

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Ayuntamiento de Pedreguer - Pedreguer
PIC number:	906740384
Project name and acronym:	Intercultural, Collaboration, Appreciation, Respect, Exchange — iCARE

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	101214882
Event name:	Multilateral Event in Orte
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Italy, Orte
Date(s):	11-16 September 2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://eunetwork.my.canva.site/icare
Participants	
Female:	157
Male:	140
Non-binary:	8
From Spain [Ayuntamiento de Pedregue]:	73 participants
From Italy [Comune di Orte]	100 participants
From Slovenia [Municipality Kostanjevica na Krki]:	28 participants
From Poland [Gmina Nasielsk]	24 participants
From Finland [Ei Koskaan Eläkkeelle ry]	0
From Cyprus [Nikart Journey Limited]	27 participants
From Ireland [Kilkenny Eastern Environs Project]	0
From Hungary [VARKAPITANY LOVAGI TORNA EGYESULET]	53 participants

Total number of participants:	305	From total number of countries:	8
Description <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The First International Meeting of the iCARE project was held in Orte, Italy, from 11 to 16 September. The event brought together representatives of municipalities and civil society organisations from different partner countries, creating a shared and inclusive space for dialogue, cooperation and mutual learning among participants from diverse cultural, social and institutional backgrounds.</p> <p>The programme combined a well-balanced mix of formal and non-formal learning activities, including an opening conference, thematic seminars and participatory workshops addressing key topics such as intercultural dialogue, diversity, inclusion, gender equality and European values. The opening conference introduced the iCARE project within its European context, outlining its objectives, methodology and alignment with EU values, while the thematic conferences provided a shared theoretical and policy-based framework on issues such as diversity, youth participation and social justice. By combining expert input with open discussion, these sessions supported critical thinking, mutual understanding and meaningful dialogue, while also strengthening transnational cooperation and networking among partner organisations.</p> <p>The learning approach of the meeting was strongly based on non-formal education methods, encouraging active involvement, reflection and experiential learning. This approach allowed participants to learn from real-life experiences, exchange perspectives in an open environment and develop competences that go beyond theoretical knowledge.</p> <p>Through interactive sessions, including co-creation workshops and problem-solving activities, participants actively explored common challenges related to discrimination and social exclusion in their local contexts, collectively reflecting on possible responses and inclusive strategies that could be transferred and adapted at local level. Practical activities enabled participants to observe community-based inclusion practices and engage directly with local stakeholders, facilitating meaningful exchanges and a deeper understanding of how inclusive initiatives are implemented on the ground. The activities also contributed to the development of transversal skills such as intercultural communication, teamwork, critical thinking and collaborative problem-solving. These competences are essential for promoting inclusive practices and active citizenship at local and European level.</p> <p>Cultural visits represented an essential and distinctive element of the meeting programme. Participants took part in guided visits in Orte and the surrounding area, discovering the historical, artistic and cultural heritage of the territory. These visits offered valuable opportunities to explore local traditions, public spaces and cultural sites, fostering dialogue between participants and the local community and enhancing intercultural understanding through direct and shared experiences.</p> <p>During their stay, participants also experienced Orte during the traditional "Ottava di Sant'Egidio", a significant local cultural celebration deeply rooted in the life of the community. This experience allowed them to directly engage with local citizens, observe collective rituals and traditions, and gain a deeper understanding of how cultural events can strengthen social bonds, promote participation and reinforce a shared sense of belonging.</p> <p>The meeting was designed in line with the principles of inclusion and equal opportunities. Particular attention was given to ensuring balanced participation, respect for diversity and the creation of a safe and open space for dialogue. This approach allowed all participants to contribute actively, regardless of their background, gender or personal experience, and ensured that different perspectives were valued throughout the learning process.</p> <p>Throughout the meeting, special attention was given to active participation, peer learning and the bottom-up approach of the project. All participants were encouraged to contribute their perspectives and experiences, creating an open and inclusive learning environment. This approach strengthened group cohesion, mutual trust and long-term relationships, and increased participants' motivation to transfer the knowledge, skills and inspiration gained into their own communities, contributing to the iCARE project's long-term goals of promoting intercultural dialogue, active citizenship and social inclusion across Europe.</p>			

PROGRAMME:**DAY 1 - 11th September 2025**

Arrival of delegations
 13:00 Lunch
 18:30-19:30 Guided Tour of Orte
 20:00 Welcome Dinner

DAY 2 – 12th September 2025

08:00-09:00 Breakfast
 09:00-12:30 Presentation of iCARE project & icebreaking activities
 13:00-14:00 Lunch
 16:00 Opening of the local food and wine market
 17:00 Workshop “Le mani in pasta”
 20:00 Dinner

DAY 3 – 13th September 2025

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast
 09:00 – 12:30 Seminar “United in Diversity. A core value of European Union”
 13:00-14:00 Community Lunch
 15:00-17:00 Problem Solving: Inclusion challenges in participant’s local contexts
 20:00 Dinner
 22:00 Show

Day 4 – 14th September 2025

08:00-09:00 Breakfast
 09:00-11:00 Conference: The role of Young people in Promoting Diversity
 12:00-13:00 Mini Parade
 13:00–14:00 Community Lunch
 17:00-19:00 “Palio degli Arcieri”- Archery Tournament
 20:00 Dinner
 22:00 Sbandieratori performance

DAY 5 – 15th September 2025

08:00-09:00 Breakfast
 09:30 -13:00 Conference: Gender, Diversity and Social Justice in the EU
 Creative Workshop: Solidarity Stories: Visual Narratives from Europe”
 13:00-14:00 Lunch
 15:00-16:00 Final Evaluation
 16:00-18:00 Orte Underground
 20:00 Dinner

DAY 6 – 16th September 2025

09:00-11:00 Breakfast
 Departure of delegations
 Suggested activity: Visit to Rome

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

