

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[3] – The European University Institute, (EUI)
PIC number:	999902385
Project name and acronym:	Democratic Odyssey — ODYSSEY

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	Event no. 1
Event name:	Citizens' onboarding
Type:	Online conference
In situ/online:	<i>Online</i>
Location:	Online
Date(s):	20th, 23rd and 25th September 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://euroalter.com/events/citizens-onboarding/
Participants	
Female:	110
Male:	91
Non-binary:	9
From country 1 [Greece]:	108
From country 2 [Ireland]:	1
From country 3 [Italy]:	20
From country 4 [Germany]:	9
From country 5 [Bosnia]:	1
From country 6 [Malta]:	1
From country 7 [Slovenia]:	3
From Country 8 [Bulgaria]:	2
From country 9 [France]:	12

From country 10 [Cyprus]	2		
From country 11 [Spain]	6		
From country 12 [Romania]	2		
From country 13 [Latvia]	3		
From country 14 [Hungary]	6		
From country 15 [Czech Republic]	2		
From country 16 [Portugal]	5		
From country 17 [Croatia]	1		
From country 18 [Austria]	4		
From country 19 [Slovakia]	1		
From country 20 [The Netherlands]	1		
From country 21 [Poland]	5		
From country 22 [Sweden]	5		
From country 23 [Estonia]	1		
From country 24 [Finland]	1		
From country 25 [Belgium]	8		
Total number of participants:	210	From total number of countries:	25

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The Democratic Odyssey's Assembly onboarding event was composed of 210 ordinary citizens from at least 25 EU Member States. We had a total of 236 participants and 35 countries overall. We identified the onboarding process as necessary to consolidate a good level of engagement by participants, as well as to make them feel welcomed in the process with ad-hoc activities (e.g. presenting significant objects from their country of residence) and to start the transnational exchange. For this reason, the EUI, together with all the partners of the project, carried out a dedicated moment to onboard them through a online meetings, which aimed to inform the participants about the programme of the upcoming *in situ* assembly in Athens (WP4), foster the deliberative quality of an assembly by encouraging their mutual recognition before the actual start of the Assembly, and bolster an *ethos* of pluralism within the Assembly Members' group. Members already started to discuss about their previous experiences of crisis, to learn about the diversity of experiences across Europe and to prepare further conversations about this when they are all physically together.

The onboarding moment also allowed Members to meet and exchange with the organisers of the Assembly and, very crucially, start to identify the faces of those who would be contact points in Athens. The onboarding process also marked the official start of the Democratic Odyssey journey for the Assembly members.

On top of the onboarding moment for members, we also added a separate online moment, dedicated to the observers. The objectives of this meeting were twofold: firstly, to share with them the ethical guidelines for observers, communicated to them through the intermediation of the Democratic Odyssey's official rolling evaluators. Secondly, to give them all the necessary contact points, as well as logistical information, for the Athens moment.

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