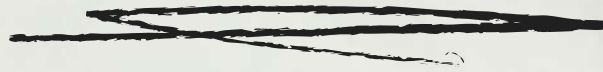




 THE EBOOK OF  
THE DESIRE PROJECT



# **DE**claration of **S**chuman: **I**nitiative for **R**evitalizing **E**urope

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# Description of the project

*The project partners implemented activities that invited to reflect on European cultural diversity and on common values in the broadest sense. In this context, the aim was to invite citizens and above all youngsters, to reflect on causes and consequences of an important historical event such as the Schuman Declaration, that changed the history of our continent and is a point of reference in recent European History.*

The **DESIRE** project - **Declaration of Schuman: Initiative for Revitalizing Europe** - project aims to raise people and especially youth's awareness on the historical importance and the meaning of the Declaration of Schuman for the EU. The objective is to actively involve citizens in approaching history in a proactive way. By using a peer to peer approach, citizens will be involved in illustrating and sharing with other youth what the Declaration is and what has been its role in the constitution of the Community. Through the co-creation of artistic tools, as videos, theatre, games, audio narratives, partners will accompany groups of young citizens in re-discovering history and in debating on EU values as intercultural dialogue, peace and solidarity.

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# Description of the project

## • INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

*International events enabled partners with exchanging ideas, best practices, sharing difficulties and comparing situations from their respective backgrounds.*



**Lavarone, Italy**

From the 24th to the 26th of September 2021



**Sremski Karlovci, Serbia**

From the 8th to the 11th of May 2022

*Click on the picture to know more about international events*

## • LOCAL ACTIVITIES

*During the local activities, partners have sensitised local communities about the history of the EU, analysing its steps, countries' contributions, and the current challenges the European Union is facing. The activities were divided into 3 phases.*



### PHASE 1

Depending Historical Knowledge, retracing the steps towards EU June -October 2021

The activities were focused in involving youths and citizens though participatory and non-formal approaches. The focus was on treaties, enlargements and declarations, considering also the enlargements that allowed project's partners to be EU members. Participants debated on European values as, intercultural dialogue, peace, tolerance, solidarity, using innovative and modern tools of visual art, as videos, small theatre performances and audio narratives.



### PPHASE 2

Raising awareness among youth on the importance of the history  
October 2021 - February 2022

Partners with youth and citizens have been involved in a 10 months path of co-creation of a visual/artistic output (audio narrative, performance, video..). Driven by partners and experts they decided the more efficient tool to celebrate the Declaration and to promote the EU values. Furthermore, through their performances, they brought citizens closer to history and to the origin of the EU, raised awareness of remembrance, and promoted peace and solidarity.



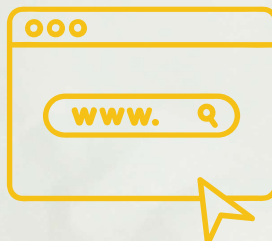
### PHASE 3

EU multipliers, February - May 2022

Partners and the groups involved in the 2nd path, carried their performances around in schools, theatres or public events with the goals of contributing to their peers and citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and values and to debate on future challenges.

They organized root local events to broadcast Schuman's Declaration and Eu history and values around their communities. The goal was to raise youth, families and citizens' awareness on the importance of the European history in order to build a stronger and more cohesive EU. Debates tackled EU challenges, such as Brexit, intolerance, extremism and scepticism and democracy.

*Discover more  
about  
local paths*





# Timelane of the project

Click on the picture to know more each step and activity done

## Kick-off meeting

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The kick-off meeting took place on the 26th of January 2021 and it was the first occasion for partners to meet and organise the work together. Due to the COVID19 crisis, our first meeting was held online. Nevertheless, it was a great pleasure to gather and share.

*“Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity”*  
Robert Schuman

### In Bulgaria with UBBSLA



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## Local phase I

### Deepening Historical Knowledge

First set of local activities - round tables, seminars, world cafes - focused on retracing EU history, its institutions, and policies.

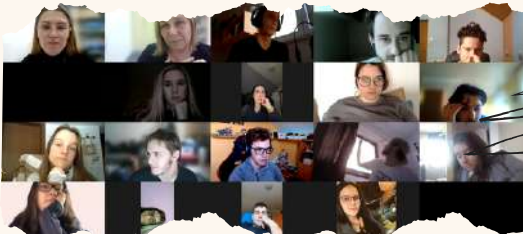
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### In Croatia with Osijek Cultural Center

### In North Macedonia with CDI

### In Slovenia with The Boter Institute



### In Serbia with Danube 1245





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First International Event



Lavarone, Italy

From the 24th to the 26th of September 2021



Local phase 2

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Performing EU

Partners with youth and citizens will be involved in a path of co-creation of a/an visual/artistic output (audio narrative, performance, video..).



In Serbia with Danube 1245

In North Macedonia with CDI



In Italy with Comune di Lavarone & Fondazione Belvedere



In Croatia with Osijek Cultural Center



“World peace cannot be safeguarded without making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it”

Robert Schuman





# Local phase 3

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## EU multipliers

Partners and the groups involved will organize root local events to present their artistic performances and broadcast Schuman's Declaration and EU history.



*"The contribution which an organised and living Europe can bring to civilisation is indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations."*

Robert Schuman

### In Serbia with Danube 1245



### In Portugal with the Municipio de Valongo



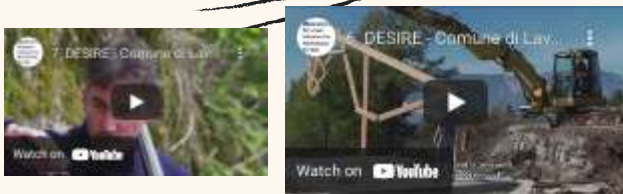
### In Belgium with Commune de Grez-Doiceau



### In Bulgaria with UBBSLA



### In Italy with Comune di Lavarone & Fondazione Belvedere



### In North Macedonia with CDI



### In Slovenia with The Boter Institute



### In Croatia with Osijek Cultural Center







# Second & Final International Event



Sremski Karlovci, Serbia

From the 8th to the 11th of May 2022



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*Robert Schuman*

## 31st of May: End of the project

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# ★ Thank you!

After one year and a half of implementation marked by the worldwide health crisis of COVID19, the DESIRE project is taking its leave.

**Thank you** to all the citizens who followed the project. It was a great pleasure to exchange with you and see your interest in the project.

**Thank you** to the Europe for Citizens Program of the European Union for their support all along the project.

**Thank you** to all the project partners. The project was a great opportunity to strengthen the collaboration between us and share experiences and best practices.



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