

Program: Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)

Call: CERV-2023-CITIZENS-TOWN: CERV-2023-TOWN-TT, CERV-2023-TOWN-NT

Priority: Equality, Rights and Gender Equality – promoting rights, non-discrimination, equality (including gender equality), and advancing gender and non-discrimination mainstreaming

Main topic: promote women’s full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, including work-life balance, women’s empowerment and gender mainstreaming;

To whom: Women, Youth women, Girls, NGO’s, Local government

Project title: Her Voice, Her Power, Our Future! Women Leading the Way to Sustainability



Needs and Objectives:

Women play a critical role in sustainable development and achieving gender equality is a key aspect of sustainable development. The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, recognize this by including gender equality as a standalone goal (SDG 5) and incorporating a gender perspective into all 17 of the goals. Research has shown that empowering women and promoting gender equality can have a positive impact on sustainable development outcomes, such as reducing poverty and hunger, improving health and education, and promoting sustainable economic growth. However, despite progress in some areas, gender inequality continues to be a major challenge in many countries. Women still face challenges such as unequal pay and limited access to education and healthcare. Addressing these inequalities is crucial for achieving sustainable development and creating a more equal and just world. It is important to note that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls cannot be achieved by women alone. It requires the active involvement and support of governments, civil society, private sector, and individuals of all genders.

In conclusion, promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls is not only a basic human right, but also crucial for achieving sustainable development and creating a better future for all.

Some of the project objectives will be:

- Increase women's access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities in rural areas.
- Promote equal pay and career advancement for women in all sectors.
- Increase women's participation in decision-making and leadership positions, especially in regards to climate action and sustainability
- Raise awareness about the important role of women in sustainable development and the need for gender equality
- Support women-led initiatives and organizations working towards sustainable development and gender equality
- Improve data collection and analysis on gender equality and sustainable development to inform policy and practice
- Foster partnerships between government, civil society, and the private sector to promote gender equality and sustainable development
- Encourage the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in all sustainable development initiatives and programs
- Provide training and capacity-building opportunities for women and girls to develop the skills and knowledge needed for sustainable development and gender equality
- Monitor and evaluate progress towards achieving gender equality and sustainable development, and adjust strategies as needed

Short description:

The project will be divided into 8 international events (one per each project partner) and intends to involve directly more than 400 participants, and indirectly more than 25,000 reached people. Each partner will organize one international event where they will be approached relevant topics about promotion women's full enjoyment of rights, gender equality, including work-life balance, women's empowerment, gender mainstreaming and their impact on sustainable development.

The project aims at greater involvement of women in the adoption of local policies related to the gender equality and sustainability. The participation of women in these processes would contribute to increasing their civic activism, but also localization of European initiatives like European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), European Strategy for Gender Equality, The New European Bauhaus and Green deal. Moreover, each partner

will work at local level on its territory to create a working group of young citizens active in civil society organizations together with local NEETs, in order to collect inputs before each meeting and to present feedbacks and outputs after each event. This will create the opportunity to maximize the impact at local level and also to apply specific project activities in each target territory. Participants in each international event will be selected from the working group and this group will open to include new incorporations every time.

The programmed activities will include: conferences, workshops, open discussions, debates, but also some alternative and more dynamic activity in order to create a stimulating environment: role playing games, creative LAB, open cine-forums, geocaching, photographic tour, etc. In order to guarantee a proper and efficient communication and activity implementation, different experts will be invited to support particular activities in each target territory, also inviting representatives from Universities and public authorities at local, regional and international level.

Project Duration:

The implementation will last **24 months since its approval**

Project Execution

All project partners are committed to organise at the same time an international event in which all other partners will be invited. Each international event will last 3 days. For each event, each partner may send 2 or 3 representatives or volunteers and the host partner is committed to involve a specific number of local participants, including the organisation of workshops and seminars.

Funding

The EU's fund will cover **100% of the expected costs and no cofunding is needed**. Partners will agree a calculated amount like 40% of the total amount (which it will be received by the lead partner in advance by the EU) must be transferred by the lead partner to the rest of the consortium just after of the signature of the cooperation agreement (a document with a contract structure which will be signed by all partners) with the objective to develop the activities. 60% of the remaining budget will be transferred to the other partners once the project will be over.

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