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2nd Youth Festival in Veria Greece

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Executive Summary

The 2nd Youth Festival in Veria, scheduled for November 28-29, 2024, is part of the ADAPT project's efforts to support mobile EU youth by fostering digital skills and encouraging active participation in democratic processes. The festival includes interactive workshops, discussions, and collaborative activities focused on digital literacy, inclusion, and community engagement. Participants will work on developing action plans and digital campaigns aimed at enhancing youth involvement in civic life. This event aligns with the project's broader goal of promoting social cohesion and providing tools for youth empowerment across participating countries.





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Objectives

**Promoting Youth
Engagement and
Participation**

**Encouraging
Cultural
Exchange and
Cohesion**

**Raising Awareness on
Rights and
Opportunities**

**Supporting Social
Inclusion**

**Enhancing
Democratic Literacy**

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Objectives

The festival aimed to involve mobile EU youth in discussions about their role in democratic processes and integration into local communities, fostering a sense of civic responsibility.

By gathering participants from diverse backgrounds, the event promoted mutual understanding, inclusivity, and strengthened European identity.

The festival focused on educating participants about their rights as EU citizens and the opportunities available for their active involvement in civic life.

Specific activities targeted underrepresented groups, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity in building cohesive societies and reducing barriers faced by disadvantaged youth.

The festival aimed to equip participants with knowledge about democratic principles

Expectations

**Creating a Platform for
Dialogue and Networking**

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**Empowering Participants with
Practical Tools**

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**Fostering Long-Term
Collaboration**

3

Inspiring Active Citizenship

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**Encouraging the
Development of Local
Initiatives**

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Expectations

The event was expected to facilitate meaningful exchanges between participants, policymakers, and local authorities

Participants were anticipated to gain digital skills and knowledge that would enable them to contribute more effectively to their communities and democratic processes.

By encouraging networking and partnerships among participants and stakeholders, the festival aimed to lay the groundwork for continued cooperation

The event sought to motivate participants to engage in civic activities and take leadership roles in promoting inclusion, diversity, and democratic values in their communities.

Participants were expected to apply their learnings to create community-driven projects and activities

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AGENDA

Prior to the youth festival, the host organization designed a comprehensive agenda outlining the program's structure, thematic focus, and key objectives for each session. This agenda served as a crucial framework, ensuring that all activities were strategically aligned with the festival's goals. Acting as a guiding tool for both organizers and participants, it facilitated a well-coordinated sequence of events, allowing for seamless transitions and effective time management. By providing this clear structure, the host organization ensured an engaging and impactful experience for everyone involved in the event.



DAY 1

28/11/2024

Digital Skills and Democratic Participation

- 09:30 – 10:00: Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 10:00 – 10:30: Opening Session: Welcome remarks by organizers and project partners. Introduction of participants
- 10:30 – 11:30: Digital Skills as a Tool for Civic Engagement.
- 11:30 – 12:00: Coffee Break
- 12:00 – 13:30: Enhancing Digital Literacy for Active Citizenship. Interactive group activities focused on practical digital skills.
- 13:30 – 14:30: Lunch Break
- 14:30 – 15:30: Presentation of initiatives promoting digital inclusion
- 15:30 – 16:30: Discussion: The Role of Youth in Shaping Democratic Futures.
- 16:30 – 17:00: Day 1 Evaluation and Feedback

DAY 2

29/11/2024

Inclusion, Diversity, and Action Planning

- 10:00 – 11:00: Workshop: Addressing Inclusion and Diversity in Digital Spaces.
- 11:00 – 11:30: Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 12:30: Group Activity: Developing an Action Plan for Community Engagement.
- 12:30 – 13:30: Lunch Break
- 13:30 – 15:00: Collaborative Session Activity: Designing Digital Campaigns for Youth Participation.
- 15:00 – 16:00: Closing Ceremony
Presentation of Action Plans by Participants.
- 16:00 – 16:30: Networking and Farewell

Key Activities and Outcomes 28/11

The first day of the event began with a warm welcome and an orientation session designed to set the tone for the upcoming days. Participants were introduced to the objectives of the festival, the agenda, and one another through icebreakers and team-building activities. This session not only fostered a sense of belonging but also encouraged open communication among participants, setting the foundation for collaborative learning. The emphasis was placed on building a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by mobile EU youth, aligning with the project's mission of fostering integration and active citizenship.



Key Activities and Outcomes 28/11

The day continued with an engaging indoor session on the importance of digital skills for mobile EU youth. Participants explored practical tools and techniques for creating digital content, emphasizing their role in fostering inclusion and civic engagement. Through interactive discussions and hands-on activities, they developed key competencies to address societal challenges, combining creativity with technology to promote active participation in their communities.



Key Activities and Outcomes 28/11

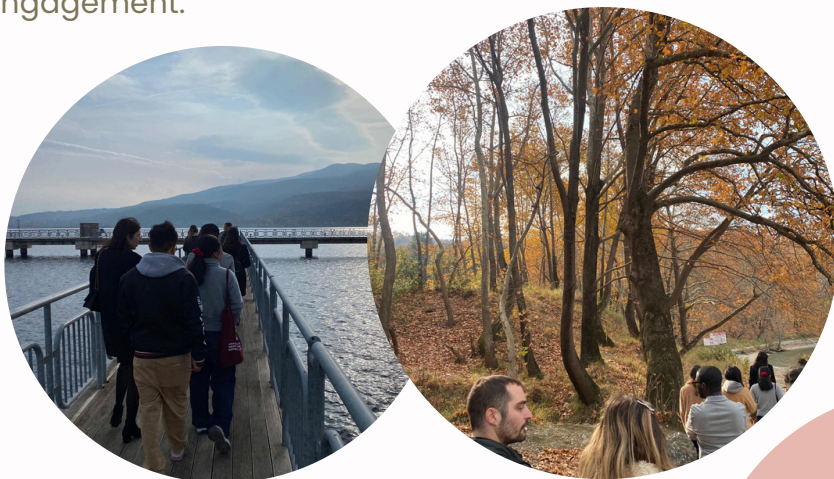
The day concluded with collaborative group exercises aimed at identifying challenges mobile youth face when accessing digital services and resources. Through brainstorming and problem-solving sessions, participants shared personal insights and explored practical solutions to enhance digital literacy. These discussions provided valuable perspectives and contributed to the development of a collective roadmap for advancing digital skills among youth.



Key Activities and Outcomes 29/11

Visit to the Aliakmonas River

The visit to the Aliakmonas River provided participants with a unique opportunity to explore the integration of natural environments into creative projects. Set against the serene landscape, the session introduced participants to digital tools for video creation, emphasizing how nature can inspire storytelling and visual narratives. Participants learned how to use simple filming techniques to capture the beauty of their surroundings, which could later be used to craft impactful digital content. This hands-on activity highlighted the importance of creativity in promoting inclusion and engagement, aligning with the festival's goal of enhancing digital skills for civic participation. ring digital competencies for societal engagement.



Key Activities and Outcomes 29/11

Visit to the Byzantine Museum of Veria

The Byzantine Museum offered a deep dive into the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region. Participants engaged in discussions about preserving history through digital archives and storytelling techniques. Practical demonstrations showcased tools for digitizing historical content and creating multimedia presentations, encouraging participants to link cultural preservation with modern technology. The session underscored how digital skills can play a critical role in making cultural heritage accessible and engaging, reinforcing the project's focus on fostering



Key Activities and Outcomes 29/11

Visit to the Apostle Paul's Tribune

The visit to the Apostle Paul's Tribune connected historical reflection with modern civic action. Participants explored ways to use digital media to document and share stories of historical significance, with a focus on promoting values of inclusion and diversity. Through interactive discussions, they brainstormed how historical sites like this can inspire projects that bridge the past with the present, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. This experience linked digital advocacy with historical education, emphasizing the role of digital storytelling in building a cohesive European identity.



EVALUATION

The evaluation of the event revealed that the combination of theoretical discussions on the first day and hands-on practice on the second day was highly effective in achieving the festival's goals. Theoretical sessions provided participants with a solid foundation in digital skills, storytelling techniques, and civic engagement, while the practical exercises allowed them to apply this knowledge creatively in real-world settings. The transition from structured discussions to immersive activities, such as video creation in nature and visits to cultural sites, enabled participants to connect abstract concepts with tangible outcomes. This approach fostered a deeper understanding of how digital tools can promote social inclusion and engagement. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the balance of learning methods as a key strength of the program. They noted that this structure kept them motivated and inspired, reinforcing the value of experiential learning for fostering active citizenship and digital competency.

CONCLUSION

The youth festival in Veria successfully combined meaningful discussions, hands-on activities, and cultural exploration to empower participants with new skills and insights. By integrating theoretical knowledge with practical applications, the program provided a holistic learning experience that encouraged active citizenship and fostered a stronger European identity. Participants had the opportunity to reflect on important societal challenges, engage in creative digital storytelling, and connect with the cultural and historical richness of the region. The overwhelmingly positive feedback demonstrated the effectiveness of the event's structure and its alignment with the project's objectives. The festival not only enhanced participants' digital competencies but also inspired them to take a more active role in their communities. This impactful experience highlights the importance of combining education, creativity, and cultural heritage to promote inclusion and strengthen connections among mobile EU youth. It serves as a valuable example for future initiatives aimed at empowering young Europeans.

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