

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	Comparative Research Network e.V. ([CRN])
<b>PIC number:</b>	949534359
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	EU24 – 4 the Planet – EU24

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	Event number 4 (WP3)
<b>Event name:</b>	“Urgency, Voices, Visions: Women’s strength in the face of climate crisis”
<b>Type:</b>	Online Debate
<b>In situ/online:</b>	[online]
<b>Location:</b>	Germany, Berlin
<b>Date(s):</b>	29.11.2023
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	Kialo: <a href="https://www.kialo-edu.com/p/a5ed9773-2551-4d50-8439-64f36f49d956/120207">https://www.kialo-edu.com/p/a5ed9773-2551-4d50-8439-64f36f49d956/120207</a> YouTube: <a href="https://youtu.be/RdTF631w6_k">https://youtu.be/RdTF631w6_k</a>
Participants	
Female:	122
Male:	45
Non-binary:	4
From country 1 [Hungary]:	2
From country 2 [Croatia]:	1
From country 3 [Belgium]:	6
From country 4 [Germany]:	26
From country 5 [Bulgaria]:	4
From country 6 [Poland]:	16
From country 7 [Romania]:	1
From country 8 [France]:	51

From country 9 [Italy]:	12		
From country 10 [Finland]:	2		
From country 11 [The Netherlands]:	7		
From country 12 [Sweden]:	3		
From country 13 [Lithuania]:	1		
From country 14 [Slovakia]:	1		
From country 15 [Norway]:	1		
From country 16 [Ukraine]:	5		
From country 17 [Kenya]:	1		
From country 18 [USA]:	2		
From country 19 [Nepal]:	1		
From country 20 [Turkey]:	4		
From country 21 [Canada]:	2		
From country 22 [Ethiopia]:	1		
From country 23 [Egypt]:	1		
From country 24 [Ecuador]:	1		
From country 25 [China]:	1		
From country 26 [Tunasia]:	2		
From country 27 [India]:	7		
From country 28 [GB/UK]:	5		
From country 29 [Switzerland]:	3		
From country 30 [Azerbaijan]:	1		
From country 31 [Australia]:	1		
Total number of participants:	171	From total number of countries:	31
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<b>1. The Event:</b>			
<p>The event was organised by Comparative Research Network and took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. It was an online debate on the topic of social climate justice through the lens of how women are especially affected by the climate crisis.</p> <p>One week before the debate, registered participants received the link to the debating platform Kialo where the discussion about voting in the European Parliament elections was initiated. Shortly before</p>			

the debate, all participants received the platform instructions and short information about invited speakers. Short bios of the speakers were also presented in the project social media. For the event, from the seven invited speakers, five joined the debate online. Two of the speakers joined the two moderators in the office in Berlin, where also an audience of 12 people was present.

Speakers represented many different fields that intersect with the climate crisis topic. They presented the positions of women with disabilities, women from the global south, young and older women activists, artists and scientists. To that end, we had seven speakers from: Omas for Future, Plateforme des Femmes pour la Paix en Casamance, Deutscher Naturschutzring, Open Plan Foundation, Dziewuchy Berlin, Youth and Environment Europe and Lancaster University and Humanity in Action Poland.

At the beginning of the event the moderators gave a short introduction to the project, past debates and the aim of the event, and referred the participants to the debating platform Kialo. Further, each of the speakers had a few minutes to introduce themselves and their work, outline the issues women are facing in their communities. The introductions were followed up by an overview presentation on the impacts of climate crisis on women. Finally, everyone was invited into a conversation on the topic.

The speakers shared their experiences on working in the field of climate crisis and answered the public's questions. Some of the questions were about the impact of religion on historical and present situation of women and how this affects their activism. What are the other barriers in each of the speakers' communities that hinder women? The speakers and public also mentioned that women in western societies encounter obstacles and are affected by the unequal representation in governments, managements or any other governing bodies, even in the scientific institutions. The speakers described what measures should be put in place in their communities. Finally, both the participants and the speakers searched for solutions that could be transferred onto other communities and groups. We also discussed what could be the ways to increase women participation in the upcoming European election. Some of those included better access to easily understandable information on European Parliament, election processes, and political parties' programs.

Importance of acting together as women was brought up many times. The added importance of this debate was strengthening and creating new connections between women active in the climate crisis topic. This has opened up new possibilities in the struggle waged by these activists. Indeed, because of their different backgrounds, sensitivities, experiences, social, cultural and political environments, they were able to share different approaches to the same struggle, and thus enrich themselves from these differences.

It is through these encounters and discussions that ideas can progress and, consequently, actions taken, but also that cooperation can take place. In fact, this was one of the possible outcomes of the debate, which ended with the speakers expressing their desire to follow up their meeting with conceiving new projects together.

At the end of the debate the moderators gave an overview of the project's upcoming events and invited everyone to participate. After leaving the online platform, the participants were automatically redirected to the evaluation form where they were asked about their online debating preferences as well as future discussion topics they would be interested in.

The debate on Kialo is still open and will be summarised on the project's social media. After the event, speakers and the audience present at the office in Berlin, as well as the technical team continued the conversation in a smaller group with snacks and drinks provided by the organisers.

## **2. Technical preparation:**

This format enabled us to work on the technical aspects of setting up a blended debate. As well as researching available online tools to choose the most suitable ones for this particular setting. The entire layout and technical set-up of the conference has been written up in a file that can now serve as a resource for future events. To that end, it can also be used as a reference in our organisation and by our partners. It will also be incorporated to our guide to the online democracy platform, making it possible for other organisations to reproduce that set-up.

One of our aims for that set-up was to create an equal incorporation of the people joining online. Indeed, it has been one of our observations that, often, people joining blended events online do not feel as included as the people in-situ.

Tests of the platform and material (microphones, cameras, laptops) were carried out over the preceding days to ensure that the conference would run smoothly, both audibly and visually. Additional test were conducted with the project partners and invited speakers to make sure that the equipment on both sides is functioning properly. The results were pleasing, and we are looking forward to using this configuration again, made possible by good quality equipment and the layout of the conference site.

**3. Evaluation:**

In the evaluation form, we asked the participants about different elements of the event and platform as well as their preferences of online tools and further debate topics suggestions. Hereafter is a short summary of the answers.

Most of the participants heard about the debate via email invitation or word of mouth. The majority considered the event well-organised and structured as well as dynamic and interactive. The event helped them understand the aims of the project and the impact of climate crisis on women. According to most of the participants, the speakers shared interesting stories and experiences. Overall, most participants have a very positive opinion about the content of the event.

Some participants pointed out some minor technical issues (quality of sound was mentioned once) which we will try to improve but most of them were satisfied with the technical aspects. We received many very positive comments as well as some interesting suggestions for future debates that can deepen the discussions not only in this particular topic but that will also be helpful also for our project partners.

**HISTORY OF CHANGES**

VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	5.12.23	Initial version (new MFF).