

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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| PROJECT                   |                                                                                           |
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| Participant:              | Idea For Life                                                                             |
| PIC number:               | 910885194                                                                                 |
| Project name and acronym: | Euroscpticism to Euro-engagement: Rural Dialogues about Europe's Future - Euro-engagement |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Event number:              | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Event name:                | EDS: CREATIVE EXHIBITION AND VISIONARY TALKS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Type:                      | workshop, conference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| In situ/online:            | on site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Location:                  | Poland, Czestochowa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Date(s):                   | 12-15.01.2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Website(s) (if any):       | <a href="https://filialasepoate.ro/2025/09/29/future-vision-festival-2025-czestochowa-becomes-a-hub-for-rural-innovation-and-european-engagement/">https://filialasepoate.ro/2025/09/29/future-vision-festival-2025-czestochowa-becomes-a-hub-for-rural-innovation-and-european-engagement/</a> |
| Participants               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Female:                    | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Male:                      | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Non-binary:                | 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| From country 1 - Romania:  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| From country 2 - Poland:   | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| From country 3 - Spain:    | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| From country 4 - Bulgaria  | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| From country 5 - Italy     | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| From country 6 - Lithuania | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| Total number of participants:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 40 | From total number of countries: | 6 |
| <b>Description</b><br><i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    |                                 |   |
| <p>Between 12 and 15 January 2025, the historic Polish city of Częstochowa hosted the Future Vision Festival, an international event organised under the thematic umbrella “Euro-scepticism to Euro-engagement.” Bringing together partners, youth workers, community leaders, rural innovators, and cultural practitioners from across Europe, the festival served as a creative and collaborative space to explore Europe’s future—particularly with regard to rural development, innovation, and active citizenship. With a blend of workshops, artistic activities, dialogue sessions, and networking opportunities, the festival encouraged participants to rethink Europe’s rural landscape and envision new paths of cooperation.</p> <p>Day 2: Visionary Thinking &amp; Scenario Workshops</p> <p>Future Scenario Workshops</p> <p>Facilitators guided participants through scenario-building exercises designed to spark imagination and challenge existing assumptions about rural development. Participants discussed emerging trends—such as demographic change, digitalisation, and climate adaptation—and worked in groups to map out potential futures for European rural communities.</p> <p>World Café Session</p> <p>In a dynamic, rotating roundtable format, participants engaged in World Café discussions focused on identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) affecting rural regions across Europe. Topics included economic resilience, youth outmigration, agricultural innovation, sustainable resource use, and cross-community cooperation.</p> <p>These conversations highlighted both shared challenges and unique national perspectives, enriching the collective understanding of rural realities.</p> <p>Visionary Talks</p> <p>The afternoon featured thematic talks and moderated dialogues on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainable rural development – exploring green practices, circular economy models, and long-term community resilience.</li> <li>- Social inclusion strategies – addressing barriers faced by marginalised groups, including migrants, minorities, and people with fewer opportunities.</li> <li>- Technological advancements for rural areas – examining how digital tools, smart farming, and connectivity can bridge development gaps.</li> </ul> <p>The talks fostered multidisciplinary reflection, encouraging participants to link policy ideas with grassroots experiences.</p> <p>Intercultural Evening</p> <p>The day concluded with an intercultural celebration where participants shared traditional music, food, dances, and cultural stories from their countries. This vibrant evening strengthened relationships, nurtured mutual understanding, and reinforced the European dimension of the festival.</p> <p>Day 2: Creativity and Collaboration</p> |    |                                 |   |

### Euro Art Expressions Workshop

Participants took part in an interactive art workshop that invited them to express their interpretation of European identity, unity, and diversity. Using various mediums—painting, collage, digital design, and symbolic objects—they collectively created artworks reflecting their hopes for Europe’s rural future.

This activity blended creativity with reflection, revealing how art can serve as a tool for dialogue and community engagement.

### Future Vision Fair

A central highlight of the festival, the Future Vision Fair, showcased innovative rural development initiatives from different partner organisations and regions. Exhibited projects included youth empowerment programmes, eco-agriculture models, digital platforms for rural networking, and examples of social entrepreneurship.

Participants exchanged ideas, explored potential collaborations, and learned from real-world success stories that illustrated how innovation can transform local communities.

### Project Follow-Up Session

In the afternoon, partners gathered to discuss:

- Reflections on the festival’s activities
- Action planning for future cooperation
- Exploration of EU funding opportunities, including Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps, and rural development funds

This strategic session ensured that the connections formed during the festival would extend into long-term partnerships and new project proposals supporting rural innovation.

### Impact

The Future Vision Festival in Czystochowa successfully created an environment of collaboration and openness. Through interactive workshops, scenario thinking, artistic expression, and intercultural dialogue, participants deepened their understanding of European rural challenges and strengthened their commitment to shaping a more integrated, innovative, and community-driven European future.

By shifting perspectives from scepticism to engagement, the festival contributed to building a stronger community of rural advocates equipped with fresh ideas and shared purpose.

### Outputs from the meeting:

- Future Scenario Workshop Report:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yp28EL5KaFzYrN16luU4uDQvhOTxWFIG/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105534362868693507410&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- Euro Art Expressions Compilation - artworks created during the Euro Art Expressions workshop:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18YPT2-fl93z\\_TJkxeJewkiVO7GH5Gwnk](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18YPT2-fl93z_TJkxeJewkiVO7GH5Gwnk)
- Visionary Talks – Photos of discussions and Q&A sessions:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18YPT2-fl93z\\_TJkxeJewkiVO7GH5Gwnk](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18YPT2-fl93z_TJkxeJewkiVO7GH5Gwnk)
- Fb post <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16MUb7J6mz/>

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