

Citizen Engagement for Recovery
- Volunteering in Solidarity-

#CERVIS Project No. 101051597

(Revealing European Values In Volunteering in Europe - REVIVE Project No. 101051131)

D2.4 Report:

What EU (K)needs Bread Making/ Board Game workshops (2022)

Introduction

In the context of a 4-year framework agreement grant under the European Union "Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values" fund (CERV) - "REVIVE" (Revealing European Values in Volunteering in Europe), the Centre for European Volunteering (CEV) Exchange of Good Practice organised "What EU (K)needs Workshops. These workshops provided a space for mutual learning based on exchange of bread making traditions with others from different cultures and backgrounds and playing a fun and unique Board Game developed exclusively by CEV that helped participants explore what Europe means to them and what they can contribute to our communities and put into practice European Values, especially in the framework of the follow up to the Conference on the Future of Europe. The 13 workshops in 11 different languages involved 131 participants and encouraged the participants to think more deeply about their own history and values they inherited and how they relate to European Values.

Belgium - 7 June



Belgium - 28 November



Malta - 2 December



Bulgaria - 8 May



Croatia - 13 June



Hungary - 8 June



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Italy - 2 October & 3
December



Spain - 1 June



Portugal - 11 November



Slovakia - 5 May



Romania - 26 November



Slovenia - 19 December



Results from the discussions:

1. What do you need from Europe?

"Safety and a fair place to live, to work, to raise kids. The place, where anyone has equal resources and conditions to succeed".

"To be sure that all members are ready to act as one. I need support, safety and acceptance. At the moment I need support, acceptance, peace and to feel safe at home."

"Freedom, to support of solidarity and opportunities for community development."

"Support and protection; Help with current situations in volunteers' lives, e.g. housing, paper work; Appreciation; Communication".

"Make "Europe more accessible" for young people, providing resources that allow young people to get to know countries and customs of European countries. Expanding the age range of the groups considered "young".

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"Reduce bureaucratic procedures for the exchange of volunteers between entities, thus allowing those entities that are smaller to consider these experiences. Design a more unified education model, and establish a protocol so that "good practices" of some countries are made known to the rest and that it is easy to extrapolate those experiences that work best in this field of education. "

"Youngsters are asking Europe for mechanisms to overcome social alienation, projects that will help build a network among citizens of all countries."

"I can behave respectful to others and reuse, recycle and think ecologically."

"I want a peaceful Europe. There is a lot of arguments regarding migration and very few think about policies that safeguard human rights in all countries"

"Slovenian language course; Education for my children; Access to a doctor; Access to the apartment; Access to work; Better working conditions; Compliance with laws; To accept refugees; Financial support."

2. What can you do alone for Europe; What can you give that Europe needs?

"Brainstorming, thinking about new and good ideas. Striking, so the government knows that our country is nothing without volunteers. Working together learning from each other and sharing experiences."

"To get ready for worse times and open our doors to people coming from unsafe regions, to include them into our society and find ways to benefit from bad situations. "

"Work in industry; Doing jobs that Europeans don't want; Knowledge in the field of agriculture; Textile design; Language teaching; Work as a nurse; Teaching children with special needs.

"Cooperate and respect each other and people outside of the EU, and be responsible with using the resources that we have. To reform European institutions, to work on common needs and to raise brave people."

"We have to respect each other."

"Young people can offer Europe goodwill, skills and knowledge that will contribute to the creation of content and networking activities for young people and volunteers across Europe."

3. What do you need to do together for Europe?

"We can meet people and help and support them and make them happy. Helping people and Solidarity."

"Together we must build a more inclusive, tolerant and solidary society, discovering more about each other, our cultures and our customs."

"We can offer tolerance, open minds, and a willingness to create a world suitable not only for ourselves but for everyone."

"We trust that the EU is the best way to live together, we pay taxes, participate on the society development and education and behave responsible with Resources."

"To be faithful to the EU, to stand for EU values and live them in everyday life. "

4. What kind of Europe does society need?

"Europe may be not quite there yet, but we should be happy that we live in a democracy, that there is a good healthcare system and that there are human rights. Compared to e.g. USA, we don't have it so bad here".

"We can promote European values, get involved more often in European events, go on exchanges where we will meet different cultures and customs, preserve nature and thus contribute to the preservation of a green and sustainable Europe."

"Bureaucracy - I want the possibility and liberty to work in an independent way without over regulation and to experiment and reach higher while working within an organised framework"

"Where we raise young people to act according to EU values."

"Where we respect other cultures, learn different languages and share knowledge and experience."

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5. What kind of Europe do you need?

"Every country needs to be on the same page. Wages for the same jobs should be the same in every country, as well as the expensiveness of life. Unity, Freedom, Safety and Security. Hospitality: Europe should be open to everybody as long as they integrate themselves according to our values."

"Sustainable, green, inclusive, tolerant, one that supports diversity and cares about human rights, full of solidarity for all social groups, especially the marginalised."

"Women's health should be a priority and Europe needs to regulate policies across all countries. When it comes to abortion, the EU needs to at least give priority to women's health"

"Strong, united, safe, fair, green, supporting the weak and disadvantaged, Strong, responsible, clean, self-sufficient. The one where cohesion is the value and countries are able to think about other countries' needs and prosperity."

"Open, inclusive and where all children have access to education."

"Open, Supportive, Good healthcare system, Good school system, A good migration policy."

"Unity, Equal wages, Europe should be stronger and countries should work together, especially in times of crises or war. They should take care of each other, be truly a union."

"Strong, united, safe, fair, green, supporting the weak and disadvantaged, Respectful and responsible society would be just fine. "

"The Europe, which live in peace, where people are generous to each other and where ecology is the most important topic of the day."

