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# Future of Europe

Envision a bright future of young people, migrants,  
senior people, kids within a European  
framework/context

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## FUTURE OF EUROPE IN IOANNINA (GREECE)

# The Richness of Diversity and the Lessons of the Past

A three-day event was held in Ioannina, Greece, from the 19th to the 21st of October, on the topic of "The richness of diversity in Europe and the lessons of the past, regarding the racial policies of the 1930s in Europe, the destruction of cultural and economic heritage".

### FIGHTING THE EUROSCEPTICISM

The project is based on the organization of 7 different international events (workshops, seminars, heritage walking, storytelling)

In each partner town, citizens will be involved in debates on the future of Europe, based on lessons from the past, and developing ideas to combat euroscepticism and mental walls/barriers towards the others.

Their contributions will be summarized in a book that will be presented in the closing conference and sent to the European Commission

The event was attended by youth ambassadors from Greece, Poland, Latvia, Italy, North Macedonia and Portugal.

During the first day, young people shared their views on the important subject that is diversity during the Tell your Story session.

They presented the actions implemented in their countries around this topic and focused on the diversity that exists today in their regions.

The debate was fed from watching a film and a documentary on the subject

Two schools from the city of Ioannina High School "Zosimaia" and High School "Dodonaia" participated to the debate on second day, presenting their actions and research around the topic in question.

During the event, participants were invited to discover and get knowledge about the history and culture of the Ioannina community by visiting the Historical centre of the town and the Ancient Synagogue of Ioannina since in the town is present one of the oldest communities in Europe. (Romaniote Jews)

This is the sixth Newsletter of the project with the scope to inform on the results of fifth project event and Tell your Story





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YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS

# Personal Stories That Shape the Future



The Tell your Story contest in Ioannina was focused on results of young ambassadors' workshops on the main topic:

**“The richness of diversity in Europe and the lessons of the past, regarding the racial policies of the 1930s in Europe, the destruction of cultural and economic heritage”.**

From the debate emerged the following results.

# 1

## ***What does cultural diversity mean?***

The quality of different cultures, races and ethnicities, with equal respect and acknowledgment for each.

# 2

## ***How it makes us rich?***

- Different perspectives inspire creativity and innovation.
- Market knowledge makes business more competitive and profitable
- Cultural sensitivity leads to higher quality and targeted marketing.
- More adaptable range of products and services.
- Opportunity for personal and professional growth.

# 3

## ***How to support cultural diversity?***

- Try to understand and interact with other cultures.
- Intervene appropriately when observing cultural insensitivity.
- Be a proactive listener.



# Future of Europe Travels to North Macedonia in 2023



Next Future of Europe project event is scheduled in Tetovo (North Macedonia).

The focus will be on the topic **“THE CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE EU”**

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**Unione Rubicone e Mare**

NORTH MACEDONIA



**Municipality of Tetovo**

POLAND



**Municipality of Starachowice**

GREECE



**Municipality of Ioannina**

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