



Ministero degli Affari Esteri  
e della Cooperazione Internazionale

*DGUE - Bando Balcani 2021*

# Final Report

## 1. PROJECT SUMMARY/SINTESI DEL PROGETTO

### 1.1 Project title/Titolo del progetto

“MODEL EU - Human Rights, Active Citizenship and Intercultural Democracy in North Macedonia”

### 1.2 Applicant/Soggetto richiedente

Name and surname of project manager/Nome e cognome del responsabile del progetto

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Note:

The project activities started on 27 December 2021.

The activities were regularly concluded after 10 months of intervention.

## 2. ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS/ATTIVITÀ E RISULTATI

### 2.1. Objectives/Obiettivi (Max 1500 characters/caratteri)

Description of implemented project activities: please ensure to specify if planned activities have been modified in the implementation phase/Descrizione delle attività di progetto: per favore indicare se le attività programmate sono state modificate nella fase di attuazione

The SPECIFIC objective is to enhance the capacities of locals to counter the main drivers behind social exclusion and radicalisation.

a) Activity 1 Workshop and training session

b) Activity 2 Awareness, advocacy and simulation

### 2.3. Work Schedule/Cronoprogramma

<p style="text-align: center;">1. Activity 1 Workshop and training session</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WORKSHOP 1 - Skopje – 12/04/2022 Faculty of Tourism and Business Logistics Goce Delcev University, Stip (Skopje premises)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORKSHOP 2- Shtip– 06/06/2022 Faculty of Tourism and Business Logistics Goce Delcev University, Stip (Shtip premises)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORKSHOP 3 - Gevgelja – 07/06/2022 Faculty of Tourism and Business Logistics Goce Delcev University, Stip (Gevgelija premises)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORKSHOP 4 - Bitola – 09/06/2022 Faculty of Education University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - Bitola</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2. Activity 2 Awareness, advocacy and simulation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NATIONAL SIMULATION 1 July, 2 July, 3 July Apollonia Hotel, Gevgelija</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Awareness &amp; Advocacy events 1 July - 2 July Citizens’ awareness laboratories Gevgelija</p>
<p>Note:</p> <p>The list doesn’t include some relevant preliminary and follow-up activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Training of Trainers organized in virtual modality on 11 March 2022;</li> <li>- The institutional meeting hold at the Italian Embassy in Skopje (11 April 2022);</li> <li>- The virtual youth empowerment and facilitation sessions organized in virtual modality between March and July 2022.</li> </ul> <p>For the implementation of the simulation, in addition to the use of the video productions, the trainers have chosen the languages of street art, music and graphics to express ideas and formulate proposals. The youth workers and facilitators also have chosen to propose to the youths to speak a common language - the English language - at the same time valorising the native languages whenever possible: Macedonian, Albanian, Turkish, Italian. The English language facilitated the interaction among participants and prevented any potential conflicts among participants. The motto used for the conference was “UNITED in DIVERSITY”.</p> <p>The intervention of Vice-Ambassador De Rosa, during the first day of the simulation instilled courage in the young participants. The Italian Embassy in Skopje has long actively supported youth participation and recently contributed to the creation in Rome of a forum dedicated to young people from the Balkan countries.</p>	

During the simulation, the participants formed four commissions. A first mixed commission, "DROI & LIBE" charged with discussing human rights, freedom, internal affairs; a second commission dedicated to the environment "ENV", which focused attention on the issues of the green deal and the circular economy.

Finally, the third commission - "DEVE" - debated the impact of Covid on global development processes and the role that renewable energies can play in guaranteeing a future for the planet. "Because since there is no planet B, we do not have a plan B", as stated by the vice-president of the European Parliament during a session held a few years ago, in 2019.

After having practiced taking a position through the game "Where do you stand", proposed by the Council of Europe as a tool for human rights education, he debated to reach a common position within the commissions. The members of the European Parliament wanted to "put their face" to explain the various proposals that emerged to the citizens. During the second day, three thematic awareness campaigns and related communication products were carried out.

During the third day the time to vote arrived. Each commission presents the work carried out in plenary and the proposed resolutions are put to the vote. The EU 32 Parliament took the decisions by a large majority.

A tag was used for the dissemination of the social media contents: "#Model EU"

Following a cycle of territorial interactive workshops, the "Model EU" project gathered students and youth, teachers, educators, media workers from different geographic areas of a candidate country - the Republic of North Macedonia - which is extraordinary rich of cultural diversity. Participants developed the ownership towards the European Union by democratically debating and playing advocacy on key human rights' topics during a simulation of an enlarged session of the European Parliament.



Per i Beneficiari: per favore fornisca un breve paragrafo di commento sulle attività realizzate e sui principali risultati raggiunti dal progetto. Per favore alleggi al presente formulario anche due immagini significative delle attività di progetto e dei suoi risultati. Questo paragrafo potrebbe essere utilizzato dal Donatore per pubblicizzare il progetto finanziato e i risultati raggiunti.

Dopo un ciclo di laboratori interattivi condotti a livello locale, il progetto "Model EU" ha creato un'occasione di scambio tra studenti e giovani, insegnanti, educatori ed operatori media provenienti da diverse aree geografiche della Repubblica della Macedonia del Nord, un paese straordinariamente ricco di diversità culturale. Le/i partecipanti hanno maturato un senso di appartenenza verso le istituzioni europee dibattendo su temi chiave per la tutela dei diritti umani.





### 3. PROJECT IMPACT/IMPATTO DEL PROGETTO

#### 3.1. Project sustainability/Sostenibilità del progetto

The project activities, propelled by the social relevance and influence of the participants, contributed to guarantee the project's sustainability in the long-term. The target groups of the action understood - and stood up for – international human rights principles and to claim a fair and inclusive society. In the light of data collected (regarding the complex factors generating inter-ethnic, inter-religious and social exclusion in different geographical areas of the country), participants started developing context sensitive proposals and lay the foundations for future projects aimed at promoting cooperation and capacity building. Finally, students – regardless of their religion or ethnicity - will be encouraged to play an active role in conflict prevention and make their society more resilient and inclusive.

#### 3.2. Project publicity and dissemination of information/Pubblicità del progetto e disseminazione delle informazioni (Max 1000 characters/caratteri)

The visibility of the action, as well as of both the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, has been ensured at community, district, national and international level. CISS's Communication Officer guaranteed a continuous communication flow and organize the contents of the visibility toolkit: the Project Logo, the Project Webpage (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/719044632731030>) a Presentation of the project, a Flyer and a Poster. At community-level and at regional level, posters, badges, flyers materials have been distributed to students, grassroots organizations, community leaders, institutions and professionals. Project visibility and contribution of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation was promoted especially on social medias (Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter). A video was published online: <https://www.facebook.com/CooperazioneInternazSudSud/videos/1059617284687090/>

#### 3.3. Project reports and project related news (links or attachments)/Rapporti di progetto e link a notizie correlate al progetto (link o allegati)

The main project activities have been documented in a Facebook Community:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/719044632731030>

Attached to this report there are the following documents:

- PARTICIPANTS' REGISTERS
- VIDEO GALLERY
- PHOTOGALLERY
- AGENDA
- PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT
- BANNER OF THE PROJECT

During the implementation period no changes have been requested.

#### 4.4. Remarks /Osservazioni

During the evaluation sessions organized with the project's participants it emerged a common desire to implement a second phase of the project by involving participants from other Western Balkan countries and, in particular, to replicate the simulation of the EU parliament at regional level.

## 5. TRAINERS IN PROJECT MODEL EU

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Date: 25 July 2023

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COOPERAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE SUD SUD (CISS)

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