

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	[1] - [OBSHTINA DEVNYA] ([Devnya])
<b>PIC number:</b>	[911645383]
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	[Circular economy for a sustainable Europe] — [EU4EARTH]

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
<b>Event number:</b>	[1]		
<b>Event name:</b>	[Circular economy for a sustainable Europe]		
<b>Type:</b>	[Conference]		
<b>In situ/online:</b>	[In-situ][online]		
<b>Location:</b>	[Bulgaria], [Devnya]		
<b>Date(s):</b>	[10-12 Octobre 2022]		
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://devnya.bg/section-137-content.html">https://devnya.bg/section-137-content.html</a>		
Participants			
Female:	88		
Male:	72		
Non-binary:	1		
From country 1 [Greece]:	84		
From country 2 [Malta]:	50		
From country 3 [Italy]:	18		
From country 4 [Estonia]	9		
Total number of participants:	161	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The world is on the brink of imminent climate change, which is already affecting all of us, whether we realise it or not. More and more atypical phenomena are being observed, and human activity is one of the main factors contributing to rapid climate change. This is the reason why society is at the heart of the change, in order to limit the negative consequences that will result in a multitude of consequences for the population, especially among less developed countries.</p>			

For years, one of the municipality's priorities has been to work to reduce humanity's negative footprint on nature, and the capabilities of modern technology allow us to use and implement various methods and systems that result in zero emissions and waste. However, this in turn is a very complex and labour-intensive process that encompasses all areas of our lives and the economy. Understanding this, we have been working for years with employers in the municipality as well as individual citizens to find solutions to reduce, as a result of human activities, pollutants.

We have developed various projects to improve energy efficiency in buildings, improve green spaces, tree planting campaigns, waste management projects, but we still have a lot of work to do in this area.

One of the important elements for a successful struggle is to involve civil society and SMEs, because we need change to embrace all of us, from individuals, small organisations, to the public administration and large enterprises, to one of the options for quickly tackling humanity's adverse impact on nature, namely, the introduction of a circular economy.

Making the project happen has helped us get closer to our goal. We were able to engage civil society with the problems that each of us causes directly or indirectly, drawing attention to the possibilities of the circular economy and the role of society in its implementation. There are many examples and successful practices of its introduction in the world with many proven benefits, but still a very large part of the population does not pay enough attention to the problems it causes with its consumption and waste management, and to the possibilities of the circular economy.

The project involved experts who shared international experiences and opportunities for the introduction of circular economy, discussed with the public the possibilities, benefits and the need for the recent introduction of different models, the problems and fears among different groups - citizens, administrations, SMEs, NGOs, etc. The possibilities of implementing the latest measures and the importance of the participation of the whole civil society in achieving successful circular economy methods.

Through the implementation of the project, we were able to bring together representatives from different organisations and civil society in a three-day conference that took place in early 10 - 12 October 2022. In the town of. This contributed to engaging civil society with the problems that each of us creates directly or indirectly, drawing attention to the opportunities of the circular economy and the role of society in its implementation. During the event, guests from 5 different countries from Europe, representing 7 regions, took part, namely - R. Italy from the municipality of Foiano di Valfortore, R. Malta - the municipalities of Birgu and Garb, R. Greece - NGO - "International Centre for Sustainable Development" from the Municipality of Ioannina, and from the Municipality of Agia, R. Estonia - NGO - EEsty - "People to people". An online room and live streaming of the event was also organized for those who were worried to physically participate in the event or were prevented.

The project team organized the three-day event, which was held in the city of. The project was supported by a team of partners. The program and the topics were detailed, presentation materials were prepared and information about the event was disseminated in the digital space and among the partner network of each of the applicants.

The planned three-day event (conference) succeeded in creating conditions for free discussion between citizens, organizations and experts in different fields on predefined topics, divided into different panels.

All partner organisations and their experiences in the field of circular economy were presented, topics for discussion were raised, in which invited experts and guests took part, different issues were addressed and experiences that could be used by the organisations were shared.

In order to reach a wider audience, the conference was also broadcast online on a virtual platform. This was in order to allow all those who, due to fear or inability to physically attend the event, were able to participate.

Dividing the panels into specific areas and including an online link helped us to enable a wider range of people and experts to take part and reduce inconvenience as well as risk to people's health.

Presentation materials were prepared by each of the project partners for the event - a visual presentation of their good practice and experience, as well as good examples that could be replicated in different locations.

After the end of the discussion part, a visit was organized to several enterprises in the municipality, where the participants were able to see some of the latest innovations and implemented innovations in local enterprises. In this way, some of the successful projects in the field of circular economy and the opportunities for cooperation and experience multiplication were seen in practice.

Last but not least, the programme included a visit to local cultural sites and an introduction to the ancient history of the city. An important part of EU society is getting to know the cultures and bringing the different nations closer together to improve understanding and create lasting relationships within the community.

At the end of the project a cooperation agreement was signed between the Municipality of Devnya (Bulgaria) and the common Foiano Di Valfortore (Italy), with which we continue our work after the completion of the project activities.

Thanks to the help provided, we were able to realize a wonderful three - day event, which managed to bring together representatives from 5 different countries and 7 regions and which has the potential to have laid the foundation for many other activities, dissemination and implementation of different practices. We have established a new partnership and found many new friends with whom we will continue our struggle to implement different types of policies and activities for the implementation and promotion of circular economy in different regions.

Date	Program
Monday – 10.10.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 09:00 - 09:30 - registration;</li> <li>- 09:30 - 10:00 - welcome speech - Mr. Shitov - Mayor of Devnya Municipality;</li> <li>- 10:00 - 10:40 - presentation of the understanding of circular economy, its importance, successfully implemented measures in the field of circular economy of the municipality of Devnya;</li> <li>- 10:40 - 11:10 - Presentation by the Municipality of Foiano Di Valforte - Italy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 11:10 - 11:30 - Coffee break</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 11:30 - 12:00 - Presentation by the Municipality of Agia - Greece;</li> <li>- 12:00 - 12:30 - Presentation by the International Centre for Sustainable Development - Greece;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12:30 - 14:00 - Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 14:00 - 15:30 - Debate on Circular Economy in our daily life and the role of civil society in its implementation and the possibilities to limit the negative consequences of our consumption;</li> </ul>
Tuesday – 11.10.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 09:00 - 09:30 - gathering of participants</li> <li>- 09:30 - 10:30 - Presentation of the Cyclone air purification tower project for urban air purification and the possibilities for its implementation in urban life;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10:30 - 11:00 - Project presentation - introduction of innovative biostimulants in agriculture to ensure sustainable crops and improve yields;</li> <li>- 11:00 - 11:20 - Coffee break;</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 11:20 - 12:45 - Debate on Circular Economy in municipal and district public administration;               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12:45 - 14:00 - lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 14:00 - 15:30 - Debate on the Circular Economy and the problems faced by disadvantaged people, opportunities for support and mitigation of negative environmental processes.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15:30 - 16:00 - Presentation of gifts to guests;</li> <li>- Free program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Wednesday – 12.10.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breakfast at the hotel;</li> <li>- 09:30 - 12:00 - visit to local enterprises that have successfully implemented circular economy practices (Devnya Cement, Solvay Sodi, Agropolichim)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12:00 - 13:30 - lunch</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 13:30 - 15:00 - visit of local cultural sites</li><li>- Group photo and send-off of guests;</li><li>- Free program;</li></ul>
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VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).

