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Four events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1: Event partner prep-meeting

Participation: The event involved 39 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Vienna (**Austria**), 2 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Prague (**Czech Republic**), 2 participants from the city of Tallinn (**Estonia**), 1 participant from the city of Helsinki (**Finland**), 4 participants from the city of Paris (**France**), 6 participants from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Flensburg (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 1 participant from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from the city of Vilnius (**Lithuania**), 4 participants from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**), 2 participants from the city of Lisbon (**Portugal**), 2 participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), 1 participant from Bucharest (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Stockholm (**Sweden**), 3 participants from the city of Amsterdam (**the Netherlands**), and 1 participant from the city of London (**United Kingdom**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Berlin, Germany**, from 08/05/2015 to 10/05/2015

Short description: The event gathered partners to Berlin in order to finalise the plans for the project. Together with the partners, the programme was looked through as well as content was finalised and updates were given. This was essential to ensure that there was very little miscommunication and to also agree on the general concept of the project and programme. Additionally, the Schwarzkopf Foundation worked together with all partners to ensure the creation of a safe and healthy environment for all participants. EYP has a Code of Conduct and a Child Protection Policy in place, the latter which includes guidance on appropriate and expected standards of behaviour of adults towards children, and also of children towards other children. It also explains standard procedures for cases of complaint or suspected child abuse. The project specific implementation of this policy was thus also discussed and agreed upon.

Event 2: Event Organisational Management Meeting

Participation: The event involved 25 citizens, including 1 participant from the city of Paris (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Aachen (**Germany**), 12 participants from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Diepholz (**Germany**), 3 participants from Hamburg (**Germany**), 1 participant from Kreuzau (**Germany**), 1 participant from Mannheim (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Marburg (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Merenberg (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Münster (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**), and 1 participant from the city of Taching am See (**Germany**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Leipzig, Germany**, from 18/09/2015 to 20/09/2015

Short description: This training and preparation meeting between the organisers was one of the vital parts to lay out the main aspects of the session and to make sure all session elements are covered, as well as all the volunteers being well-prepared for their organisational tasks. The volunteers gathered for a weekend, where they got to know each other, ran through several training modules, developed and finalised the programme and perfected the event details. In the training elements, the organisers focused on intercultural communication, event planning, worst case scenarios and how to handle emergencies, as well as communication and teamwork. The young organisers were able to give additional input for the plans, also brainstorming about special event elements that would make the event more unique and inspiring for the participants.

Event 3: Event facilitators Academic training

Participation: The event involved 30 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Vienna (**Austria**), 1 participant from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 3 participants from the city of Tallinn (**Estonia**), 2 participants from the city of Helsinki (**Finland**), 1 participants from the city of Kuuslahti (**Finland**), 1 participant from the city of

Espoo (**Finland**), 2 participants from the city of Paris (**France**), 3 participants from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Erlangen (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Mannheim (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 2 participants from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of Cork (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of Belfast (**Ireland**), 2 participants from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 1 participant from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Bucharest (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Madrid (**Spain**), 1 participant from the city of Stockholm (**Sweden**), and 2 participants from the city of Rotterdam (**the Netherlands**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Berlin, Germany**, from 11/09/2015 to 13/09/2015

Short description: The discussion facilitators gathered for a preparation weekend in order to thoroughly go through the academic aspects of the event. This included extensive trainings on group dynamics, discussion facilitation as well as preparing academic materials and discussing different elements of the event. During the weekend mixed methods of trainings were used, such as interactive modules, group discussions and workshops. The facilitators also prepared for the expert talks and created a final content skeleton for November. Additionally, the trainees shared their research on their topics and finalised plans for pre-session preparation for the main event participants.

Event 4: Event Youth Conference

Participation: The event involved 226 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of Vienna (**Austria**), 2 participants from the city of Brussels (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Bekkevoort (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Diest (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Zelem (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Tielt Winge (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Paal (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Molenstede (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Scherpenheuvel (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Edegem (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Kessel-Lo (**Belgium**), 1 participant from the city of Zichem (**Belgium**), 2 participants from the city of Kromeriz (**Czech Republic**), 2 participants from the city of Prague (**Czech Republic**), 7 participants from the city of Klatovy (**Czech Republic**), 9 participants from the city of Tallinn (**Estonia**), 1 participant from the city of Harjumaa (**Estonia**), 2 participants from the city of Viljandi (**Estonia**), 5 participants from the city of Helsinki (**Finland**), 1 participant from the city of Turku (**Finland**), 2 participants from the city of Espoo (**Finland**), 2 participants from the city of Tampere (**Finland**), 1 participant from the city of Akaa (**Finland**), 1 participant from the city of Nokia (**Finland**), 1 participant from the city of Kuuslahti (**Finland**), 8 participants from the city of Paris (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Antignac (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Martres-de-Rivière (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Saint-Julien (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Castillon de Saint Martory (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Sepx (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Estancarbon (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Juzet de Luchon (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Martres-Tolosane (**France**), 2 participants from the city of Saint Gaudens (**France**), 1 participant from the city of Aachen (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Ahaus (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Bammental (**Germany**), 15 participants from the city of Berlin (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Diepholz (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Dossenheim (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city Frankfurt am Main (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Flensburg (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Erlangen (**Germany**), 4 participants from the city of Heidelberg (**Germany**), 3 participants from the city of Hamburg (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Kreuzau (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of Mannheim (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Merenberg (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Marburg (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Münster (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Passau (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Potsdam (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Sulzbach-Rosenberg (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Sandhausen (**Germany**), 1 participant from the city of Taching am See (**Germany**), 6 participants from the city of Athens (**Greece**), 8 participants from the city of Dublin (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of Ahtlone (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of Newcastle (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of Tralee (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of Belfast (**Ireland**), 1 participant from the city of York (**Ireland**), 9 participants from the city of Riga (**Latvia**), 5 participants from the city of Vilnius (**Lithuania**), 3 participants from the city of Torun (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Warsaw (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Sokółka (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Lublin (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Częstochowa (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Wrocław (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Mała Nieszawka (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Niemcz (**Poland**), 1 participant from the city of Tarnów (**Poland**), 2 participants from the city of Pombal (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Torres Novas (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Alcanena (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Cuba (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Beja (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Porto (**Portugal**), 1 participant from the city of Amarante (**Portugal**), 2 participants from the city of Bucharest (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Constanta (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Braşov (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Iasi (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Craiova (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Cluj-Napoca (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Kroměříž (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Mioveni (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Bacau City (**Romania**), 1 participant from the city of Satu Mare (**Romania**), 2 participants from the city of Ljubljana (**Slovenia**), 1 participant from the city of Višnja Gora (**Slovenia**), 10 participants from the city of

Madrid (**Spain**), 8 participants from the city of Stockholm (**Sweden**), 1 participant from the city of Hagersten (**Sweden**), 1 participant from the city of Enskede (**Sweden**), 1 participant from the city of Hässelby (**Sweden**), 8 participants from the city of Amsterdam (**the Netherlands**), 2 participants from the city of Rotterdam (**the Netherlands**), 6 participants from the city of London (**United Kingdom**), 2 participants from the city of Surrey (**United Kingdom**), 1 participant from the city of Teddington (**United Kingdom**), 1 participant from the city of Richmond (**United Kingdom**), and 1 participant from the city of New Malden (**United Kingdom**).

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Leipzig, Germany**, from 06/11/2015 to 15/11/2015

Short description: For the main event 315 Europeans (226 eligible) from 32 countries (19 eligible) gathered in Leipzig, Germany for a ten day academic conference. The participants were divided into 15 topic-based committees, which were led by an experienced discussion facilitator. Prior to the event, the participants had already researched their topic and gathered initial information about the challenges their topic faced. Throughout the event the participants went through different stages of the conference, starting from Teambuilding, followed by Committee Work and ended with defending and debating other resolutions at the General Assembly. Furthermore, the participants had the change to discuss their topics and other topics related to their area with experts, who gave valuable insight. The evenings of the event were filled with extensive cultural programme, where participants had the change to showcase their own cultural traditions as well as get to know others. This deepened the cultural exchange aspect of the event and brought people from different nations closer to each other. The event in total had 8 working days and 2 travel days, where participants arrived and departed from the event.