

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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 *Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).*

PROJECT	
Participant:	Zejtun Local Council
PIC number:	946419786
Project name and acronym:	The Islands of Sicily and Malta en-twined through culture and traditions — SMCT

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Citizens Encounter Event in Avola, Italy		
Type:	Citizens Encounter event		
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>		
Location:	Italy, Avola (Sicily)		
Date(s):	29/04/2023 to 01/05/2023		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.zejtunlocalcouncil.com/other-publications">https://www.zejtunlocalcouncil.com/other-publications</a>		
Participants			
Female:	22		
Male:	28		
Non-binary:	Nil		
From country Italy:	Avola, Italy – Female 10 , Male 15		
From country Malta:	Zejtun, Malta – Female 12 , Male 13		
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Total number of participants:	50	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

The EU grant focused on the collaboration between two communities, one in Malta namely Zejtun and one in Sicily, Italy namely Avola. The idea for this project came after various discussions and other projects that showed similarities and how these can provide a niche of further space for engagement between both the communities and also the local councils. Citizens of both localities participated in formal and informal activities during the project in Avola, where they discussed the key challenges the two localities faced during Covid and after, and also explored the opportunities and best practices each of the two are experiencing and how this can be further developed.

Agriculture mainly olive oil, wine making, organic farming, community based tourism and asset based community development were the main highlighted topics. Both localities have numerous NGOs that are active in different and specific targets such as the traditions, culture, feasts, environmental and philanthropic themes. Both Zejtun and Avola have celebrated their history over the centuries, and yearn to expand their horizons out of their country and further it towards other European countries.

The activities during the encounter of citizens included :

- Encounter of citizens in Avola, Italy
- Presentations by Avola and Zejtun residents about both communities consisting of the history and culture richness possessed by both parts
- Guided visits led by the residents of Avola in the city
- Discussions about community tourism from the locals' perspective
- Visit to an agricultural social enterprise focusing on organic farming, olive oil, juices and jams, etc
- Visit to cultural places including public library transformation and the local theatre
- Visit to an olive oil refinery of a family business oriented company
- Encounter of both Mayors of Avola and Zejtun, and the signing of a friendship agreement for further networking between the two localities

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