

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	ZA4NED - Generation Z & Alpha in the Driver's Seat for Youth Participation and European Democracy
Participant:	AYUNTAMIENTO DE TIBI (Spain)
PIC number:	890539638

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	[1]
Event name:	KICKOFF – REDEFINING DEMOCRACY THROUGH THE EYES OF GENERATION Z & ALPHA
Type:	Kick-off meeting and workshop
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Spain, Tibi
Date(s):	13/04/2026 – 16/04/2026
Website(s) (if any):	- EDS: https://avanzatibi.es/z4n/ Spain https://www.instagram.com/p/DXMP8C5AoTc/?img_index=4 Hungary https://www.facebook.com/Hegyvidek/posts/pfbid0FFcNJCC4hJjb7UWsbmtP6sMW6PyxPMk8Ma5Ck4Yr5mSkUNBdP7JAoUQGZN49SY32I Portugal https://www.facebook.com/EducPro.eu/posts/pfbid0kBw66APWpSRHJ9KGbTcjcAnEqQUcMXkULNAf5dzYBQ5tJi6fNmtLQqqP3PynnoJpl?locale=el_GR ; https://educpro.eu/11_news_event1_z4ned/ Estonia https://www.instagram.com/p/DX9SiCSiltm/?img_index=1 https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Ei8Kwo4sD/ Serbia www.facebook.com/share/p/1D6TgExaSe www.instagram.com/p/DX_oceDAnv9/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

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Participants	
Female:	21
Male:	21
Non-binary:	2
From country 1 [Spain]:	(Male 13 Female 15 Non-binary 2)
From country 2 [Italy]:	2, (1 Male 1 Female)
From country 3 [Estonia]:	2, (1 Male 1 Female)
From country 4 [Hungary]:	2, (1 Male 1 Female)
From country 5 [Portugal]:	2, (2 Male)
From country 6 [Slovenia]:	2, (1 Male 1 Female)

From country 7 [Croatia]:	2, (2 Female)		
From country 8 [Serbia]	2, (2 Male)		
Total number of participants:	44	From total number of countries:	8

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The event “Kickoff – Redefining Democracy through the Eyes of Generation Z & Alpha” was held in Tibi, Spain, as the first in-situ meeting of the ZA4NED project and marked the official launch of Work Package 1. The meeting brought together international participants from Croatia, Serbia, Portugal, Hungary, Italy, Estonia and Slovenia, together with local actors, creating the first transnational space for exchange, coordination and reflection on how younger generations understand democracy, participation and their relationship with institutions. The event was designed not only as a formal project opening, but also as a participatory process to identify the expectations, needs and challenges of Generation Z and Alpha in relation to democratic life, while establishing the basis for intergenerational cooperation during the whole project.

The programme started with the arrival and transfer of international participants to Tibi, followed by a welcome dinner that helped create an informal environment for first contacts, networking and trust-building among partners. On the following day, the official opening session took place at the Municipal Auditorium of Tibi, with the participation of the Mayor and municipal representatives, institutional speeches, an official group photo and the signing of the Cooperation Agreement by the partners. This opening session gave political and institutional visibility to the project and reinforced the commitment of all participating organisations to the common objectives of ZA4NED. Afterwards, partner presentations were held, allowing each organisation to introduce its profile, explain its local context regarding youth participation and democratic engagement, and present its expectations for the project. This helped establish a shared starting point for the consortium and encouraged mutual understanding among partners.

A central part of the event was devoted to interactive and non-formal learning activities focused on democracy and youth participation. The Policy Speed-Dating activity created a dynamic setting for short thematic exchanges on the main challenges related to youth democratic engagement, national differences, and project expectations. This was followed by the Democracy Remix Workshop, where participants reflected on how Generation Z and Alpha perceive democracy today, including alternative participation methods such as digital activism, social movements and new forms of civic expression. Through this workshop, participants explored how democratic processes could be reimagined to better match the realities, values and communication styles of younger generations. These sessions were particularly useful for identifying first common concerns and priorities, which will inform the following Work Packages.

During the Internal Coordination Session, partners reached key agreements regarding the implementation timeline, coordination mechanisms, and dissemination strategy of the project. The consortium reviewed and confirmed the calendar of upcoming international events:

WP2 in Niš, Serbia, from 15/06/2026 to 18/06/2026;

WP3 in Braga, Portugal, from 28/09/2026 to 01/10/2026;

WP4 in Zagreb, Croatia, planned for November 2026, with exact dates still to be confirmed;

WP5 in Novo Mesto, Slovenia, from 08/03/2027 to 11/03/2027;

WP6 in Colle di Val d'Elsa, Italy, from 24/05/2027 to 27/05/2027;

WP7 in Pärnu, Estonia, from 28/06/2027 to 01/07/2027;

WP8 in Budapest, Hungary, from 04/10/2027 to 07/10/2027.

These dates helped establish a structured roadmap for the implementation of the next phases of the project.

In relation to WP9, partners discussed and agreed that the activity will most likely be implemented online via Zoom, allowing the use of interactive tools such as breakout rooms to facilitate youth participation, exchange and transnational dialogue. In addition, it was agreed that each partner will establish a local Youth Action Group. These groups will meet physically after each international event in order to share what was done during the event, provide feedback to local young people, identify good practices, and discuss which ideas or actions could be adapted and implemented in their own territories. The conclusions from these local meetings will then be brought to the following international event and presented to all partners, ensuring continuity and transfer of knowledge between meetings. It was also agreed that in some physical events partners may participate with one coordinator and one participant from this Youth Action Group, reinforcing the dissemination and multiplier role of young participants. Furthermore, the consortium accepted the gradual preparation of the Youth Manifesto over a period of 4 to 5 months, with the intention of presenting it during WP9 as one of the main collective outputs of the project.

Regarding dissemination, partners agreed on a decentralized communication strategy based on the existing channels of each organisation. TikTok will be used by each partner to publish short videos created either during the events or between events; Instagram content will be developed collaboratively; and Facebook will remain limited to the internal communication channels of each municipality or NGO. The partnership agreed not to create separate social media accounts for the project, considering that the existing organisational profiles already have established audiences and greater communication potential. The project logo was approved, and all partners were reminded that they must create a specific section for ZA4NED on their organisational websites. The project coordinator will provide the common documentation and materials so that approved outputs and dissemination elements can be uploaded and shared consistently.



The creative dimension of the event was addressed through the Visual Democracy Collage Workshop, where participants worked in groups to visually represent democracy from youth perspectives using collage, drawing and storytelling. This activity encouraged reflection beyond formal debate and allowed participants to express emotions, values and ideas connected to democracy in a more accessible and innovative way. In addition, the Orientation Route and “Senderos del Arte” Map Experience turned the town of Tibi into a participatory learning environment. Through small international groups, participants navigated different points of interest, discovered local artistic installations and completed reflective tasks related to democracy, teamwork and civic values. This combination of local cultural exploration and non-formal education strengthened the bond between participants and connected democratic reflection with public space and community identity.

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▶	Salida:	
1	31	IGLESIA
2	32	PORTELL
3	33	ZONA CAMPER
4	34	POLIDEPORTIVO
5	35	PLAZA NUEVA
6	36	ERA DEL TEULAR
7	37	JUBILADOS Y AUDITORIO
8	38	FUENTE Y BALSA DE LA GLORIETA
9	39	HERMITA
10	40	OJO DE LA FUENTE

On the third day, the event focused more directly on youth participation and field activities. After a morning reflection session in Tibi, participants travelled to Ibi, where the Youth Participation Lab took place. This activity included two major components: The Future of Voting Hackathon and the Intergenerational Dialogue Café. In this session, international participants worked together with 21 young students from the secondary school in Ibi. The activity was structured with an introductory presentation on the ZA4NED project, presentations by the international participants, work in seven groups on specific themes related to democracy and youth participation, a break, group conclusions and a final collective reflection. The thematic discussions addressed current youth political participation, trust in politicians and institutions, the role of social media in democracy, democratic education, the current voting system, the future of voting and ideas to improve youth participation. This format gave local young people the opportunity to exchange views directly with participants from different European countries, compare national realities and express their opinions freely on democratic life today and in the future. It also made it possible to test participatory methods in a real intergenerational and intercultural setting.

Later that day, the programme continued in Alicante with the activity Story Circles: My Democratic Journey, where participants shared personal experiences related to civic participation, political engagement and social activism. This session created a more personal and empathetic dimension within the event, helping participants connect democratic ideas to lived experiences. The subsequent cultural visit in Alicante offered an opportunity to reflect on civic identity, public spaces and the historical context of democracy from a local perspective. The day concluded with a final group dinner in Tibi, which included an informal evaluation of the meeting, feedback exchange, networking and reinforcement of the partnership spirit. Departure transfers were organised on the last day for the international delegations.

Overall, the event successfully fulfilled the objectives of WP1 by launching the project in a strong institutional and participatory way, creating the first common space for cooperation among partners, exploring how Generation Z and Alpha define democracy, identifying key challenges and expectations related to youth democratic engagement, and raising awareness among local and international stakeholders about the need to adapt governance structures to younger generations. Through workshops, dialogue spaces, creative methods, coordination sessions and direct interaction with local youth, the event generated valuable insights that will serve as a foundation for the next stages of the ZA4NED project.

HISTORY OF CHANGES

VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
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1.0	17.04.2026	Initial version (new MFF).