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WOMEN PARTICIPATION FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE



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What is the role of women in today's European scenery?

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How much weight does their voice carry in the context of political decisions, and how important is their struggle for rights in a sociocultural context where discrimination of minorities is still rampant?



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The project:

The **Women4Future** project aims to address these questions and many others, with the goal of building together with participants a new awareness regarding the urgency of social and political actions to counteract all forms of gender violence and discrimination.

To establish the foundations of an inclusive and participatory future based on the respect of rights established at the European level, it is necessary to begin with education and to act on the symbolic system upon which the power of the patriarchal system rests.



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It is necessary to investigate the political, social and cultural importance of women's actions to show effective paths of empowerment that can be promoted and followed by the new generations.


The project aims at all this through the joint contribution of eight partner organizations which have made the promotion of active participation and the fight for equal rights their mission and that, through their experience and professionalism, will propose a path of two years devoted to the construction of new awareness and to the formulation of new proposals to be addressed to the European political spheres.





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The objectives

educating:

- **educating participants about inclusivity and gender equality** through the exploration of European experiences that have contributed and continue to contribute to building the foundations for a gender-equal society

demonstrating

- **demonstrating, through the project activities, the importance of women's participation in democratic life**, with the perspective of increasing awareness regarding women's roles in civil society and inspiring new generations toward paths of active participation.

reaffirming:

- **reaffirming on an experiential level the importance of building a present and a future that do not tolerate any form of discrimination**, that are inclusive, participatory, and based on the respect of rights established at the European level.



The concept

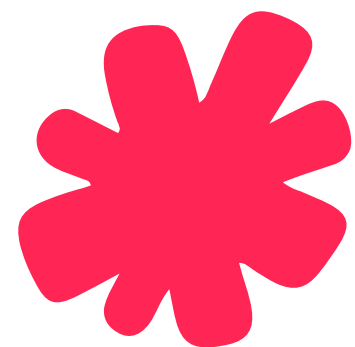


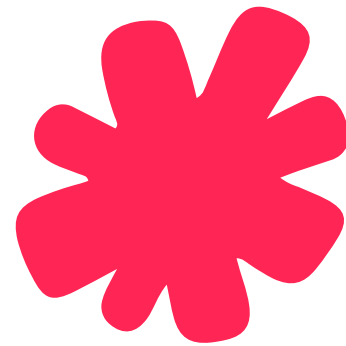
The Project will be developed through local activities and international events, which will take place in all partner countries and it is based on **three key elements:**

Taking the Floor:

The program will aim to facilitate the emergence of experiences of women active participation from various European contexts.

Specifically, it will reference actions carried out by individuals, small and large groups that have contributed to reshaping perspectives in the local and European social, cultural, and political context.





Systematization of Experiences:

The activities will proceed with a synthesis process that, based on the collected experiences, will identify issues, common actions, as well as solutions that have proven effective in promoting social change.

The goal will be to extract communicable and replicable tools from various experiences to promote new paths of participation.



Ideas and Proposals:

After comparing various experiences from different European contexts and identifying common issues and paths, the work will shift to the development of concrete proposals to be presented directly to policymakers.

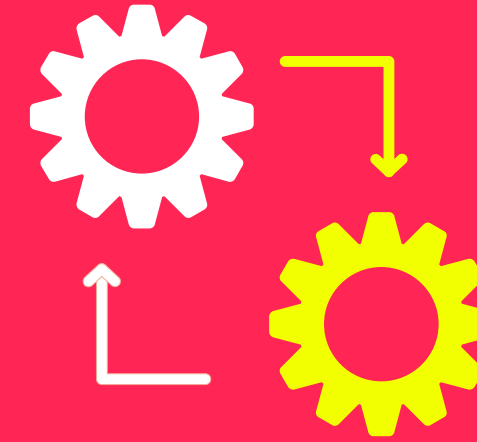


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The methodologies

Five different phases of work:



1 Local Group Formation, Action Plan

During this phase, participants will be identified, and local groups will be formed to carry out activities in the following months.

The target audience will be broad and diverse to ensure effective sharing of experiences and widespread dissemination of acquired skills and content from different contexts.

2 Local group Action-plan implementation:

This second phase will be crucial for the collection of participation stories, informational materials, and content gathered through meetings with experts to ensure the acquisition of materials useful for synthesizing common paths of female participation and political proposals.

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International in-situ event planning, implementation, reporting:

The third phase will focus on presenting the contents to international participants in order to develop a final work that will lead to the production of political proposals to be presented to decision-makers.

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Dissemination:

The purpose of dissemination activities is to share the project's findings and information with a broader audience, both within and outside the project's immediate stakeholders and to raise awareness, educate, and engage various groups of people about the project's objectives, progress, and results.




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Project monitoring, evaluation and reporting:

This phase will have the purpose of verifying the impact of the path carried out on both a qualitative and quantitative level and to periodically follow the progress of the implemented activities.



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A further aspect concerns the use of Active Education Methodologies, such as Cooperative Learning (Group Research), storytelling methodologies, autobiographical approaches, and Participatory video.

Additionally, the Open Narrating Space tool will be employed, which is an innovative methodology that combines Open Space Technology with autobiographical methodologies to generate reflections and proposals in contexts characterized by large working groups.





THE EVENTS



LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

Each organization will organize various local activities and implement international events in different European countries through these phases:

- Local group formation;
- local group implementation;
- international in-situ event;
- planning, implementation, reporting;
- dissemination;
- project monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

REMOTE EVENTS:

The project also includes the realisation of two remote international events that, through the innovative methodology of the Open Narrating Space, will give the participants the opportunity to reflect on the topics addressed during the events, and will guide them to the realization of the Women4Future white paper.



StoryAP

- The StoryAp portal: the digital archive (www.storyap.eu) will host the Women4Future Archive, thus preserving the stories collected and produced by participants.

Women4Future white paper:

- a pdf document that will contain all the thematic insights collected and produced by the volunteers. The document will be created using the Open Narrating Space methodology which will enable the collection of the contributions and proposals of very large groups of participants.

Women4Future traveling exhibition:

- a series of small handy and easily transportable panels, which will contain some of the stories produced by local groups. They will be exhibited in each country and can also be used in different training contexts such as schools, conferences, festivals, etc.

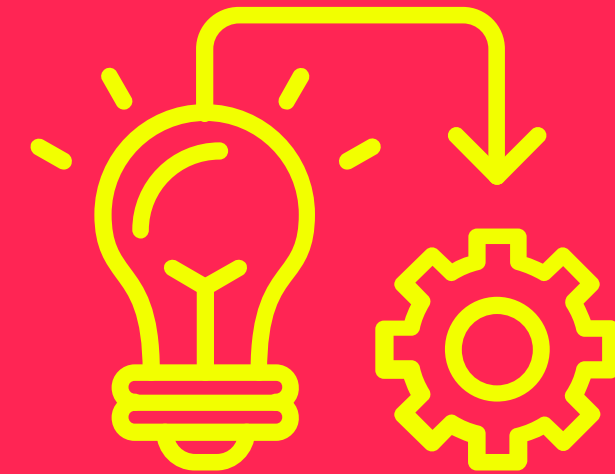
During the last transnational event in Italy, the exhibition will be exhibited in its entirety, showing all the panels created during the previous activities.

Video

- 3 video Interviews with experts
- 3 videos about women's participation for the Women4Future digital archive

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Local group Action-plan implementation

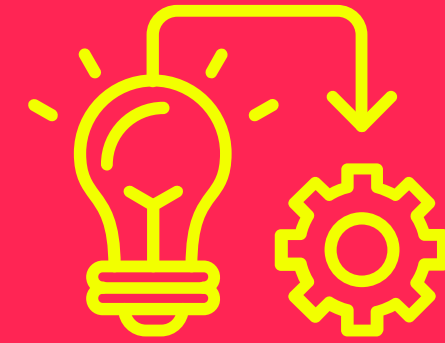
The activities carried out by the working groups will include:

- research in the sources available in the archives
- at least 3 video interviews with experts;
- at least 3 videos about women's participation for the Women4Future digital archive;
- preparatory document for the launch of the Women4Future White Paper during the transnational event;
- organization of preparatory meetings with stakeholders and the local community;
- actions aimed at the launch of the Women4Future Award;
- creation of the first three panels of the Women4Future traveling exhibition



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Research in the sources available in the archives

Some of the organisations involved, such as Archivia and the Archivio Nazionale Diaristico, have archives at their disposal that will support local groups in in-depth research on the issues addressed.



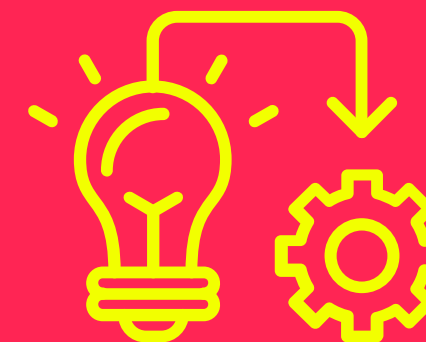
Video interviews with experts (at least 3)

Short videos will be made involving experts on the issues addressed, who will be interviewed by the participants in the activities.



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Videos about women's participation for the Women4Future digital archive (at least 3)

Short videos will be made collecting the experiences of various women, or groups of women, who have contributed to social change on the topic of gender equality.



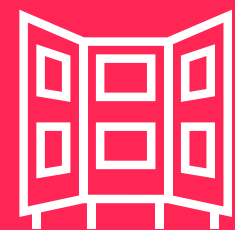
The Women4Future Award

Through the StoryAp portal, an international call will be launched to collect the life experiences of women from different countries in various forms: storytelling, photos, videos, interviews, etc.



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Panels of the Women4Future traveling exhibition

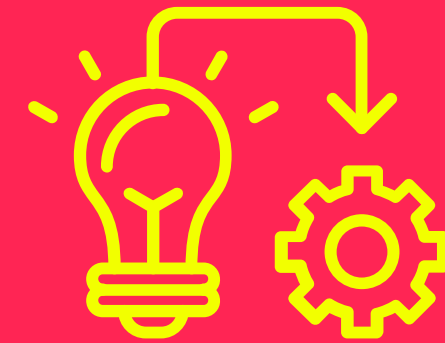
It will be a travelling exhibition consisting of easy-to-carry totems, which will be created during various local activities and displayed during international events.

At each event, the exhibition will become more substantial, as new panels will be added.

All these outputs will be produced in the local language and an English translation will be provided.

They will also share the same visual identity and be realised through a shared methodology.

In this regard, training activities for facilitators on the realisation of the products will be carried out from the first meeting.





NEXT STEPS



CHANGES FROM AF

- The French partner was unable to sign the agreement due to a formal problem, but remains as an associated partner. SMP will take care of the implementation of the meeting in France with the cooperation of Pystel
- Given the start times of the project close to the summer holidays, the activity plan has undergone changes
- We moved the first meeting from Italy (Pieve Santo Stefano) to Bulgaria





NEXT STEPS



ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION

Hosting partner EIC, Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

- Dates first meeting

10-12 Oct

17-19 oct

- Doodle to vote

- Infopack and participant list

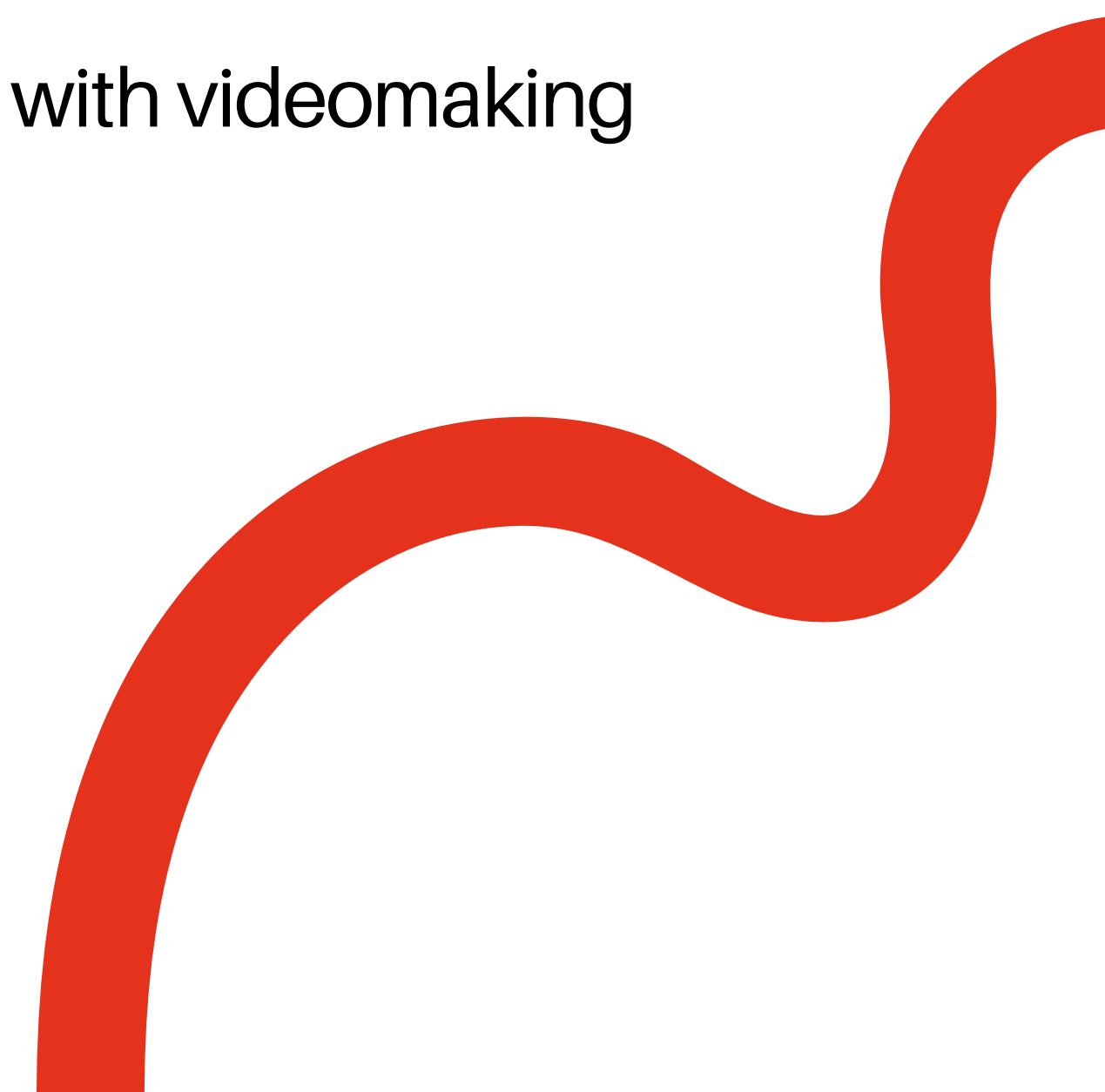




WHO will be the participants?



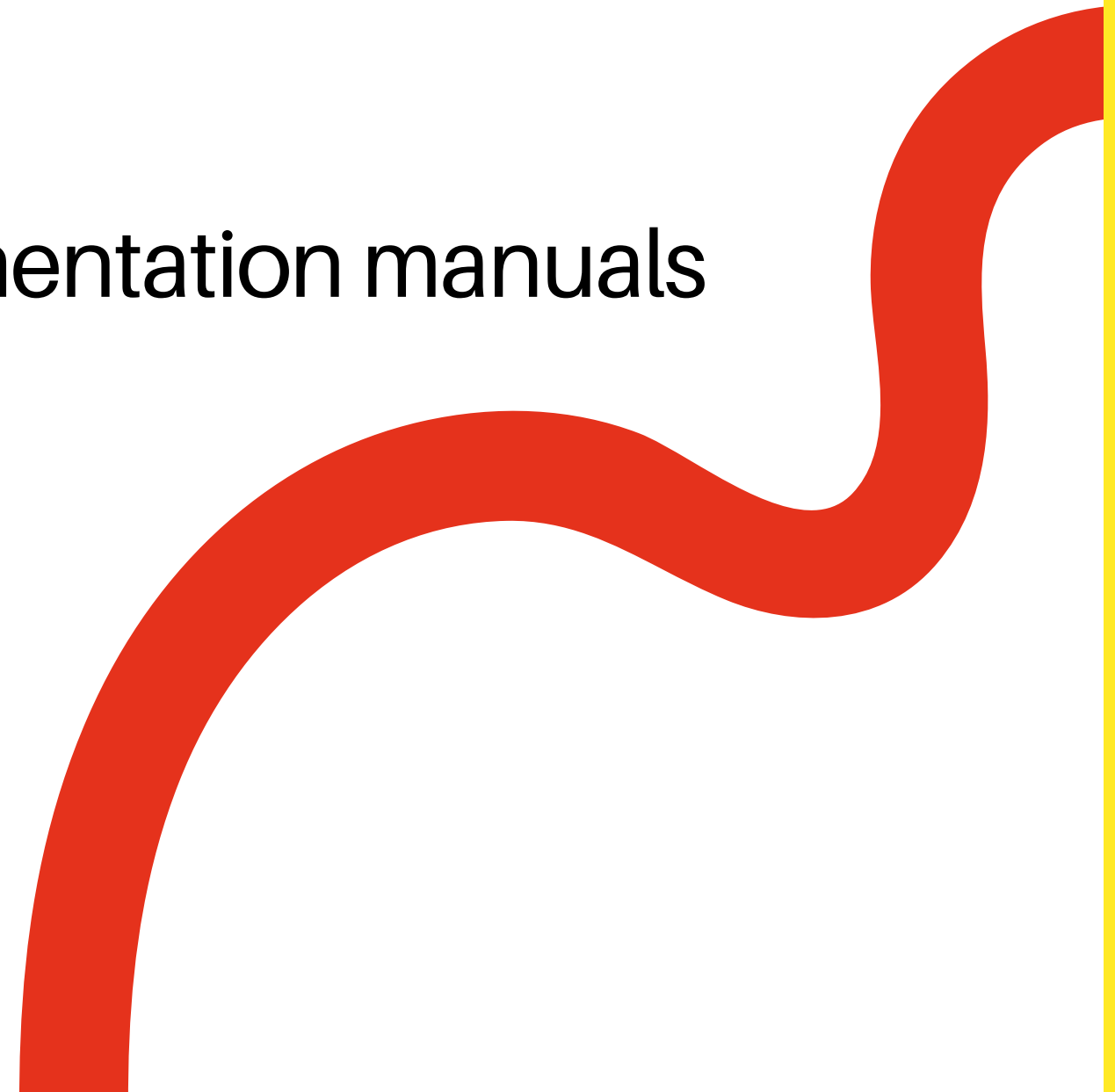
- Total 4 participants per country, including:
- Coordinators; facilitators, including a facilitator with videomaking skills
- local groups volunteers



* MANAGEMENT *



- 3 online preparatory meetings
- Staff definition
- Contribution to the drafting of implementation manuals



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