

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	ASSOUTENTI APS ISTITUTO EUROPEO PER LO SVILUPPO SOCIO ECONOMICO ASSOCIAZIONE (ISES)
PIC number:	949523883 948848666
Project name and acronym:	[WE-DEMOCRACY – No one left behind – Empowering citizens to participate in democratic processes]

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP2		
Event name:	Problem-solving		
Type:	Awareness-raising		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Italy-Portici		
Date(s):	14.12.2023		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.wedemocracy-project.eu">https://www.wedemocracy-project.eu</a>		
Participants			
Female:	38		
Male:	37		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Italy:	0		
From country 2 :	-		
From country 3 :	-		
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Total number of participants:	75	From total number of countries:	0
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The “Problem solving event” in Italy took place within the broader event called EXPO Consumatori (EXPO Consumers). EXPO Consumatori was conceived in 2018 by Assoutenti and since then, it is the only event in Italy dedicated to the themes of</p>			

sustainable consumption and the role of the consumer in society, in a perspective of happy growth.

Arrived at its sixth edition, 2023 EXPO launched the project "For a Growing Italy, I Start Again from tRe" dedicated to consumers for the diffusion of circular economy models promoted by 12 consumer associations recognized by the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy.

The event, thus, saw the participation of citizens/consumers who had the possibility to interact with high level professionals on different aspects of responsible consumption, circular economy, sustainability and e-democracy tools.

The event opened numerous tables for discussion and debate on the topics of the circular economy, reuse, recycling, and recovery, as well as the challenges that society must face and solve to zero out its environmental footprint, ideally making it completely neutral or at least sustainable for an ecosystem increasingly in distress.

On 14 December, a special session was dedicated to We-DEMOCRACY and its key topics.

The event agenda was:

9:00 Project Introduction

9:30 Commencement of Open Debate on the topics of:

- UN Agenda 2030 – introduction and explanation
- Survey – presentation and explanation of the emerged results - debate
- Brainstorming: Identification and discussion of areas most in need of improvement according to the participants' opinions;

10:15 Definition of Points and Solutions

- Research, analysis, and comparison of possible solutions for the identified areas

11:00 Conclusions

The debate was moderated by Roberto Spera, expert for Assoutenti in green and blue economy who launched to the audience 'powerful questions,' counter-current questions deliberately posed in contrast to the dominant opinion to stimulate argumentative and constructive debate.

Then, the audience was divided in small groups who had to propose a single area that, in their opinion, would have produced the best result in terms of improved environmental impact with intervention.

Together with the group, efforts were then made to detail the tools and intervention methods.