

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1- AMMINISTRAZIONE PROVINCIALE DI BIELLA - Biella
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Project name and acronym:	EnhanCing good local goVernance for Solldarity and inclusion — CIVIC

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	2		
Event name:	Cl.V.I.C. EVENT N 2 – in EL – Municipality of Amfiklia-Elatia (Greece) November 20-23 2024		
Type:	workshop + study visit + conference		
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>		
Location:	Greece, Amfiklia-Elatia		
Date(s):	November 20-23 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.provincia.biella.it/aree-tematiche/ufficio-europa/progetto-civic		
Participants			
Female:	50		
Male:	50		
Non-binary:	/		
From country 1 GREECE:	27		
Total number of participants:	100	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The project focused on EU SOLIDARITY is aimed to overcome national perceptions by fostering mutual understanding and creating opportunities where common solutions can be discussed in a constructive way. The European Union is built on solidarity: the project wants to raise awareness of the importance of reinforcing the European integration process based on solidarity and common values: solidarity between its citizens and across borders.</p> <p>The Amfiklia-Elatia event was completely centered on the solidarity concept involving organizations and presenting best practices in the field.</p> <p>The Italian delegation arrived in Amfiklia-Elatia on November 20. The Mayor of Amfiklia-Elatia welcomed the delegation by the “Papakosteio” Cultural Center.</p>			



The Italian delegation by the the "Lion of Chaeronea"



CIVIC Welcome Ceremony by the "Papakosteio" Cultural Center



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On **November 21 the morning** was dedicated to the cultural and social visit to the Village of Tithorea and Kato Tithorea.

The visit was the occasion to see the new Railway Station as crucial transport infrastructure for the economy in the region and key monuments as the old castle, Agios Ioannis church, Sxolarxeio, Plakoto.

The rest of the morning was dedicated to visit two local productive plants strategic in the local economy by Agia Paraskevi: the ceramic workshop and the pomegranate standardization laboratory.



On **November 21 in the afternoon** three guided social visit were held.

The first one was by the **Children's Creative Activity Center in Kato Tithorea** the local kindergarten that offers to families a safe hosting place to children (especially those most disadvantaged) during the morning and the afternoon. The town of Amfiklia-Elatia manages 3 daycare centres they operate as structures of the Municipality and belong to the Ministry of Interior and not to the Ministry of Education. Building maintenance, equipment, supplies are the responsibility of the Municipality. In each Kindergarten, for up to 0-25 children, a teacher and an assistant early childhood teacher, a cook and a support worker are employed. Children can register from the age of 2.5 years to 4 years. Then they join pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, where their compulsory schooling begins. In Amfiklia-Elatia children do not pay school fees. Before the start of the new school year, parents submit the necessary supporting documents to join the program "Promotion and support of children for their inclusion in preschool education as well as for the access of school-age children, teenagers and people with disabilities to creative employment services". The program is co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF+) within the framework of the NSRF 2021-2027, by national resources and by the Regular Budget of the Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family. It is implemented by the Hellenic Company for Local Development and Self-Government S.A. Parents who meet the inclusion conditions receive the placement value which they transfer to the Municipality with authorization and the Municipality guarantees the good operation of the structures in accordance with the terms of the contract. The



same applies to the children who enter the structures of the Children's Creative Employment Centres. The opening hours are from 7.30 to 15.30 and the children eat in the same structures around 10.00 am. and lunch at 12.00. The weekly food programs are designed by the teacher in charge of each station, in collaboration with the paediatrician, who visits each structure and examines the children once a month.

The second one was by the **Community Center (Κέντρο Κοινωνίας Δήμου Αμφικλείας Ελατειας)**. This is the first point of contact for citizens with the social service of each Municipality and constitutes a fundamental "core" of expanded one-stop-shop services. From there, the citizens are informed about all the benefits they are entitled to, all the agencies, services, and programs that provide them with any form of social care, at the level of the Municipality, Region, or the entire country. Here all citizens of the area who are facing a social problem themselves or their family members (unemployment, financial difficulties, lack of housing, living problems due to disability or old age) and need the assistance of the State can seek for help. At the same time, the Community Centres provide advisory support and social integration services on issues such as approaching the local job market for employment, creating opportunities for young people to start their professional lives, addressing problems of domestic violence or family disharmony, legal issues, educational support for children and adolescents, submission of requests for disability and welfare benefits, as well as organizing local events with educational, informative, and social content. Beneficiaries of the Community Centre are citizens residing in the municipality of Amfikleia – Elateia and, as a priority, individuals and families living in conditions of extreme poverty or at risk of poverty or social exclusion, children experiencing exclusion, the elderly, and beneficiaries of the "Minimum Guaranteed Income" program, legally residing migrants, applicants/beneficiaries of international and temporary protection, persons with disabilities, and generally vulnerable population groups.



The third one was by the **“Elderly Friendship Club” in Elateia** that offers welcome, socialization and creative activities for the many elderly people who live in the area. The centre is a primary care service to guarantee independence and social inclusion to old people. Here are organised social activities as dinners, celebrative events, excursions, in



order to guarantee an intense social life and prevent isolation and loneliness. In addition to the centre activities Amfikleia – Elateia has a strong social service dedicated to third age with the **“help at home programme”**. The programme is addressed to senior people who are not fully self-sufficient and people with mobile disabilities and special problems, with priority to those who live alone, have no family care or not independent because low income. The purpose of the programme is to improve the life quality, support families, and offer expert support. The programme is delivered by one sociologist, 2 nurses, 3 family helpers. A total of 300 elderly and disabled people benefit from the programme.

On November 22 in the morning the delegation visited briefly the Monastery of Dadi in Amfikleia. Located 5km from Amfikleia, within a wonderful area packed with green and at an altitude of 800 meters it used to be a convent but since 1954 it operates as a nunnery. At its present site was the old monastery of the Byzantine period. The current structures date from the 18th century. In the main temple of the monastery is kept the miraculous icon of Panaghia Gavriotissa. Then visited the Parnassos Scout Camp a huge structure in the woods with facilities to host youth groups from Greece and abroad. Here a long walk in the woods gave the occasion to meet the local huge nature of the famous mountain. The morning was concluded with visits to two local productive enterprises, a local winery and a local cheese workshop.



On November 22 in the afternoon, the delegation visited the Amfikleia’s indoor Gym and had a meeting with local sports clubs. Finally in the evening visited an exhibition of Hagiography and Painting in Amfikleia.



The last day November 23 in the morning the delegation was hosted by the municipal Headquarter of Kato Tithorea for the Final Meeting with reciprocal greetings and exchange of presents.



HISTORY OF CHANGES

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