

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	2 – Mare Nostrum NGO
PIC number:	968769071
Project name and acronym:	DOCC – Don't call it change

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3		
Event name:	Implementation in Romania		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Romania, Constanta		
Date(s):	10.11.2023; 17.11.2023; 26.01.2024; 09.02.2024		
Website(s) (if any):	www.docc-cerv.weebly.com		
Participants			
Female:	55		
Male:	28		
Non-binary:	2		
From country 1 [Romania]:	85		
Total number of participants:	85	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>In Romania, the implementation of Workpackage 3 was led by Mare Nostrum NGO. Four workshops were strategically planned as part of this phase, organized across two series. Each session delved into 4 crucial topics outlined by the project, namely climate emergency and the ocean, climate emergency and migration, climate emergency and human rights, and climate emergency and gender equality.</p> <p>To ensure the effectiveness and relevance of these workshops, extensive materials were meticulously developed for each topic area. Partner organizations specializing in the topics in question took responsibility for creating these materials. Mare Nostrum, from Romania, focused on ocean-related complexities; Organization Earth, from Greece, delved into migration dynamics; DFOP, from Poland, addressed human rights issues; and YouNet, from Italy, focused on gender equality. The collaborative effort ensured that each workshop was provided with customized presentations, participant brochures and resources for trainers, cultivating a rewarding learning environment.</p> <p>Leading up to the workshops, partner organizations from various European countries, including Poland, Italy, Latvia, Greece, and Romania, came together through numerous online meetings. Those sessions played a crucial role as platforms to discuss and refine implementation strategies for each workshop topic. The collective exchange of insights and methodologies facilitated a synchronized approach to achieving project goals in different national contexts.</p>			

The in-situ activities of Work package 4 (Implementation in Greece) attracted a total of 85 individual participants from Romania.

The workshops were organized as follow:

- 10.11.2023 – workshops on Climate emergency and the ocean, with a total of 36 participants
- 17.11.2023 – workshops on Climate emergency and migration, with a total of 23 participants
- 26.01.2024 – workshops on Climate emergency and gender equality, with a total of 19 participants
- 09.02.2024 – workshops on Climate emergency and human rights, with a total of 19 participants

The total count of participants includes each individual being single-counted, while some of the participants engaged in multiple workshops.

In addition to the on-site workshops, the project embraced digital connectivity by incorporating 2 online workshops, led by Latvian partner organization World Our Home. These virtual conferences transcended geographic boundaries, serving as inclusive platforms that brought together experts and activists from each partner country. By promoting dialogue and collaboration between countries, these online workshops increased the impact of the project, extending its reach beyond the boundaries of individual country contexts. After each round of workshops, online conferences were organized, one in fall 2023 and one in spring 2024. Participants in the online events were not counted in the total number of participants in this WP.

Climate Emergency and the Ocean

On November 10, 2023, Mare Nostrum organized workshops on Climate Emergency and the Ocean for young people in Constanta, Romania. These workshops aimed to raise awareness about the critical issues surrounding climate change's impact on marine ecosystems.

After a brief introduction and a presentation of what the climate crisis is - its causes and effects, a World Caffe was held, among the topics discussed by the participants were:

The impact of sea level rise on coastal communities - where young people talked about how the lifestyle of communities in different regions is affected.

Plastic pollution in the oceans and sustainable solutions - they discussed the negative effects of plastic pollution on the ocean.

Further on in the debate, young people were divided into several teams, with each of the two teams tackling a topic for which they argued either for or against. One of the topics the young people debated for example was:

"Zoos and botanical gardens play an important role in educating and raising public awareness about biodiversity conservation" - The arguments made were on the one hand in favour of the statement, as, for example, not everyone can financially afford to travel to see certain species in their natural habitat or, another benefit would be that some species are already extinct in their natural environment and can only be found in captivity. Arguments against this claim have focused more on the conditions in which zoo animals live, which are not always compliant.

The conclusions were that whether we live near or far from the ocean, we need to be very careful about our actions to ensure the sustainability of the ocean, which plays an important role in our lives.

Climate Emergency and Migration

On November 17, 2023, Mare Nostrum organized workshops on Climate Emergency and Migration for youth in Romania. These workshops aimed to address the complex relationship between climate change and migration, fostering understanding and dialogue among young participants.

Based on the structure of the previous workshop, a short introductory presentation was made. After that, the young people were given a case study from Bangladesh to analyse, and then a discussion was held based on the study, with some guiding questions to start the discussion.

After the case study, the World Caffe method was used again, this time with the discussion topics:

- Why do you think the number of environmental migrants is growing so slowly and fast?
- How do climate-related events such as hurricanes, droughts or sea level rise influence people's decisions to migrate?
- How can governments and international organisations better prepare for and respond to the challenges posed by climate migration?
- How can local communities and organisations support climate migrants and create inclusive and welcoming environments for newcomers?

The topic of the debate was: "Should climate migrants have a legally recognised status similar to refugees

and be entitled to international protection?"

1st online workshop, One World, One Future – A Transnational Dialogue on Climate Challenges

On December 11, 2023, we organized an online conference titled "One World, One Future: A Transnational Dialogue on Climate Challenges". The event was expertly facilitated by a representative from the World Our Home association from Latvia. It took place on the Zoom platform.

Drawing in a robust participation of over 100 attendees (including individually connected participants and group of students connected as a whole classroom), the conference was broadcasted across various Facebook channels, including those of the facilitator, the project, and partner organizations. Notably, participants hailed not only from our partner countries – Latvia, Italy, Greece, Romania, and Poland – but also from beyond, as the event was open to the public.

The conference commenced with an insightful overview of our project, DOCC - Don't Call It Change, alongside the presentation of the CERV program, setting the stage for constructive dialogue and collaboration. Subsequently, a distinguished panel comprising experts and activists from partner countries took center stage.

Five eminent speakers delivered compelling presentations, each focusing on a distinct aspect of the climate emergency:

- the innovative practices of circular economy on Andros Island;
- understanding of Ocean Literacy, emphasizing the imperative of marine conservation;
- sustainability within the Fashion Industry, advocating for responsible consumption and production;
- initiatives of Fridays For Future, showcasing the power of youth-led climate activism;
- the intersection of Human Rights and climate challenges, underscoring the importance of equitable climate action.

Following the presentations, a lively panel discussion ensued, fostering dynamic exchanges and critical reflections on the presented topics. Participants then engaged in activities within small group discussions and debates facilitated through breakout rooms, fostering deeper exploration of key themes and fostering meaningful connections across borders.

Climate Emergency and Human Rights

On February 9, 2024, Mare Nostrum organized workshops on Climate Emergency and Human Rights. These sessions, held in Constanta, Romania, aimed to elucidate the connections between climate emergency and human rights, fostering awareness and dialogue among participants to address these pressing global issues.

After a short presentation, the young people were asked "What is the first word that comes to your mind when it comes to Human Rights?", among the answers: freedom, equality, solidarity, fairness and so on. The workshop continued with a game of true or false. Participants were given different statements and had to choose whether each statement was true or not. In this way, it was possible to check on the one hand their level of knowledge and on the other hand their attention span during the presentation.

The participants then scanned the human rights situation in their country and worldwide. Some human rights were analysed and the young people gave their opinion on the extent to which, from 1 to 5, where 5 represents "to a large extent", they consider that these rights are actually respected. Some examples:

- All men are born free and equal - scored 3.1/5 overall
- We are all equal before the law - scored 2.9/5 overall
- Everyone has the right to a nationality - scored 4.6/5 overall.

In the rest of the workshop, we also addressed the Sustainable Development Goals. Participants were given images of all 17 goals, as well as the description for each one, so that together they could create the image-description associations. At the end, these were discussed in turn to ensure that the associations were made properly.

At the end, to sum up the workshop, a few questions were used to create a "mind map".

To the question "How can each of us protect human rights?", among the answers of the young people was the need for information campaigns on what human rights are and participation in events and activities that promote human rights.

Climate Emergency and Gender Equality

On January 26, 2024, Mare Nostrum conducted workshops on Climate Emergency and Gender Equality in Constanta, Romania. These workshops were designed to explore the intersectionality between climate change and gender equality, empowering young participants to advocate for inclusive and sustainable solutions.

This workshop had as icebreaker "Exchange stories", where each participant chose a quote that inspires them or that they consider important for the theme of the workshop "Climate emergency and gender equality". The participants were very pleased with this method, because afterwards, based on the chosen quotes, various discussions were generated.

In order to fix the knowledge, as a working method, a role-play "Activists' demonstration for climate change and gender equality" took place afterwards - participants were divided into groups and created a poster and a short speech to express their concerns and ideas related to the workshop theme. It was interesting to see how the views were different and at the same time focused on the same topic. As some examples, one group focused on education and how "It all starts from education", another group brought up "How can men support gender equality in the workplace?" and another group even brought up examples of personalities who they felt supported gender equality, climate action or both.

2nd online workshop, One World, One Future – A Transnational Dialogue on Climate Challenges

On March 20, 2024, the DOCC project hosted the 2nd online workshop/conference "One World, One Future", on the Zoom platform. The event was facilitated by the trainer from the partner organization the European Association "World-Our Home" / Pasaule mūsu mājas, Rēzekne, Latvia. In the conference took part over 100 participants (connected individually, as well as connected as classrooms) from partner countries of the project and beyond.

The conference was a sum up of the workshops held in all partner countries, featuring a lineup of remarkable speakers who shared valuable insights and perspectives on pressing climate challenges:

- the representative of EKO-UNIA offered practical examples of actions for climate and environmental protection, inspiring attendees to take meaningful steps towards sustainability.
- the member of Organization Earth discussed the various forms of Gender-based Violence and the challenges individuals face in disclosing GBV incidents, shedding light on crucial societal issues.
- the researcher at GeoEcoMar provided valuable insights into marine geology and geo-ecology research, emphasizing the importance of preserving our oceans.
- the representative of Giustizia per Taranto, who advocated for environmental justice in Taranto, emphasizing the need for ecological, ethical, and social development amidst industrial challenges.
- the founder of Organic Synergies, who explored the power of organic synergies in fostering sustainable living, encouraging attendees to integrate eco-friendly practices into their daily lives.

The speeches of the guests were supplemented by the questions and answers panel, and interactions with public through different digital tools.

Following each workshop, all participants were promptly provided with essential project data and a link to access the EUSurvey platform.

Links to the published communication about the workshops in Romania:

Climate Emergency and the Ocean:

[DOCC Instagram](#)

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