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The EURIGHT project aimed to raise the awareness about the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and therefore to engage people in the construction of a strong European Union through the knowledge of the European instruments and their connection with citizenship.

This project EURIGHT also aimed to engage the European citizenship to, first know the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union proclaimed twenty years ago in Nice (December 2002). The Charter became legally binding on the EU with the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon (December 2009). This important Charter is unknown by European citizens, so they have no information about the role of the European Union in the field of Human Rights. On the other hand, the project wants to promote the debate about the position of this instrument in the global framework of the European Project. Moreover, this project has a global objective to contribute to fighting against Euroscepticism through the knowledge of the European instruments and their connection with citizenship.

The activities developed to fulfil these objectives were:

- the organization of citizens debates in the project partners cities Alba Iulia, Genoa, Nurnberg, Gijon, and Brussels
- the creation of a training course about the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union to increase the knowledge and understanding of it
- the dissemination of information and useful links to know the rights of citizens and how they can act for protecting them

All these activities are open to a wider audience from other cities and countries giving this project an important multiplier impact.

Through the knowledge gained by accessing the course on the platform, and through the organized events, the project intends to improve knowledge about the role of the European Union in the protection of human rights, reduce the influence of Euroscepticism, and encourage the exercise of European citizenship.

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**6 events have been carried out within this project:**

**Event 1: Alba Iulia 14-15 January 2022 (Citizens Dialogue)**

**Participation:** The event involved 140 citizens, mainly university students and members of NGOs from Rumania and numerous participants on-line from Rumania, Spain, Italy and Germany

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Alba Iulia, from 14<sup>th</sup> January till 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (hybrid format)

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to deal with the topic "Protecting vulnerable groups in the EU in the context of the implementation of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights". The audience participated in live surveys and interactive question and answer sessions with presentations by legal and sociologists other prestigious universities in the country.

**Event 2: Genoa, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Citizens Dialogue)**

**Participation:** The event involved 65 citizens, including participants from the partners cities: Alba Iulia, Nürnberg, Gijón and Brussels.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Genoa, Italy on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Short description:** Genoa City Council organised a Citizen Dialogue about the protection of refugees and fundamental rights where was explained the European Union framework in terms of asylum laws and human rights and welcome experiences of Ukrainian refugees in Genoa. We counted with the participation of high-school students in the audience.

**Event 3: Nuremberg, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Citizens Dialogue)**

**Participation:** The event involved 30 citizens, including participants from the partners cities: Alba Iulia, Genoa, Gijón and Brussels.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Nuremberg, Germany on the 18th October 2022

**Short description:** The event focused on the question how the European Union protects human dignity. Prof. Dr. Dr. Patricia Wiater spoke about fundamental rights in the European Union and gave an overview of the history. The counselling centre jadwiGa Nuremberg gave information on the definition of human trafficking and the different forms. We finished the event with a panel debate

**Event 4: Gijón, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (Citizens Dialogue)**

**Participation:** The event involved 77 citizens, including participants from the partners cities: Alba Iulia, Nürnberg, Genoa and Brussels

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Gijón, Spain on the 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Short description:** Gijón City Council organised on the 24th November a debate with the students of 3 Ambassadors Schools of the European Parliament about different articles of the Charter: Equality from the European Charter of Fundamental Rights. We enhanced this event with 2 presentations about the employment and gender equality programs carried out in the City of Gijón and a technical visit to the Second Chance School.

**Event 5: Brussels, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Final event. High-level debate)**

**Participation:** The event involved 151 citizens (61 in person and 90 in streaming), including participants from the partners cities: Alba Iulia, Nürnberg, Genoa and Gijón.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Brussels, Belgium on the 28th March 2023

**Short description:** Friends of Europe organised a high-level debate that was focused on the challenges in achieving gender equality in the EU at a time where gender pay gaps persist, anti-abortion laws and restrictions on reproductive rights are on the rise, and violence against women remain pervasive. This debate divided into the ways citizens and shareholders of the European project at all levels of governance could contribute to increase the enforcement of the EU Charter principles to protect fundamental rights of all genders across Europe.

#### **Event 6: Online, Training course on the Charter of Fundamental Rights**

**Participation:** 240 participants

**Location / Dates:** On-line

**Short description:** The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and European citizenship course ( <https://euright-project.eu/wstcourse/wstaboutcourse> ) deals with different issues related with the EU Charter from basic concepts connected with the European framework of Human Rights protection to the concrete cases of the Charter and its impact in the citizenship. All partners contributed to the development of the contents with experts in the different areas under the coordination of University "1 Decembrie 1918" from Alba Iulia. Those who completed the course and exams successfully got a certificate.