

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	FREGUESIA DE VILA BOA DO BISPO (Freguesia VBB)
PIC number:	913768228
Project name and acronym:	L-Democracy: Bringing young citizens together with local authorities — L-Democracy

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	3
Event name:	EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY WEEKEND SERIES II
Type:	Workshop
In situ/online:	<u>[in-situ]</u>
Location:	Spain, Rafelguaraf
Date(s):	12.11.2025 – 13.11.2025 (excluding travel days)
Website(s) (if any):	https://ldemocracy.com/ https://jvilaboadobispo.wixsite.com/website-5/post/projeto-l-democracy-rafelguaraf-acolhe-workshop-sobre-democracia-europeia-e-participa%C3%A7%C3%A3o-c%C3%ADvica
Participants	
Female:	43
Male:	33
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Spain]:	34
From country 2 [Portugal]:	3
From country 3 [Italy]:	10
From country 4 [Bulgaria]:	6
From country 5 [Croatia]:	2
From country 6 [Greece]:	3
From country 7 [Servia]:	8

From country 8 [Slovenia]:	1
From country 9 [Romania]:	2
From country 10 [Ukraine]:	2
From country 11 [Hungary]:	1
From country 12 [Poland]:	2
From country 13 [Cyprus]:	2
Total number of participants:	76
	From total number of countries: 13

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The second event from the series European Democracy Weekend took place on the 12th and 13th of November 2025 in the Municipality of Rafelguaraf, Spain. Although initially planned as part of the “European Democracy Weekends”, the event was rescheduled to mid-week due to higher costs and limited availability of resources during the weekend. This adjustment enabled better event organization and optimized the utilization of local conditions. The event was implemented in line with the official agenda and activity titles defined for the event. The event aimed to promote democratic values, civic participation and understanding of local governance through structured participatory and intercultural activities.

Prior to the start of the international event, the Municipality of Rafelguaraf carried out Event Planning and Coordination, including coordination with partner organisations, preparation of the agenda and logistical arrangements. The Rafelguaraf coordination team completed the Info Pack containing travel instructions, accommodation options, local context, and contact details.

Day 1 – 12 November 2025

The implementation of the programme began with the participants arrival to Rafelguaraf, which was facilitated by the host municipality. The programme officially started with a welcome and introduction’s session, which took place at the premises of the Municipality of Rafelguaraf. This session included participant registration, opening remarks and an overview of the event objectives. Welcome speeches were delivered by Rafaela Aliaga Sendra, Mayor of Rafelguaraf, together with members of the local government, including Miguel Ángel Pons Oltra, First Deputy Mayor responsible for Urban Planning, Public Works, Public Services and Agriculture, and Jeniffer Navarro Boluda, Councillor for Youth, Equality, LGTBIQ+ and Animal Welfare. The Mayor of the neighbouring municipality of La Pobla Llarga, Neus Garrigues, and Benjamín Monpó, deputy in the Corts Valencianes Spokesperson for Youth and Housing, also addressed the participants.

The programme continued with a guided tour of Local Government, during which participants visited local public institutions, including the municipal nursery and primary school. Teachers and staff presented educational initiatives aimed at fostering participation and civic awareness from an early age, including their experience with Erasmus projects, participatory methodologies and future perspectives for international cooperation.

The Municipality of Rafelguaraf facilitated a workshop entitled “Exploring Democratic Values in Spain”, focusing on democratic principles, civic participation and youth engagement. The session was implemented through interactive discussions and participatory activities, allowing participants to exchange experiences and perspectives from their local and national contexts.

The first day concluded with a Networking Dinner, organised as a cultural exchange and networking activity that fostered interaction, dialogue and relationship-building among participants in an informal setting.

Day 2 – 13 November 2025

The second day of the international event continued with a visit to city hall, offering participants insight into local governance and decision-making processes in Spain through exchanges with local representatives. Further, civic engagement activities were implemented, including participatory sessions focusing on the functioning of the Spanish electoral system and democratic decision-making. Role-play and simulation-based activities were used to promote empathy, collective decision-making and practical understanding of democratic participation. Within the same activity framework, participants were also introduced to local traditions such as Las Fallas through meetings with local

entrepreneurs involved in their construction and organisation, highlighting the importance of cultural heritage for community cohesion. Additional exchanges with local producers addressed territorial development, sustainability and the impact of the 2024 floods, linking civic engagement with local resilience and community responses to real-life challenges.

The international event concluded with the reflection and next steps, consisting of a group reflection and feedback session, closing remarks and discussion of future cooperation opportunities, reinforcing the importance of continued intercultural dialogue and active participation in democratic life.

LEARNING RESULTS

- Participants increased their understanding of democratic principles and voting practices within Spain in a broader European context.
- Participants gained practical insight into democratic processes through participatory and simulation-based activities.
- Participants enhanced their comprehension of Spanish democratic institutions and civic duties.
- Participants strengthened active engagement in democratic processes through intercultural interaction and dialogue.

This Event Description Sheet is published on the Freguesia de Vila Boa do Bispo website and on the project website and can be accessed here:

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HISTORY OF CHANGES

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