

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	WP3
<b>Event name:</b>	Dialogue between citizens and policymakers for a more gender-balanced understanding of history
<b>Type:</b>	Local discussions with policymakers (A6) Final conference „(In)visibility of women's contribution to the democratic transitions in Europe” (A9)
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Croatia, Zagreb. Bulgaria, Sofia. Spain, Íllora, Granada. Italy, Milan. Slovenia, Koper.
<b>Date(s):</b>	March 2024 Local discussions with policymakers (A6) September 2024 Final conference „(In)visibility of women's contribution to the democratic transitions in Europe” (A9)
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/activities-and-events/odrzana-setnja-zagrebacka-geografija-borbe-za-zenska-prava/">https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/activities-and-events/odrzana-setnja-zagrebacka-geografija-borbe-za-zenska-prava/</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4S94aVLxqRU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4S94aVLxqRU</a> <a href="https://www.portalnovosti.com/veliki-doprinos-zena-civilnom-drustvu">https://www.portalnovosti.com/veliki-doprinos-zena-civilnom-drustvu</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/C4bd-VKII-m/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/p/C4bd-VKII-m/?hl=en</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/weare.tfn/posts/pfbid028SPLGmr3zjjZEakuPrTSBDqRwRNsZ9vo82p1EaYBNyCEK3fcaZvnAgJsaNfAzvI">https://www.facebook.com/weare.tfn/posts/pfbid028SPLGmr3zjjZEakuPrTSBDqRwRNsZ9vo82p1EaYBNyCEK3fcaZvnAgJsaNfAzvI</a> <a href="https://documenta.hr/en/novosti/invisibility-of-womens-contributions-to-the-democratic-transitions-in-europe-conference-held-in-granada-spain/">https://documenta.hr/en/novosti/invisibility-of-womens-contributions-to-the-democratic-transitions-in-europe-conference-held-in-granada-spain/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DAJc7J9oWyT/?hl=en&amp;img_index=1">https://www.instagram.com/p/DAJc7J9oWyT/?hl=en&amp;img_index=1</a> <a href="https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/activities-and-events/policy-recommendations-for-a-more-gender-balanced-interpretation-of-contemporary-history/">https://kulturasjecanja.documenta.hr/en/activities-and-events/policy-recommendations-for-a-more-gender-balanced-interpretation-of-contemporary-history/</a>

Participants		
Female:	146	
Male:	42	
Non-binary:	9	
From country 1 [Croatia]:	31	
From country 2 [Bulgaria]:	27	
From country 3 [Slovenia]:	50	
From country 4 [Italy]:	27	
From country 5 [Spain]:	62	
Total number of participants:	197	From total number of countries: 5
Description		
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>		
<p>WP3 “Dialogue between citizens and policymakers for a more gender-balanced understanding of history” aims to foster dialogue between citizens from different European countries and their representatives in local, national, and European institutions; promote women’s contributions to resistance to political oppression and violence in Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Slovenia, and Spain; raise awareness about gender disparity in history understanding, and promote a more gender-balanced European historical narrative.</p> <p>The main objectives of WP3 were achieved through the following activities:</p> <p><b><u>Local discussions with policymakers (A6)</u></b></p> <p><b>Croatia</b></p> <p>On March 6, 2024, <i>Documenta</i>, in cooperation with the Center for Women's Studies in Zagreb, organized an educational walk called "Zagreb Geography of the Fight for Women's Rights". With the guidance and testimonies of women's rights activists, the group (re)discovered several locations in the center of Zagreb associated with the activities of women's rights organizations that operated in the network of the Anti-War Campaign of Croatia in the 1990s: Center for Women's Studies, Center for Women Victims of War - Rosa, CESI - Center for education, counseling and research and Women's Help now: SOS phone for women and children victims of violence.</p> <p>27 people participated in the thematic walk led by women's rights activists Rada Borić, current president of the Committee for Gender Equality of the City of Zagreb and former executive director of the Center for Women's Studies (2008-2016), Vesna Teršelič, co-founder Croatian anti-war campaign and head of Documenta, Nela Pamuković, coordinator of the Center for Women Victims of War - Rosa, Sanda Malbaša, co-founder of CESI - Center for Education, Consulting and Research, Slavica Jakobović Fribec, activist (Academic Section of Women and Society, Women's Group Trešnjevka, Women's help now) and Nevenka Fiket, co-founder of Women's help now: SOS-telephone for women and children victims of violence. Several media outlets reported on the event that was concluded with a conversation in the Center for Women’s Studies in Zagreb.</p> <p>An audio recording of the event was made in order to create additional episodes for the podcast series « Female perspectives on democratization ».</p> <p><b>Bulgaria</b></p> <p>On the 22nd of March 2024, TFN held a discussion in the space called ProjectLab, in the center of the capital of Bulgaria. The event was named “Spring booster” and TFN modeled it as an event with several stations for participants to engage with – some stations were presenting information about the toolkit being created at that time, as well as about the podcast series « Female perspectives on</p>		

democratization ». Also, there was a special station dedicated for those who wanted to leave policy suggestions for decision-makers on how to include more female perspectives in history education.

TFN promoted the event on social media broadly and sent invitations to youth organizations and policymakers from Sofia and around the country. The team had prepared materials for participants, including some fliers with QR codes leading to the two Bulgarian podcasts created in the scope of the project.

As most of the participants were youngsters, they were interested in learning more about a topic they noted they don't know much about and is not talked widely about. The feedback received was general interest toward the topic, the project, and the products of the project, especially the podcasts, which participants found to be very well-thought out. 25 participants took part in the event.

### **Spain**

On March 12, 2024, Las ninas del tul organized the event "Talking about equality with active women and policy makers from Illora, Granada".

Firstly the team of Las ninas del tul presented the project to the group and the podcasts created in the scope of the project. The present elderly women from the village of Illora then wanted to share many anecdotes and personal stories in relation to their life during the Franco dictatorship and after it.

During the conversation, the women shared their experience of the dictatorship and the transition, for example, that before Franco's death expressing oneself freely was unthinkable ; that there was a lot of social pressure on women to get married and have children ; that at high school, they had a subject on domestic work and many women who did not attend the "Sección Femenina" could not be hired or get a job, since this "training" that taught women how to be "perfect women and housewives" was an essential requirement.

In addition, two women policy makers who work in the equality area of the Illora city council participated in the activity, Ana and Vicky. The participants were able to ask them questions about equality work and the current perception of gender equality in society. The policymakers presented political initiatives that are being carried out in that regard and the importance of collaborating with women's associations. 21 participants took part in the activity.

### **Italy**

On March 2, 2024, as a part of FEM Fest, a multi-day transfeminist festival focusing on the struggles of women and LGBTQ+ people, Lapsus held their discussion in Milan, Italy. The contribution of Lapsus was connected to the COLLETTIVA photo exhibition by the Aldo Dice 26X1 - Democratic Offensives collective, an exhibition comparing women's struggles in the 1970s with those of today.

Lapsus presented the podcasts from the project "Female Perspectives on Democratization." and moderated a discussion about them. Several questions were raised about the most pressing topics of political, social, and cultural struggles of that time, which we related to contemporary feminist battles. The discussion revolved around feminism today, what insights it can draw from the legacy of the 1970s, and what remains of those battles in the current landscape.

Lapsus received around ten responses to a brief questionnaire which was circulated during the event as a way to prepare the policy recommendation paper « The future is female and so is the past » that was created in the scope of this working package. 24 activists, multipliers and decision-makers took part in the activity.

### **Slovenia**

On March 25, 2024, APIS Institute organized a conversation with time witness Tončka Senčar who was interviewed for the podcasts of the project, young people, and decision-makers in Koper, Slovenia. At the age of six, Ms. Senčar and her family were taken from Zgornji Obrež near Artiče to Nazi camps in Silesia, where they spent four years.

This encounter provided the audience with a rare opportunity to hear a firsthand account of exile and forced migration from Slovenia during the time of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, a topic often overlooked in historical discussions of WW2 events.

The event was also an occasion for a discussion on how to include more female perspectives in the historical narrative in Slovenia and what methods serve the purpose.

A total of 145 participants took part in the local activities A6.

### **Final conference „(In)visibility of women's contribution to the democratic transitions in Europe” (A9)**

The project team organized the conference „(In)visibility of women's contributions to the democratic transitions in Europe” in Granada, Spain, from September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

The team presented the project and its results to the local public in Granada, highlighting the best practices of approaching historical topics through a gender perspective and providing opportunities for time witnesses to share their stories.

Erica Picco from the partner organization Lapsus (Italy), Raya Tsvetkova from the association The Future Now (Bulgaria), and Diana Todorova from Documenta presented the project and its results at the Faculty of Political Sciences and Sociology in Granada on September 19.

Saša Petejan from the partner organization Apis Institute (Slovenia) moderated a discussion with two of the time witnesses involved in the project, Nataša Serec and Vesna Teršelič. Both of them met with young people and educators on several occasions during the project. In Granada, Nataša Serec and Vesna Teršelič shared their experiences of self-organizing in the 1990s, creating spaces and opportunities for artistic freedom and non-violent action during the dissolution of Yugoslavia.

On September 20, Olivia Ávila from the organization Las Niñas del Tul (Spain) led an educational walk around Granada, dedicated to the (in)visible female history of the city. The tour presented women from various contexts of Spanish history and the history of Granada, subjected to marginalization.

At the Fundación Euroárabe, the conference was concluded with a conversation with two more time witnesses: Vicky Franzinetti from Italy and Yolanda Matarán from Spain. Both women focused on the 1970s as a period of rapid political and social change that also affected women's rights. Vicky Franzinetti gave insight into the women's movement in Italy on the backdrop of the violence connected to the “strategy of tension”. Yolanda Matarán gave a deeply personal account of her family's history that intertwines with the Spanish Civil War and the transition to democracy after the dictatorship of Franco, inviting everyone present to continue the fight for human and women's rights.

Among the audience of the conference were activists, students, decision-makers, and multipliers such as journalists and educators. 52 participants took part in the activity.

In total, 197 participants took part in WP3

As a result of this WP, the project team has produced the policy recommendation document “The future is female and so is the past” for which a link is provided above. The document is available in English, Bulgarian, Croatian, Spanish, Italian, and Slovenian.

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