

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[5] - [The Good Lobby] ([TGL])
PIC number:	898946434
Project name and acronym:	Born in EU - Born in EU

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	D17.1		
Event name:	Workshop in Italy / Born in EU: i giovani e la politica Bologna		
Type:	workshop		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Italy, Bologna		
Date(s):	11/11/2023		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.thegoodlobby.it/eventi/born-in-eu-i-giovani-e-la-politica-bologna/		
Participants			
Female:	14		
Male:	13		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Italy]:	27		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
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Total number of participants:	27	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The workshop started with a brief presentation of The Good Lobby, the project Born in EU and the participants. A quick quiz-based icebreaker set the scene for the day, with some questions of general european union			

knowledge. Following the presentation of the research on electoral participation conducted by TGL, the participants were prompted to discuss and answer various questions around the issue of participation. The emotional, political and structural dimensions were discussed, together with common profiles of people who do not vote. From the participants' discussions, some specific insights emerged:

- There is a fundamental distinction to make between the national and the european level, as the reasons that lead to abstentionism in the two dimensions are different. Specifically, the complexity of the italian parties landscape discourages electors in national elections, while the perceived "distance" from european power dynamics discourages voters in the european elections
- The Italian educational system includes little civic education at all levels. It specifically lacks information on the functioning and role of the EU.
- Key emotions accompanying the decision not to vote were Confusion and Anger towards a complex and fragmented political landscape, Disinterest and Apathy towards an incoherent and distant politics, and Fear of losing the national identity
- There seems not to be a "common profile" of non voter, and the emotion accompanying the decision not to vote are transversal across diverse socio-economic backgrounds. However, people that are exposed to political dynamics (because of their studies / personal interest)

After lunch, the participants had the chance to further discuss electoral participation by elaborating their own proposal and solutions in groups, after a theoretical take on the issue by TGL. Proposals and solutions were presented to the whole group at the end of the workshop.

- One group explored engagement at the local level to tackle the issue of the perceived "distance" of EU dynamics. Examples include town halls on EU funding opportunities , events on EU culture (film screenings, festivals, exhibitions).
- One group further developed the idea of the construction of a common european identity by including european civic education in the public educational system, and mandatory exchange programs even at lower levels of education
- One group focused on communication by highlighting that the stability of European institutions may be an appealing factor to italian voters. Thus, focusing media campaigns on this factor may help.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).