) and intergenerational dynamics (with a strong presence of young people) can decisively contribute to enhancing the democratic quality of the European Union.

Throughout the day, a total of 77 individuals (43 women and 34 men) participated in the event, including participants from project consortium entities, political representatives, and technical personnel from public entities in the region, national and international university experts, representatives from the local economic and entrepreneurial fabric, as well as young people from various organizations and youth associations from different fields.

**Open debate: Inviting experts from university and decision makers, project partners will participate in a debate about Civic Participation and Social Inclusion in the current situation of Europe (Auditorium of the Centro Cervantes Joven. Between 9:00 am and 13:30 pm).**

During the morning of Wednesday, the central activity of the COGRENEU launch event took place. It consisted of a panel of experts and an open debate entitled "Green Change for a Better Inclusion". This activity was open to the public, and representatives of the Alcoi city council, as well as young people from the city, participated.

The event began with the official welcome by Inma Sancho, Local Development Agent of the Mancomunitat de l'Alcoià (commonwealth of Municipalities) i el Comtat, and Francisco Expósito, president of ASEID and representative of the Alcoi Chamber of Commerce. After the official presentation, the panel of experts began with a detailed explanation by Mr. Jordi Silvestre (Vice-Mayor of Environment in the City of Alcoi) and MR. Oscar Rico, the environment technician from the Alcoi City Council. They explained the local strategy of Alcoi about green transition and specifically, they shared the good practice "Alcoi BioUP" project, about green renaturalization of parks, public spaces and dry rivers in the urban area of Alcoi. This project is an innovative project that was granted by European Funds and specifically consist on two main pillars: an participative process for civic education and development of new green projects and an integrated plan to be implemented by the following years including several areas of implementation.

After this conference, it took place an open debate with experts on Agenda 2030. Counting on invited experts from the UNED's Chair of Equality and Agenda 2030 in Dénia (National University of Distance Education) - Raquel Martí, Esther Souto, and Àngel Pérez. These three experts shared with participants their point of view about European and Global green strategies and how to adapt into local environments. At this regard, all of them count on a long experience participating in research projects about urban agendas and Agenda 2030 observatory. The experts offered some of the main keys in legislation, implementation of sustainable public policies, Agenda 2030, Urban Agenda, and sustainable actions in local environments. It was very interesting the ecological approach exposed by Mr. Angel Pérez who explained about environmental impact, civic participation and definition of integrated strategies. Participation in this debate was very dynamic by all participants.

Open debate with experts about European Green Challenges and Civic Participation. We counted on the participation of 2 international experts, who were invited for being with us during this WP. Mr. Wessel Badenhorst (Ireland), an expert in civic participation and integrated urban development and founder of Urban Mode Ltd who is also Lead Expert in URBACT program (European Union Program for Urban Development), and Luk Aerts (Belgium), an expert in climate adaptation, energy transition, and environmental policy at the University of Leuven, who counts on a long experience in European programs like Horizon 2020. During their joint intervention, they offered some keys to encourage the collaboration of local agents and stakeholders

(civic participation) in revitalizing urban environments and promoting social inclusion. They made a dynamic intervention that started from global challenges to local challenges, including local examples from different parts of the world (South Africa, New York, Dublin, Barcelona, etc.). After the interventions, all participants were very much encouraged to participate. The activity ended with brief conclusions on the topics discussed and participants were invited to take part in the afternoon intercultural workshop.

**Multicultural workshop: Multicultural workshop about European Green Deal and sustainability in Europe. (Urban gardens of the Alcoi City Council. Between 4:00 pm am and 6:00 pm).**

On Wednesday afternoon, the Multicultural Workshop was organized in the Urban Gardens of Alcoi. This is also a green initiative developed by the City Council of Alcoi that can represent an inspirational examples of other European cities. At this regard, the participants visited one of this important green initiative carried out in the city of Alcoi in recent years to revitalize urban environments, promoting ecological transition, and foster social inclusion and civic participation, especially for elderly people. This initiative is the urban and ecological gardens located, in this case, next to the city's train station.

The Multicultural workshop started by a small visit of the Urban Gardens and the explanation of this green project by the Mayor of Alcoi, Mr. Toni Francés and Vice-Mayor of Civic participation, Ms. Teresa San Juan. They welcomed the partners and briefly explained the urban gardens project, including its history and how it born from a proposal of citizens of Alcoi. After this introduction, the participants visited the facilities: gardens, chicken coop, composting area, tool room, etc.

After this, the Multicultural workshop about the European Green Deal and Sustainability, held in the same garden, in which three of the experts who had participated in the morning panel discussion (Àngel Pérez, Luk Aerts, and Wessel Badenhorst ) facilitated working groups on three topics: Agenda 2030, Green Deal and Sustainable Mobility, and Green Deal and Inclusive Transition. Offering some key concepts, the participants had to make their contributions to work towards these common objectives from a local perspective. At this workshop joined also some representatives from different cultural associations of Alcoi and its area, for example, JOVEMPA (Federation of Young Entrepreneurs), Teamworking Youth, Enredados de Alicante or Senyal Wow.

This activity was held in the Urban Gardens that the Alcoi City Council has established in various public spaces within the city. This location was chosen due to its particular relevance to the theme, as it represents a project directly linking citizen participation (since all citizens who wish to do so have access to the gardens) with providing a solution to increasing cities' resilience to climate change, promoting sustainable practices, and utilizing urban land for ecological activities. This initiative is also a green project developed by the Alcoi City Council that can serve as an inspiring example for other European cities. In this way, participants visited one of the most significant initiatives carried out in the city of Alcoi in recent years to revitalize urban environments, promote ecological transition, and foster social inclusion and citizen participation, especially for the elderly.

The format used was the "world café" dynamic, a well-known approach for civic participation and idea exchange. Participants were divided into groups, considering the cultural and age diversity present, and discussed all the main topics. For about 90 minutes, they reflected on their own realities in their immediate environment, generating new ideas and projects to address the identified challenges, connecting local perspectives to global issues. All ideas were collected using sticky notes and discussion panels, and after a general conclusion, they would be synthesized into an infographic.

**Dissemination links about the WP1:**

<https://www.aramultimedia.com/aseid-inaugura-el-proyecto-europeu-cogreen-eu-en-alcoi>

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| HISTORY OF CHANGES |                  |   |
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| VERSION            | PUBLICATION DATE | CHANGE  |
| 1.0                | 01.04.2022       | Initial version (new MFF).  |
| 2.0                | 06,09,2023       | Second version. Correcting mistakes and following project officer advice. |
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