

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	EVROPAIKO KENTRO KOINONIKON EPISTIMON, POLITISMOU KAI ATHLITISMOU (EQUALINE)
PIC number:	887557664
Project name and acronym:	Embracing Diversity as a Path to Inclusion – IDENTITY

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	IDENTITY European Unity Fest “Stories from Every Corner” – Cultural Festival “Youth & Inclusion” – Dialogue Panels “Crafting Unity” – Local Experience Tours		
Type:	Festival – Workshops – Roundtable Dialogues		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Municipality of Veria, Greece		
Date(s):	12–13 October 2024		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://equaline.gr/identity/">https://equaline.gr/identity/</a>		
Participants			
Female:	195		
Male:	130		
Non-binary:	2		
From country 1 [Greece]:	120		
From country 2 [Slovenia]:	8		
From country 3 [Croatia]:	2		
From country 4 [Spain]:	7		
From country 5 [Bulgaria]:	190		
Total number of participants:	327	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

**IDENTITY Overview**

The IDENTITY project, under the CERV-Town Twinning action, was celebrated in Veria, Greece, on 12–13 October 2024. Hosted by EQUALINE, with participation from Slovenia, Croatia, Spain, and Bulgaria, the event emphasized cultural inclusion, youth dialogue, and civic engagement in Europe.

The 2-day European Unity Fest featured presentations from partner municipalities, thematic panels on diversity and identity, powerful street plays titled Stories from Every Corner, and hands-on cultural showcases that highlighted the richness of each participating region.

**Objectives of IDENTITY**

- Celebrate **European cultural diversity** through performance and dialogue.
- Promote **youth empowerment** and civic awareness.
- Facilitate **cross-border cooperation** and town twinning.
- Raise visibility of **minority voices** and underrepresented perspectives.
- Strengthen **community belonging** and democratic engagement in EU affairs.

**Agenda Overview****Day 1 – 12 October 2024****Venue: Veria Cultural Center**

11:00–11:15 Welcome by EQUALINE President Mr. Stelios Vasileiou

11:15–11:25 Event Introduction by EU Project Manager Emily Fountzoula

11:25–12:00 Presentations from all partner municipalities

12:00–13:00 Panel: *Youth Empowerment & Identity*

13:30 Networking Lunch

**Afternoon Activities:**

-Cultural Diversity Showcase (music, dance, crafts)

-Street Performances of “Stories from Every Corner”

**Day 2 – 13 October 2024****Venue: Community Spaces & Field Sites**

- Guided Field Trip: Agricultural heritage of Veria
- Interactive Sessions: Cross-cultural games and debates
- Open Dialogue Circles: Inclusion & civic participation
- Closing Ceremony: Joint reflections & cultural exchange dinner

**Results & Outcomes**

IDENTITY achieved **significant milestones**:

- Established new cross-national municipal ties.
- Enhanced youth participation in civic life and diversity initiatives.
- Created lasting digital legacy via EuroPlays platform.
- Boosted local pride and cultural tourism visibility of Veria.
- Produced recommendations for inclusive storytelling and policy awareness.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE

1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).