

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Asociația pentru Cooperare și Dezvoltare Durabilă
PIC number:	893340707
Project name and acronym:	RESTART - A new paradigm to protect the EU core values and strengthen democratic participation through the public and social reuse of assets

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Democracy and rule of law capacity-building participative camp		
Type:	Youth participative camp		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Romania, Bucharest		
Date(s):	January 20-22, 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://acdd.ro/2025/02/14/scoala-participativa-pentru-promovarea-democratiei-si-a-statului-de-drept-la-final/		
Participants			
Female:	10 (age 18-35); 21 (age over 35)		
Male:	15 (age 18-35); 12 (age over 35)		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Romania]:	25 (age 18-35); 33 (over 35)		
Total number of participants:	58 (25 age 18-35);	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
Objectives of the Democracy and rule of law capacity-building participative camp			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss the current social and political Romanian and European scenario with respect to rule of law, democratic principles, and active citizenship; To share both common and unique experiences and perspectives of the democratic and solidarity experiences in different contexts, and how the lessons learned can be applied to different scenarios; 			

- To explore innovative democratic approaches aimed at helping citizens make their voices heard on topics of relevance in a spirit of collaboration, solidarity and honesty;
- To engage young citizens in discussions and action related to public and social re-use of confiscated assets as a tool to fight against organised crime and strengthen community development and social justice as well as by taking a proactive approach;
- To promote citizens' engagement and participation in democratic life at both Romanian and European level gathering a diverse range of people from different backgrounds;
- To encourage citizens' understanding of the policy making process and how to engage in democratic life at both Romanian and European level.

Democracy and rule of law capacity-building participative camp was a three days event organized in Bucharest, Romania, aiming to engage particularly participants, aged 18-35m across the country. The youth camp included workshops and study visits to institutions.

The first day started with an icebreaker activity which was followed by 3 workshops, delivered by ACDD experts on the following topics:

- "Active citizenship against corruption and organised crime: innovative & good practices"
- "Civil society landscape in Romania and Europe: promoting democracy and the rule of law"
- "Understanding of the policy making process and how to engage in democratic life at both Romanian and European level".

The first and the last workshops were delivered using heuristic approach and non-formal education techniques, thus participants worked in groups on case studies related to human rights and freedom of speech.

The second day started with an international workshop organised at Romanian-American University headquarters. This event within the youth camp was open to other relevant stakeholders also. The workshop had two parts: "Public and social re-use of confiscated assets as a tool to fight against organised crime, strengthen community development and social justice" and "The active role of civil society and youth in the process of social reuse of assets confiscated from crimes (practical session)". Among the most relevant speakers of the workshop there were: the Ambassador of the Italian Republic in Romania, the General Director of the National Agency for the Administration and Destination of Seized and Confiscated Assets from Organized Crime (ANBSC), the Deputy Prosecutor General of the High Court of Cassation, Former President of Tribunale di Palermo and President of the Division competent for Asset Prevention Measures, the General Director of the National Agency for the Administration of Seized Assets (ANABI). Three Romanian NGOs were invited to present the project financed by ANABI from the seized money. This was an opportunity for participants to understand good practice models from Italy, as well as to connect and exchange opinions on the topic of social reuse. The young people actively took part in the event, asking questions. In the afternoon of the second day, young people were taken to a study visit to the National Anti-Corruption Directorate (DNA), where they found out more about its institutional mandate and how an investigation is carried out.

The third day started with a study visit at the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets. The participants were presented the results achieved by ANABI in managing seized assets and promoting the principle "Crime does not pay". As in the previous study visit, young people were welcome to ask questions and share their opinion. After lunch, the participants attended a workshop called "Understanding Human Trafficking: citizens' role" delivered by Cristiana Macchiusi, Legal Expert at the Embassy of Italy in Bucharest, former prosecutor. This particularly focused on explaining the difference between human trafficking and human migrant smuggling and it was a good opportunity to raise awareness of the risk of THB. The youth camp ended with a closure ceremony and handing diplomas to the participants, but only after sharing feedback and lessons learnt.

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