

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	Cromo Foundation
<b>PIC number:</b>	949523883
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	[WE-DEMOCRACY – No one left behind – Empowering citizens to participate in democratic processes]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	WP12
<b>Event name:</b>	Events and awareness raising in Hungary
<b>Type:</b>	Awareness-raising
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In situ
<b>Location:</b>	Hungary: Budapest, Székesfehérvár, Szarvas, Pécs
<b>Date(s):</b>	2024.12.11 and 12.16 Budapest 2025.01.15 Székesfehérvár 2025.01.21 Szarvas 2025.01.23 Pécs
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.wedemocracy-project.eu">https://www.wedemocracy-project.eu</a>
Participants	
Female:	37
Male:	21
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Hungary]:	58
Total number of participants:	58
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The Events and awareness raising in Hungary was organised for different target groups at 5 different in situ events in 4 different towns.</p> <p>1) On 11.12.2024 and 16.12.2024 for civil servants in Budapest with 2 groups.</p> <p>3) On 15.01.2025 and 21.01.2025 for the small and medium business sector in Székesfehérvár and Szarvas</p> <p>5) On 23.01.2025 for the civic sector, young locals and local authorities in Pécs.</p> <p>We targeted the groups that were interested, so we held the programme in Budapest for public officials who were specifically interested in sustainability solutions, we held the event for managers of small and</p>	

medium-sized enterprises in Székesfehérvár and Szarvas with a special interest in circular economy, and we invited residents and civic leaders to the event in Pécs.

The speakers for the event were Gábor Hegedűs, Ildikó Simon, Ivett Varga and Zsófia Tornóczy. The first part of the events was dedicated to the topics of ecological and circular economy solutions, while the second part focused on the outcomes of the We-Democracy project with emphasis on the crowdsourcing platform and on what we locals, businessman and decisionmakers can do using cocreation methods. The methods used were presentations, small group discussions, cocreation methods for sharing and community planning.

The main topics covered during the programme were the opportunities of the circular economy in Hungary. What obligations have to be fulfilled in the green deal, e.g. ecological transition of municipalities, ESG reporting obligations of companies. Raising citizens' awareness of the issue is essential, and engaging in dialogue on digital platforms plays a crucial role in this process. So is the education about climate change and circular economy in schools. Depending on the stakeholders involved, one or another topic was given more prominence in the discussions.

The main outcomes of the events:

School education and awareness raising of youth on climate change and circular economy:

- Integrate climate change topics across subjects.
- Encourage student-led projects like recycling and energy conservation.
- Make learning more fun with apps and online platforms/games on the issue.
- Teach circular economy concepts and provide real-world examples.
- Need for more experience-learning methods of circular economy.
- Teacher training is needed in SDG topics.

3R and Waste management in settlements and households:

- Raise awareness through community engagement and campaigns.
- Gamification of waste management in schools.
- Encouraging companies to focus on repairing and recycling defective products.
- Organizing workshops for young people on repair and recycling skills.

Supporting civic organizations on climate change:

- Provide funding and resources to expand local climate initiatives in settlements.
- Encourage collaboration between civic organizations and businesses for sustainable solutions.
- Create platforms for civic organizations to influence climate policy.
- Capacity-building to strengthen grassroots organizations' advocacy skills.

Digital tools against fake news:

- Learn about existing detecting tools in schools.
- Promote media literacy education to spot misinformation.
- Implement AI tools to detect and flag fake news.

Supporting businesses in circular economy opportunities:

- Offer financial incentives and grants for sustainable practices.
- Facilitate knowledge sharing and industry collaboration.
- Create supportive policies to encourage circular business models.