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Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"

Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"

Short description:

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, the project "Schuman 2.0 – A new Momentum for Europe" engaged citizens, activists from civil society organizations (hereinafter, CSOs) and universities to:

1. Reflect on the Schuman Declaration, remembering the historical roots of the European project U to understand it funding values and innovative character;
2. Look back at the early days of the history of European integration as inspiration to renew the foundations of EU unity;
3. Develop "new declarations" for the future of Europe, as a way of participating in the reflection on reshaping EU mission and structure in the years to come to complete the project launched by Schuman.

As per workplan, the project focused in particular on citizens from all social and economic backgrounds from cities normally left outside the European debates that take place in capitals.

Firstly, through an Ambassadors' Training held in Brussels on 14-15 December 2019 we gathered 40 young people from 22 countries interested to become Ambassadors for the project, act as multipliers of the project communication material and act as facilitators during the local events. The young Ambassadors learned about the Schuman declaration and its historical and political context, how to co-organise local events, how to facilitate activities involving participants from different backgrounds and nationalities. Interaction and the exchange of ideas was encouraged and participants learned from one another as well as from expert speakers and facilitators.

Secondly, the Ambassadors had the chance to put their newly-acquired skills and capabilities in practice through the support to the organisation of 6 events across Europe in different geographies and social and political contexts (Lille, Trieste, Tartu, Bilbao, Graz and Hamburg). In each grassroots event, co-organised by us and local partners, participants were first engaged in an historical reflection on the Schuman Declaration, and then encouraged to form and share their perception on the initial aspirations of the European project as stated in the Schuman Declaration, confront it with the view of participants from other EU countries and reflect on the best way to renew the EU's mission in the framework of the current challenges facing the Europeans. During these events, participants had also the opportunity to engage in collaborative activities to propose their "new Schuman Declarations" to address current EU challenges.

Finally, the project ended with the final Citizens Summit on Europe Day, the 9th May 2020, through a webinar meeting on Zoom. The final event is meant to present the meaning of the Schuman declaration and discuss on its long-term perspectives. As part of the project, we launched a context for a "Schuman 2.0 declaration", inviting citizens to write their new Schuman 2.0 Declaration proposing constructive measures to progress European integration, and embrace the challenges of today, while respecting the spirit of Schuman. 265 people participated to our Declaration contest and 54 declarations were submitted fitting the criteria. The final award was proclaimed on 19 June 2020.

The project involved directly close to 900 citizens and civil society activists and we estimate that indirectly it reached out to more than 320000 citizens across Europe through project promoters and partners' networks and communication channels throughout project duration.

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8 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 55 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Aberdeen (Scotland), 1 participant from the city of Barcelona (Spain), 1 participant from the city of Berlin (Germany), 6 participants from the city of Brussels (Belgium), 1 participant from the city of Berlin (Germany), 1 participant from the city of Berlin (Germany), 1 participant from the city of Duisburg (Germany), 1 participant from the city of Erfurt (Germany), 1 participant from the city of Frankfurt (Germany), 1 participant from the city of Kaunas (Lithuania), 1 participant from the city of Kuressaare (Lithuania), 1 participant from Luxembourg, 1 participant from the city of Paola (Malta), 1 participant from the city of Pisa (Italy), 1 participant from the city of Seville (Spain), 1 participant from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), 1 participant from the city of Sta Venera (Malta), 2 participants from the city of Tartu (Estonia), 1 participant from the city of Tirana (Albania), 1 participant from the city of Unna (Germany), 5 participants from the city of Valencia (Spain), 1 participant from Venafrò (Italy), 1 participant from the city of Vienna (Austria).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Brussels, Belgium from 14 to 15 December 2019.

Short description: The aim of the event was to help young participants (selected with an open call) to understand the significance of the Schuman Declaration and promote its remembrance in the project events. It trained participants to build closer links with students and citizens to raise awareness of one of the founding moments of the European Integration project and to better prepare themselves to be active participants in the ongoing debate on the future of Europe. Ambassadors learnt how to co-organise local events, how to involve participants and how to interact with different nationalities.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved 50 citizens, including 1 participant from the city of Espo (Finland), 14 participants from the city of Brussels (Belgium), 1 participant from Germany, 1 participant from Romania, 1 participant from the city of Venafrò (Italy), 1 participant from the city of Paola (Malta), 31 participants from Lille (France).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Lille, France, on 25 January 2020.

Short description: The day was introduced by Julie Gratz of the Robert Schuman Centre who commented on two videos on the Declaration and Robert Schuman. A debate between Dominique Riquet, Member of the European Parliament, two academics from the Catholic University of Lille, Ophélie Omnes, President of UEF-France, Tosia Stepniak, Vice-President of the Young Europeans-France, allowed to put the Schuman Declaration into perspective in relation to the European context of 2020 and to identify the current challenges (education, defence, environment, migration, citizens consultation). The morning closed with a presentation of the citizen consultation process led by the Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournairepresented by its Director and two Belgian Flemish citizens. The morning's debates and exchanges led to the writing of a draft Schuman Declaration for 2020. It is envisaged to use this declaration on the UEF stands on 9 May and to propose to passers-by, especially young people, to express what they would like to see in a new Schuman Declaration.

Event 3

Participation: The event involved 45 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Brussels (Belgium), 1 participant from France, 1 participant from Duisburg (Germany), 1 participant from Sta Venera (Malta), 1 participant from the city of Mirano Venezia (Italy), 1 participant from the city of Cortina d'Ampezzo (Italy), 1 participant from the city of Pisa (Italy), 3 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 35 participants from Trieste (Italy).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Trieste, Italy from 20 to 21 February 2020

Short description: In the morning of 20th February we had a workshop at the University involving 20 students with the aim to write the Schuman 2.0 Declaration; after a buffet with all these students, in the afternoon we organized a Conference involving 40 people where we hosted important speakers (journalists and experts on EU affairs): Erik Jozsef, Eva Giovannini, Sara Tonolo, Giulio Saputo, and at the evening we planned a Concert of Students "Unity in Diversity" (around 20 people). In the morning of 21st February, the Ambassadors went to Petrarca Highschool to talk about Europe and both students and teachers were very satisfied about the "Lesson", which became an interactive discussion. The event was organised in cooperation with the Municipality of Trieste and the Erasmus Students Network

Event 4

Participation: The event involved 63 citizens, including 9 participants from the city of Tartu (Estonia), 1 participant from the city of Brussels (Belgium), 1 participant from the city of Graz (Austria), 1 participant from the city of Duisburg (Germany), 1 participant from the city of Amsterdam (The Netherlands), 1 participant from the city of Tirana (Albania), 1 participant from the city of Kuressaare (Estonia), 1 participant from Tunisia, 5 participants from Russia, 5 participants from Ukraine, 4 participants from Italy, 4 participants from Armenia, 4 participants from Georgia, 2 participants from Spain, 2 participants from the USA, 2 participants from North Macedonia, 2 participants from Azerbaijan, 1 participants from Chile, 1 participants from Lithuania, 1 participants from Cambodia, 1 participants from France, 1 participants from India, 1 participants from Slovenia, 1 participants from Peru, 1 participants from Slovakia, 1 participants from China, 1 participants from Palestine, 1 participants from Afghanistan, 1 participants from Poland, 1 participants from Germany, 1 participants from Finland.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Tartu, Estonia from 28 to 29 February 2020

Short description: The Tartu grass-root event, in cooperated with and hosted by the University of Tartu, consisted of two days of activities. On February 28, two panel sessions were held to discuss the historical context of the declaration and the challenges faced by today's Europe. The panels were be open to everyone interested. The first panel on "the historical context and significance of the Schuman declaration" involved the following speakers: Dr. David Beecher (Visiting Professor and Lecturer of history and global studies at the University of California, Berkeley), Dr. Stefano Braghiroli (Associate Professor in European Studies), and Dr. Eva Piirimäe (Associate Professor of Political Theory). The second panel on "Challenges for the EU in times of global instability and the opportunity of the Conference on the Future of Europe" consisted of the following speakers: Mr. Thomas Linsenmaier (Junior Research Fellow), Ms. Laura Tatarélyté (Union of European Federalists Lithuania), and Mr. Louis Wierenga (Junior Research Fellow in Comparative Politics). On February 29, the registered participants, grouped in teams, wrote the Tartu Schuman declaration.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved 70 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Tartu (Estonia), 1 participant from the city of Kuressaare (Estonia), 5 participants from Helsinki (Finland), 1 participant from Serbia, 1 participant from Erfurt (Germany), 5 participants from Ukraine, 55 participants from the city of Bilbao (Spain).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Bilbao, Spain on 6 March 2020.

Short description: On Friday 6 March, 70 people gathered together in the University of Deusto to share thoughts on the future of the European Union. The event started with some panels on the historic meaning of the Schuman declaration and the challenges and opportunities the future may hold. Then, after a brief coffe break, the co-creation of the Declaration started. 50 people from diverse ages and backgrounds were divided in 10 tables where they reflected on the future of Europe guided by different SDG's. The world café was the methodology used, which turned out to be very appropriate. Finally, the conclusions of the workshop were presented to the participants. All in all, the organisers have a very positive opinion about the outcome of the event, qualifying it as very successful, based on the opinion of the participants and the organisers themselves.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved 42 citizens, including 1 participants from the city of Tirana (Albania), 1 participant from Graz (Austria), 7 participants from Brussels (Belgium), 1 participant from Czech Republic, 13 participants from the city of Vicenza (Italy), 1 participant from the city of Varese (Italy), 12 participants from Hamburg (Germany), 1 participant from Kosovo, 1 participant from Luxembourg city (Luxembourg), 1 participant from Poland, 1 participant from the city of Zaragoza (Spain), 2 participants from the city of Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Hamburg (Germany), through the online platform ZOOM, on 28 March 2020.

Short description: The event took place as an online webinar with an international audience and panel. After greetings by Lars Becker (Europa-Union Hamburg) and Paolo Vacca (UEF), Anne Bruch (European University Institute) introduced the historical background of the Schuman Declaration via a short input and a video. This was followed by a panel discussion on the future of Europe, with a specific focus on the corona crisis, titled: 70 years from the Schuman Declaration, what Europe to respond to the Corona crisis ? Anne Bruch, Dr. Andreas Busen (Institute for European Integration), Paolo Vacca, (UEF) discussed the potential impacts of the current Corona crisis from different perspective, historical, political and from the

civil-society. The discussion was moderated by Björn Bronger (Schuman 2.0 Ambassador). After the panel discussion participants were invited to share their comments and questions, which led to a dynamic discussion.

Event 7

Participation: The event involved 55 citizens, including including 1 participants from the city of Tirana (Albania), 20 participants from the city of Graz (Austria), 2 participants from Brussels (Belgium), 1 participant from Bulgaria, 10 participants from the city of Vicenza (Italy), 5 participants from the city of Rome (Italy), 3 participants from Germany, 1 participant from Luxembourg city (Luxembourg), 1 participant from Paris (France), 1 participant from Scotland, 1 participant from the UK, 1 participant from the city of Valencia (Spain), 1 participant from the city of Barcelona (Spain), 1 participant from the city of Zaragoza (Spain), 1 participant from Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

Location / Dates: The event took place in Graz (Austria), through the online platform ZOOM, on 2 May 2020.

Short description: The event took place as an online webinar with an international audience and panel. After greetings by Andreas Weber (EFB-Steiermark) and Paolo Vacca (UEF), Dr. Aisté Mickonytė, (University of Graz) introduced the historical background of the Schuman Declaration via a short input and a video. This was followed by a panel discussion on the future of Europe, with Sandro Gozi (Member of the European Parliament), and by a panel on the Rule of law and Hungary by Eszter Nagy (UEF Hungary), looked through the learnings from the Schuman Declaration. The discussion was moderated by Julius Lajtha (Schuman 2.0 Ambassador). After the panel discussion participants were invited to share their comments and questions, which led to a dynamic discussion.

Event 8

Participation: The event involved directly 500 citizens in videoconference on Zoom (and others indirectly through the Facebook live), including participants from all member states of the EU, in particular from the city of Athens (Greece), Paris, Angers, Lyon, Corte, Versailles, Robuaix, Bayonne, Lille, Metz, Nozeroy and Dijon (France), Warsaw, Lodz, Lublin and Gdansk (Poland), Aalborg (Denmark), Luxembourg, Paola (Malta), Rome, Verona, Ravenna, Pisa, Genoa, Torino, Bassano del Grappa, Matera, Milan and Vicenza (Italy), Haapsalu, Tallin (Estonia), Amsterdam and Maastricht (The Netherlands), Porto and Lisboa (Portugal), Graz and Innsbruck (Austria), Budapest (Hungary), Ghent, Hasselt, Leuven and Brussels (Belgium), Tuebingen, Berlin, Freiburg, Lubeck, Stuttgart, Pinzberg, Würzburg, Flörsheim, Paderborn and Erfurt (Germany), Coruna, Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia (Spain), Bratislava (Slovakia), Dublin (Ireland), Sofia and Pazardzhik (Bulgaria), Vantaa and Helsinki (Finland), Prague (Czech Republic), Slatina (Romania), Uppsala (Sweden).

In addition, there were several participants from non-EU countries, such as London and Northumberland (The UK), Kitchener (Canada), Istanbul (Turkey), Tel Aviv (Israel), Cincinnati (The USA), Georgia, Prishtina (Kosovo), Basel (Switzerland).

Location / Dates: The event took place through the online platform ZOOM, on 9 May 2020.

Short description: The event took place as an online webinar with an international audience and panel. It was meant to present the meaning of the Schuman declaration and discuss on its long-term perspectives. The event was divided into three different parts: the first one was related to the Historical relevance of the Schuman Declaration; the second one was organised with journalist and bloggers from different European countries to discuss Europe's prospects after 70 years of integration; and finally there was a discussion on several issue related the EU with different MEPs.