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Eco Active Citizens for a Sustainable Europe

Meeting 4

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Dear participants!

It is my great pleasure to introduce myself. I am Giancarlo Vettori, Director of CEPHI Italia, and it is a distinct honour, on behalf of our organisation, to extend to you our warmest and most sincere welcome to Treviso and Venice, Italy.

As Director of CEPHI Italia, I am particularly pleased to welcome you to the Veneto region and to share with you an experience that brings together people, cultures and perspectives from different countries and backgrounds.

Your presence here is a valuable opportunity to foster international dialogue, cooperation and mutual understanding, while creating meaningful connections that can extend well beyond the duration of your stay.

Treviso, with its rich history, cultural heritage and welcoming atmosphere, offers an authentic expression of the Veneto region and of Italian traditions. Venice, renowned throughout the world for its extraordinary cultural and historical heritage, provides an exceptional setting for encounters between people and cultures.

At CEPHI Italia, we strongly believe that international experiences are not simply opportunities to visit new places. They are opportunities to meet people, exchange knowledge, discover different perspectives and build lasting relationships based on respect, openness and cooperation.

We hope that your time in Treviso and Venice will provide you with valuable experiences, inspiring encounters and a deeper appreciation of our culture and territory. We encourage you to take every opportunity to discover our traditions, engage with the local community and share your own experiences and perspectives with others.

May your stay in Italy be enriching, inspiring and memorable, and may the relationships established during this experience continue to develop long after you return home.

On behalf of CEPHI Italia, and in my capacity as Director, I am honoured to welcome each and every one of you.

Welcome to Italy.

Welcome to the Veneto region.

Welcome to Treviso.

Welcome to Venice.

Welcome to CEPHI Italia.

With my highest regards,

Giancarlo Vettori
Director of CEPHI Italia

EcoActive Citizens for a Sustainable Europe

Project Summary

The "EcoActive Citizens for a Sustainable Europe" Project is an initiative promoted by the Buarcos Parish Council, Portugal, which aims to place municipalities and local entities at the center of climate action, transforming climate and environmental challenges into opportunities.

In line with the priorities of the European Union and the European Commission's CERV programme, this Cities Network project has the general objective of encouraging citizens' participation in decision-making related to climate and environmental challenges and, consequently, the future of the EU, and as a priority, building a climate-neutral, green, fair and social Europe, investing in ecological initiatives aimed at improving air and water quality, promoting sustainable agriculture and preserving environmental systems and biodiversity.

At the same time, the aim is to create European networks of citizens who are aware and committed to environmental protection and sustainability and who can promote, in a domino effect, an environmental impact in the different European regions involved.

The project is intended to be developed over 18 months, in collaboration with 14 entities from 14 EU countries, and the organization of 6 thematic meetings, namely in Portugal, Italy, Spain, Malta, France and Hungary, with the participation of more than 4,000 citizens.

Through conferences, round tables, workshops, presentation/contact with good practices, visits to democratic and business institutions, data collection, advertising campaigns, debate and reflection sessions, we aim to reinforce Europe's commitment to environmental protection, raising awareness of priority issues related to environmental protection and sustainable economy, investing in the Circular Economy and sustainability models, as well as raising awareness in communities of the fundamental role of everyone in practices that benefit the environment, modifying our own behavior and encouraging change in others.

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What is CERV?

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme is an EU funding programme launched in 2021 with a duration of seven years. CERV funds projects aimed, among other things, at protecting diversity and civil rights, combating gender-based violence, strengthening citizens' democratic life, and valuing European history.

Its main objectives include protecting and promoting the rights and values enshrined in the EU Treaties, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and various international human rights conventions. In practice, this means promoting and developing open, democratic, equal, inclusive societies based on rights and the rule of law. It also means fostering a dynamic and empowered civil society at local, regional, national, and transnational levels, encouraging democratic, civic, and social participation, and nurturing the rich diversity of European society in line with common values, European history, and collective memory.

- Promote exchanges between citizens of different countries, particularly through networks of towns, to give them practical experience of the wealth and diversity of the Union's shared heritage and raise awareness that this constitutes the foundation for a common future.
- Develop sustainable networks of towns, deepening and intensifying their cooperation, while outlining common activities to promote Union values and fundamental rights, as well as their long-term vision for the future of European integration.
- Inclusively support citizens' engagement and participation in democratic life and public policymaking at the local level.

Among other priorities, the programme will support:

- Encouraging citizen engagement and democratic participation at local, national, and EU levels, promoting European citizenship, shared values, and democratic standards.
- Supporting citizens' involvement, including children, in public life, and promoting democratic participation, gender equality, and representation in local decision-making.
- Promoting democratic participation through cultural activities, including projects inspired by or aligned with the New European Bauhaus initiative.

Activities may include, among others: workshops, seminars, conferences, training activities, coaching, expert meetings, webinars, awareness-raising activities, high-visibility events, data collection and consultations, development, exchanges, and dissemination of good practices among authorities and civil society organisations, development of communication tools, and the use of social media.

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MEETING "Circular Economy and Sustainable Resource Management"

SUNDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER

Arrival of the participants

Check in at the hotels

20:00 h Meeting up & presentations

20:30 h Welcome dinner

22:00 h Welcome speech by the host partner director **Mr. Giancarlo Vettori**

MONDAY 28TH OF SEPTEMBER

08:00 h Breakfast

08:30 h Transfer to Treviso from Hotel Il Moro

10:30 h Official visit to the Municipality of Silea

- Official welcome to the international delegations by **Ms. Angela Trevisin** - Mayor of Silea
- Reply by **Ms. Rosa Batista**, President of Junta de Freguesia de Buarcos
- Presentation of the participating countries, introduction to the CERV project

10:45 h European Best Practices I - transforming travel into sustainable practices

PORTUGAL – Sustainable Tourism in Central Portugal: Nature, Local Communities and Green Experiences

CYPRUS - Sustainable Hotel Gardens in Cyprus

CROATIA – Biological Pool Pregrada: Sustainable Recreation through Nature-Based Water Treatment

MALTA – Beyond the Tourist Hotspots: Transforming a Trip into a Sustainable Local Experience

FINLAND – Community-Led Coastal Resilience and Sustainable Blue Economy Initiative

POLAND – Sustainable Mobility, Cycling Tourism and a Town of Short Distances

BULGARIA - A Sustainable Travel Experience through Local Wine, Nature and Cultural Heritage

11:30 h CONFERENCE - Sustainable Tourism in Silea and the Province of Treviso by **Dott.ssa Giulia Lauro** Councillor for Tourism – Municipality of Silea

TOPIC - "Eco-Sustainable Tourism in Silea and the Province of Treviso: Territory, Environment and Local Communities"

11:50 h **International Discussion & Questions** - Open discussion with the international delegations.

12:00 h **Conclusions and Closing** - Summary of the main topics discussed, final remarks and thanks to the Municipality of Silea

12:30 h **Lunch**

15:00 h **Transfer back to Venice Island**

16:00 h **Guided tour around the main sustainable touristic spots**

20:00 h Meeting for dinner

20:30 h Dinner

TUESDAY 29TH OF SEPTEMBER

08:00 h Breakfast

09:30 h Departure from Hotel Il Moro

12:00 h Institutional Greetings

Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Venice – **Ms. Laura Zaccariotto**

- Official welcome to the international delegations
- Institutional greetings by the Deputy Mayor

12:30 h European Best Practices II - transforming travel into sustainable practices

FRANCE – MARTINIQUE – Promoting Responsible Tourism and Low-Carbon Travel

ROMANIA - Vidraru Dam: Connecting Renewable Energy, Nature and Sustainable Tourism

HUNGARY - Cserhát Nature Park Greenway: Connecting Ecotourism, Local Communities

SLOVAKIA - CROSS-IP: Sustainable Tourism and Green Mobility along the Ipeľ River

LATVIA - Creative House "Leiceiši": Rural Life, Meadow Restoration and Circular Learning

SPAIN– Starlight Tourism in the Atlantic Islands of Galicia National Park: Protecting Dark Skies

13:00 h Sustainable tourism in Veneto – Italian good practice

Presentation by Researcher **Ms. Karolina Piegat** CEPHI – Centre for Educational Design and International Hosting

13:30 h International Discussion & Questions - Open discussion session:

- Sustainable tourism, environmental protection , cultural and natural heritage enhancement, sustainable management of tourist destinations

13:45 h Conclusions and Closing

14:00 h Lunch

16:00 h Evaluation

16:30 h Advanced information for the two remaining meetings in Malta & Hungary

20:30 h Farewell dinner and certificates of participation

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

- Breakfast
- Check out
- Departure of the delegations



MEETING 1
Buarcos / Figueira da Foz

MEETING 2
Santiago de Compostela





MEETING 3
Martinique / Fort de France

MEETING 4
Treviso / Venice





MEETING 5
Safi - La Valletta

MEETING 6
Héhalom / Budapest



PARTNERSHIP



1. FREGUESIA DE BUARCOS - Portugal
2. MUNICIPALITY OF KLANJEC - Croatia
3. MUNICIPALITY OF SAFI - Malta
4. MUNICIPALITY OF REZEKNE - Latvia
5. MUNICIPALITY OF SUHINDOL - Bulgaria
6. MUNICIPALITY OF CURTEA DE ARGES - Romania
7. MUNICIPALITY OF LWOWEK SLASKI - Poland
8. MUNICIPALITY OF HÉHALOM - Hungary
9. MUNICIPALITY OF BUSINCE - Slovakia
10. ASSOCIATION POUR LE SOUTIEN A LA CITOYENNETE EUROPEENNE - France
11. THE ORGANIZATION FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION & DEVELOPMENT - Finland
12. CENTRO EDUCATIVO DI PROGETTAZIONE E HOSTING INTERNAZIONALE - Italy
13. ONE TERRENE INTERNATIONAL GROUP - Cyprus
14. ASOCIACION XUVENIL VRENZA - Spain