EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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⚠ Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)

PROJECT		
Participant:	[No 101081445] ECIT Foundation (ECIT)	
PIC number:	899041591	
Project name and acronym:	Inclusive Europe for mobile EU citizens — MobileCIT	

EVENT DESCRIPTION				
Event number:	WP3: D3.1.			
Event name:	Training workshop for informative partners "Latvian expats abroad community"			
Type:	Workshop			
In situ/online:	Online			
Location:	Online			
Date(s):	09.12.2023., 15.04.2024., 07.05.2024.			
Website(s) (if any):	Description in the project website: https://open2vote.eu/projects/mobilecit			
Participants				
Female:	10 (15 if undocumented participants included)			
Male:	19 (20 if undocumented participants included)			
Non-binary:	0			
From country 1 [Belgium]:	27			
From country 2 [Luxembourg]:	3 (undocumented)			
From country 3 [Sweden]:	1			
From country 4 [Germany]:	3 (undocumented)			
From country 5 [unknown]:	1			
Total number of participants:	29 (+6 undocumented)	From total number of countries:	4	
Description				

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

There were organised several events – training sessions – for Latvian ex-pats.

Initially it was planned to organise a larger gathering of Latvian ex-pats on the **9th of December in Luxembourg**, where some participants would arrive onsite whereas others would take part online. In spite of repeated invitations through social media and direct invitations to the known Latvian ex-pats, only *6 participants* arrived. By occassion the participants were not registered.

(See Annex 1 – image from the meeting).

Hardships in the attraction of participants (there were further attempts to gather a meeting in the spring 2024) made the organisers to change the approach. The project team arranged a meeting with the schoolchildren of senior classes in the European School Berkendael (Brussels), Latvian classes. The information leaflet that was prepared before this meeting, is added as *Annex 1*. The training session took place on the **15th April 2024 in the school**. We were asked not to take images during the event but got a permission to gather signatures of participants.

There were two consecutive meetings with two classes (25 people), using an adjusted agenda (see below). Should be noted that children were quite active in the discussion and showed an excellent understanding of the complex nature of political processes.

(See Annex 2 – the explanation to the school about the planned event; Annex 3 – the presentation of the MobileCIT project; Annex 4 – the signature list of participants).

An additional training session was organised during the online meeting with the board ELA (The Union of European Latvians) on **the 7th May 2024**. This meeting was organised in the framework of the upcoming European Parliament elections and this stage it was a good opportunity to advertise the MobileCIT project and Open2Vote.eu platform.

(See Annex 5 – the presentation; Annex 6 – the screenshop with participants of the meeting.

Added also Annex 7 – a joint list of all the participants in three events with additional information.

Agenda:

For the meetings in Luxembourg (09.12.2023.) and the online meeting on the 7th May 2024 there was the following agenda for a one hour long time:

- 0:00-0:10 Learning the challenge. "Do European expats have limited rights compared to others?" Presentation of the results of the research. Discussion, experiences from others who are present in the discussion.
- 0:10 0:15 Presentation of MobileCIT project idea and aims of the project.
- 0:15-0:45 **Hands-on workshop**. Joint learning of the registration. Going through all 14 questions, discussions about each of the 14 questions.
- 0:45 1:00 **Discussion**. How we will use the results? What is the follow-up? How to involve others in the voting?

For the meeting in European school (15.04.2024.) was used a different kind of agenda, as the participants were senior schoolchildren and it was an imperative to involve them in the discussion about issues that refer (mostly) to adult people:

- 0:00-0:10 Presentation of MobileCIT project idea and aims of the project.
- 0:10-0:45 **Discussion with gamification elements**. We divided the classes in two groups and invited them to discuss three questions of the Open2Vote.eu question list. One part of the class had to provide arguments "For" the cause and the other: "Against".
- 0:45-1:00 **Discussion on politics and EU politics** in general. Discussion about the burden of a decision in politics, about the political activism and consequences, if the citizens are not active in politics.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 29 (+6 who are not documented)

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