

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Project n°	101215432		
Event name:	WP1 Town Twinning Meeting		
Type:	Activities organized: Working group, Interactive Seminar, public workshops, round table, exchanges of best practices, discussions and debates, visits of the territory to develop an active citizenship and to foster interactions between the citizens' involved, Networking, Reflection Group and Final evaluation.		
In situ:	In situ		
Location:	San Filippo del Mela		
Dates	From 7 to 12 October 2025		
Website:	https://www.comune.sanfilippodelmela.me.it/		
Participants			
Female:	82		
Male:	79		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Portugal	26		
From country 2 Bulgaria	19		
From country 3 Malta	15		
From country 4 Spain	9		
From Country 5 Hungary	27		
From country 6 Italy	65		
Total number of participants:	161	From total number of countries:	6
International Participants	96		
Local Participants	65		
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
<p>The Municipality of San Filippo del Mela (Italy) promoted a Town Twinning titled "Think Green – Be Green. Together for a healthier environment". The activities were held from 7 to 12 October 2025 in Sicily with the participation of different European municipalities coming from Italy, Hungary, Portugal, Malta, Bulgaria and Spain.</p> <p>The project's thematic focus, with strong reference to the program guidelines and considering the priorities of the CERV Program, focused on promoting green behavior among citizens and sustainability in small European local communities.</p> <p>Environmental policies in Europe represent a crucial commitment to addressing the challenges of climate change, biodiversity conservation, and overall sustainability.</p> <p>The EU has developed a comprehensive regulatory framework and a series of initiatives to promote green policies across the region. The European Green Deal is one of the central pillars of the EU's political agenda. This ambitious plan aims to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050. These policies and initiatives reflect Europe's commitment to promoting sustainable development, mitigating climate change, and protecting the environment for future generations. The transition to a green economy is a key priority for the European Union and requires the involvement and commitment of all its members and citizens.</p> <p>The activity plan was developed with the support and input of the various target groups and was organized through public workshops, roundtables, exchanges of best practices, discussions, and debates to develop active citizenship. Through these activities, citizens and local authorities increased their knowledge and awareness of the role of EU policies, thus enabling them to contribute to the implementation of European challenges.</p>			

Number of participants: 95 international participants took part in the meeting between citizens, divided among the various delegations: 19 from Teteven Municipality (Bulgaria), 26 from União das Freguesias de Foz do Sousa e Covelo (Portugal); 9 from Enredate y Concello as Neves (Spain), 15 from Hal Safi Local Council (Malta) and 27 from Tar Község Önkormányzata (Hungary) with an equal distribution between males and females.

Number of countries involved: 6

Number of individual direct participants: 161, that include 96 invited/international participants and 65 national participants

Number of invited/international participants: 96

Language of work: English

Brief Description of the target groups: political representatives, associations, civil society organizations, citizens and young people, experts on the topics covered.

Dissemination activities:

The plan of communication and dissemination activities was at the centre of the action of the project promoted by the Municipality of San Filippo del Mela. The groups of participants, already coordinated in the preparatory phase in this regard, had the task of cooperating in order to disseminate the project's objectives and its results, with specific actions and tools. In fact, each Partner has implemented measures for the dissemination and exploitation of the results on their own territory, in order to ensure the greatest possible visibility, and to expand the latter in a European context.

It was supported and recommended to all partners to give great prominence to the initiative, involving the relevant local media, in order to convey information in the countries they belong to, highlighting the general and specific objectives of the project and the CERV programme, highlighting the opportunities it offers.

News and insights relating to the event were published by local online newspapers and printed paper, which took care to follow all the events included in the program and highlight them.

With the active support of the partner institutions, a broad and structured communication plan was developed with the aim of giving maximum dissemination and visibility.

The dissemination of the results, through the use and application of the results themselves, has made it possible to create a multiplier effect, acting as a stimulus to give birth to further initiatives, adapting them in different contexts.

At the end of the project, meetings were organized in the area, where they had the opportunity to tell their own experience, through the presentation of the initiative, the results achieved, conveying the positive messages that were learned in relation to promote dialogue, the exchange of experiences and best practices for the experimentation of new models, which see citizens as proactive and active protagonists in building a world attentive to the protection of greenery; the opportunities that the new program CERV offers in terms of promoting European citizenship, rights and values.

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Agenda of the event:

DAY 1 - 07/10/25 - Arrival of the project partner delegation + Welcome

Arrival of participants at Catania Airport and transfer to San Filippo del Mela.

Welcome

Introduction of participants and organizations, in the presence of the Mayor, the City Council, and the citizens.

Accommodation of guests with local families.

Evening: Typical Sicilian Welcome Dinner

DAY 2 - 08/10/25 - Flag Raising Ceremony + Project Presentation + Working Group CERV Programme, how can we harness opportunities to encourage active involvement?

Morning: At the Town Hall, the Flag Ceremony of the participating countries and the performance of the national anthems will take place, attended by students from elementary and middle schools, and from the Classical and Scientific High Schools.

Presentation of the "Think Green – Be Green. Together for a Healthier Environment" project and its goals and objectives.

Afternoon: Working Group – CERV Programme - How can we harness opportunities to encourage active involvement?

An opportunity to engage citizens in initiatives, debates, and in-depth discussions on issues related to European opportunities.

Dinner and overnight stay

DAY 3 - 09/10/25 - Interactive Seminar “European Green Deal” + Focus on “The action of territorial policies for environmental protection: Small municipalities as a frontier of sustainability”

Morning: Interactive seminar and exchange of best practices on the "European Green Deal." The focus will be on green skills and sustainable mobility. Europe aims to be the first carbon-neutral continent by 2050. This is a challenging but exciting goal, as the EU would serve as a driving force for other continents, positioning itself as a world leader in the search for international alliances to define the rules that will ensure sustainable growth.

Afternoon: Focus on "Territorial policies for environmental protection: small municipalities as frontiers of sustainability."

Discussion and discussion

Dinner and overnight stay

DAY 4 - 10/10/25 - Round Table with Schools "To Safe Environmental: To Put Sustainability + Interactive Workshop: “Green Deal for a better Europe”

Morning: Round Table with Schools "To Safe Environmental: To Put Sustainability Local Actions" Experiences from partner countries and testimonials. Exchange of best practices and in-depth analysis of project themes, analysis of different national and local situations related to environmental protection and sustainability actions. Provide all participants with new insights into environmental emergencies and the solutions to be adopted.

Afternoon: Interactive Workshop: "Green Deal for a Better Europe"

The effects of climate change are being felt in Europe today. Our goal is to make Europe climate-neutral by 2050.

The green transition is not only a challenge, it's also an opportunity:

- An opportunity to create green growth
- An opportunity to develop the technological solutions of the future
- An opportunity to create new jobs in Europe
- An opportunity to create a better future for all

DAY 5 - 11/10/25 – Twinning seminar “Think Green – Be Green. Together for a healthier environment” + Interactive Seminar: “Challenges on Sustainable Goals”

Morning: Ceremony of brotherhood between cities with the playing of the national and European anthems. Support for democracy, peace, and freedom are the fundamental priorities of the EU.

Twinning Seminar "Think Green – Be Green. Together for a healthier environment" with presentations by citizens, experts, local and regional politicians, MEPs, and local mayors, and an exchange of gifts.

Afternoon: Interactive Seminar: "Challenges on Sustainable Goals"

Reflection on the challenges that must be addressed to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals identified in the United Nations 2030 Agenda. Suggest ideas and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by raising awareness and engaging young people in an innovative way that gives space to good ideas and encourages the creativity and initiative of tomorrow's innovators.

DAY 6 - 12/10/25 - Networking; Reflection Group and final evaluation of the implemented activities; Departure of the partner delegations; Closing of the Twinning

Networking, Future collaborations on activities to be implemented in common.

Reflection Group and final evaluation of the days lived, Shared reflections.

Free space to express oneself and express one's ideas

Administration of initiative evaluation questionnaires.
Ceremony of greeting and farewell between local and international participants.
Return of foreign delegations