

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	4 - European Association "World-Our Home"
PIC number:	949588776
Project name and acronym:	DOCC – Don't call it change

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP6		
Event name:	Implementation in Latvia		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	In-situ		
Location:	Latvia, Kaunata, Rezekne		
Date(s):	08.12.2023 ; 30.01.2024 ; 16.02.2024		
Website(s) (if any):	www.docc-cerv.weebly.com		
Participants			
	Female:	53	
	Male:	58	
	Non-binary:	2	
	From country 1 [Latvia]:	111	
	From country 2 [Armenia]:	2	
	Total number of participants:	113	From total number of countries: 2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>In Latvia, the implementation of Workpackage 6 was led by the European Association "World-Our Home". Four workshops were strategically planned as part of this phase, organized across two series, in 3 meetings with students. The first workshop session took place in Kaunata Secondary School and Rezekne Polish State Gymnasium, and connected 2 DOCC topics: climate emergency and the ocean with climate emergency and migration. Workshop on climate emergency and gender equality was hosted by the Eastern Latvia Secondary School of Technologies, while the 4th session on climate emergency and human rights took place in Malta Secondary School.</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>			

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.

The in-situ activities of Work package 6 (Implementation in Latvia) attracted a total of 113 individual participants from Latvia.

The workshops were organized as follow:

- 08.12.2023 – workshops on Climate emergency and the ocean, with a total of 34 participants
- 08.12.2023 – workshops on Climate emergency and migration, with a total of 29 participants
- 30.01.2024 – workshops on Climate emergency and gender equality, with a total of 26 participants
- 16.02.2024 – workshops on Climate emergency and human rights, with a total of 34 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 December 8, 2023, a workshop focusing on Climate Crisis and the Ocean was conducted for rural area students at Kaunata Secondary School and Rezekne Polish State Gymnasium in Rezekne, Latvia. Based on the DOCC workshop materials, the activities were led by sustainable fashion designer, creator of the brand "VelgaCode", cooperating with the Association World Our Home. The session delved into pressing questions such as the impact of the climate emergency on the ocean and surrounding us waters. Participants engaged in lively discussions, group activities, and shared their insights on ways to contribute to a greener planet. The workshop provided a valuable platform for exploring sustainability issues and empowering students to take proactive steps towards environmental conservation. As a token of appreciation for their active involvement, participants received certificates of participation.

Climate Emergency and Migration

The Climate Emergency and Migration workshops were connected with the workshop on Climate Emergency and the Ocean, taking place on December 8, 2023. The students of the same schools, Kaunata Secondary School and Rezekne Polish State Gymnasium, were involved in the activities. The session tackled critical questions surrounding the nexus between climate change and migration, and individual impacts of climate change. Through interactive discussions and collaborative activities, participants had the opportunity to exchange ideas and propose actionable solutions to mitigate environmental challenges. The workshop not only raised awareness about the interconnectedness of climate issues but also inspired students to become proactive agents of change in their communities. Participants were recognized for their active participation with certificates of attendance.

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 Gender Equality

On January 30, 2024, a workshop addressing Climate Emergency and Gender Equality was conducted for students at Eastern Latvia Secondary School of Technologies in Rēzekne, Latvia. Facilitated by communication trainer, founder of "Communication Design Studio", cooperating with the association World Our Home, the session explored the interconnectedness of climate issues with gender equality. Participants engaged in thought-provoking discussions, contemplating the links between climate emergency and its effects on individuals' rights, with a specific focus on gender equality. Key questions were raised regarding the personal impacts of climate emergency and the collective responsibility to address environmental challenges. Through collaborative activities and group discussions, students had the opportunity to share their perspectives and propose innovative solutions to foster a greener planet. The workshop served as a platform to empower students to become advocates for gender-inclusive climate action and environmental sustainability. In recognition of their active involvement, participants were awarded certificates of participation, highlighting their commitment to driving positive change in their communities.

Climate Emergency and Human Rights

On February 16, 2024, a workshop addressing Climate Emergency, and Human Rights was organized for students at Malta Secondary School in Latvia. The workshop was led by the same communication trainer, founder of "Communication Design Studio". The session delved into the interconnectedness of climate issues with fundamental human rights. Participants engaged in activities and meaningful discussions, exploring the links between climate change and its implications for human rights. In addition, the Sustainable Development Goals were the focus of the thought-provoking discussions. Through interactive activities and world cafe, students shared their insights and brainstormed actionable ideas to promote environmental sustainability. The workshop provided a platform for students to reflect on their roles and to develop a deeper understanding of the intersectionality between climate action and human rights. In recognition of their active participation, participants were awarded certificates of participation, acknowledging their commitment to advocating for positive change in their communities.

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 Latvia:

Climate Emergency and the Ocean:

[DOCC Instagram](#)

[DOCC Facebook](#)

[DOCC website](#)

[WOH Facebook](#)

Climate Emergency and Migration:

[DOCC Instagram](#)

[DOCC Facebook](#)

[DOCC website](#)

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HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).