# **EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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PROJECT		
Participant:	Documenta – Centre for dealing with the past (Documenta)	
PIC number:	942095526	
Project name and acronym:	"Female perspectives on the democratic transitions in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s" (FPDT)	

	EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP2			
Event name:	Improving knowledge and educational practices and methods about the democratic transitions			
Туре:	Local workshops for youth "Female faces of resistance" (A2)  Study visit for youth workers and other educators from non-formal education in Milan, Italy (A3)  Study visit for teachers/professors and other educators from formal education in Ljubljana, Slovenia and Zagreb, Croatia (A4)  Study visit for youth in Pakrac-Osijek, Croatia (A5)			
In situ/online:	In-situ			
Location:	Croatia, Zagreb, Osijek, Pakrac; Bulgaria, Sofia; Slovenia, Ljubljana; Italy, Milan; Spain, Granada			
Date(s):	March 2023/2024 (Local workshops for youth "Female faces of resistance" (A2)  April 26-29 2023 (Study visit for youth workers and other educators from non-formal education in Milan, Italy (A3)  July 3-6 2023 (Study visit for teachers/professors and other educators from formal education in Ljubljana, Slovenia and Zagreb, Croatia (A4)  September 12-16 (Study visit for youth in Pakrac-Osijek, Croatia (A5)			
Website(s) (if any):	https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/activities-and-events/odrzana-radionica-850-zena-za-850-zena/ https://apis.center/toncka-sencar-pricevalka-casa/ https://documenta.hr/en/novosti/study-visit-women-and-democratization-organized-in-milan-italy/ https://www.laboratoriolapsus.com/2023/05/04/women-and-democratization-study-visit/ https://youtu.be/4H7_1LgX6dc?si=jiKa4PnOrG6UDoCi https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/activities-and-events/this-article-is-part-of-the-online-campaign-in-the-scope-of-the-project-female-perspectives-on-the-democratic-transitions-of-the-1970s-1980s-and-the-1990s/			

https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/activities-and-events/study-visit-untold-story-women-and-anti-war-activism/

https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/publication-and-multimedia/manuals/toolkit-democratization-processes-in-europe-the-female-paerspectives/

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Participants			
Female:	189		
Male:	86		
Non-binary:	16		
From country 1 [Croatia]:	79		
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	17		
From country 3 [Slovenia]:	38		
From country 4 [Italy]:	111		
From country 5 [Spain]:	39		
From country 6 [Romania]:	2		
From country 7 [Hungary]:	4		
From country 8 [Germany]:	1		
Total number of participants:	291	From total number of countries:	8

#### Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

WP2 "Improving knowledge and educational practices and methods about the democratic transitions" aims to provide educators from formal and non-formal education with new didactic materials about the democratic transitions; to establish connections between educators, youth and time witnesses, dissidents and members of the resistance/organized opposition; to improve youth's knowledge about the democratic transitions; to compare democratization processes in different European countries.

The main objectives of WP2 were achieved through the following activities:

## Local workshops for youth "Female faces of resistance" (A2)

On March 6 2023, in the House of Human Rights, *Documenta* organized the clay workshop "850 women for 850 women". With the workshop, we reminded the public about the suffering of women on Goli otok and Sveti Grgur. In the period from 1950 to 1956, more than 850 women accused of association with the Informbiro underwent extremely cruel torture in the camp. The suffering of women in the camp is one of a series of examples of the marginalization of women in historical research and narratives. The workshop was organized in cooperation with visual artist Andreja Kulunčić. At the beginning of the workshop, the participants were introduced to the testimonies of female prisoners. In the second part of the workshop, each participant made a clay figurine, symbolically dedicating it to one of the female inmates. 21 participants took part in the workshop.

On March 22 2023, Las ninas del Tul organized a workshop for youth exploring the female figures that marked the course of history in Spain, Andalusia and specifically Granada. The participants were divided into several groups with the task to create a timeline of women that changed the course of history. At first, only three dates could be seen on the rope that represented the timeline: the 70s, the 80s and the 90s. In each round, teams had to place the photo of a women on the timeline. After the placement, Las Niñas del Tul team corrected the errors and introduced the figure of each of the women. The event

ended with a discussion about the lack of information about these women in history, and how their contribution has been erased. 21 participants took part in the workshop.

On March 9 2023, Laboratorio Lapsus had a discussion with the students at the University of Milan. The activity took place as a part of the Public History course taught by Professor Emanuele Edallo. During the encounter, the participants together with the Lapsus team discussed the research work and interviews planned to be implemented in the scope of the project, focusing on possible challenges. The main part of the discussion focused on, how the activism of the 1970s shed light on significant advancements in Italian democracy. 75 participants took place in the activity.

On March 7 2024, APIS Institute organized a workshop featuring a time witness, Antonija Senčar, at the University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities. Twenty-five university students attended the event, where Ms. Senčar delivered a facilitated presentation recounting her childhood experience of forced migration to Nazi camps. Students were urged to cultivate an awareness of and vigilance against threats to democracy and human rights as they integrate into society. Ms. Senčar also spoke about her experience of democratic values (or the lack of such) throughout the scope of her life, giving the students an important lesson in defending democracy.

The total number of participants that took part in the Local workshops for youth "Female faces of resistance" (A2) is 142.

#### Study visit for youth workers and other educators from non-formal education in Milan, Italy (A3)

The study visit "Women and democratization" was organized in Milan, Italy, between April 26 and April 29, 2023. It focused on the "strategy of tension" in Italy (1969-1974), a period in which several massacres and terrorist attacks were carried out by far-right movements with the complicity of the secret services and state apparatuses. The participants visited various locations in Milan connected with the "strategy of tension" and met female protagonists of the time (Claudia Pinelli, Vicky Franzinetti). The study visit gathered youth workers from Italy, Spain, Croatia, Bulgaria, and Romania. The participants took part in a guided tour around locations in Milano related to the "strategy of tension" and the Piazza Fontana bombing. In the scope of the study visit a public discussion on the evolution of the feminist movement in Italy from the 1970s till today was organized in Casa della Memoria in Milan. The contributions of speakers Vicky Franzinetti and Carlotta Cossutta were followed by many questions. The study visit ended on April 29 with another guided tour around relevant locations in Milan, this time held in Italian. A meeting with time-witness Claudia Pinelli was again organized. A total of 58 participants took part in the study visit.

# Study visit for teachers / professors and other educators from formal education in Ljubljana, Slovenia and Zagreb, Croatia (A4)

The project team organized the study visit "The 90s: Anti-war activism in Croatia and Slovenia" in Zagreb and Ljubljana, July 3rd - July 6th, 2023. Teachers from Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia, and Spain took part in our program to learn more about the history of peace and other civic initiatives in Croatia and Slovenia and the key women that participated in them. On the first day of the study visit, the participants compared perspectives on democratization processes in different European countries: the transition from socialism to democracy in Bulgaria, the violent dissolution of Yugoslavia and democratic transition in Croatia and Slovenia, the non-institutional democratization in Italy in the 1970s, marked by the "strategy of tension", and the Spanish transition to democracy from the regime of Francisco Franco after his dead in 1975. On July 4 the participants met members of the Antiwar Campaign Croatia (ARK) and Volunteer Project Pakrac Vesna Teršelič, Goran Božičević and Vesna Janković. The participants took part in a city walk around several locations in Zagreb connected with the work of the Antiwar Campaign. On July 5 the group went to Ljubljana for the second part of the study visit. The participants took part in a guided tour of Metelkova mesto, an autonomous cultural center and a squatter settlement in the center of Ljubljana. The participants explored the history of the location and its 1990s transition from barracks of the Yugoslav People's Army to a place of resistance to violence and artistic expression. Later that day the group met with Marko Hren, one of the founders of the Peace Institute in Ljubljana, and Tija Jakić from "the 8th of March" Institute to discuss democratization in Slovenia and contemporary initiatives to protect civil and women's rights. A total of 47 participants took part in the study visit.

## Study visit for youth in Pakrac-Osijek, Croatia (A5)

The project team organized the study visit "Untold story: women and anti-war activism" in Osijek and Pakrac, September 12-16, 2023. Young people from Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Hungary, and Spain gathered in Osijek to take part in our program and learn more about Croatia during and 1990s and peace and other civic initiatives in Osijek and Pakrac. After the informal gathering and getting to know each other on September 12, the working program of the study visit started with a presentation on the historical context of Croatia in the 1990s on September 13. In the afternoon the participants took

part in an educational city walk around Osijek to learn more about the city before, during, and after the war in the 1990s. On September 14 the group met with time witness Lejla Šehić Relić, civil activist since 1993. From a war refugee to the president of the Centre for European Volunteering, her intertwined

personal and professional stories inspired the group to explore volunteer opportunities. In the afternoon, the group visited DKolektiv – organization for social development and learned more about the peaceful reintegration of the Danube River Region in a workshop, led by Nikica Torbica, head of the Social studio of DKolektiv. Later that day the participants visited the Centre for Peace, non-violence and human rights. The Center's director Natalija Havelka presented the organization. At the Center, the group met with time witness Ivana Milas, director of Nansen Dialog Center. Ivana shared her experience of working on social recovery and the development of multiethnic communities after the war in the 1990s. On September 15 the group travelled to Pakrac to learn more about the history of the Pakrac Volunteer Project. Time witness Veselinka Kastratović, a researcher in *Documenta* led an educational city walk around Pakrac. In the afternoon the group visited the Serbian house – a community center for the Serbian minority in Pakrac. 44 participants took part in the study visit.

In total 291 participants took part in WP2.

As a result of this WP, the project team has produced the toolkit "Democratization processes in Europe: the female perspectives" for which a link is provided above.

HISTORY OF CHANGES				
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).		