

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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| PROJECT                          |   |
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| <b>Participant:</b>              | 1 - Aampola Progetti per la sicurezza delle persone e delle comunità s.r.l. Impresa sociale (AMAPOLA)                             |
| <b>PIC number:</b>               | 952853214   |
| <b>Project name and acronym:</b> | Empowering Vulnerable Youth for Active Citizenship: A Transnational Approach to Participation and Societal Challenges] — EVY-PACT |

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| <b>Event number:</b>            | 101253343   |
| <b>Event name:</b>              | Breaking Barriers :Youth participation in Europe  |
| <b>Type:</b>                    | conference  |
| <b>In situ/online:</b>          | in-situ   |
| <b>Location:</b>                | Italy, Turin  |
| <b>Date(s):</b>                 | 24/03/2026  |
| <b>Website(s) (if any):</b>     | <a href="https://amapolaprogetti.org/portfolio/evy-pact-rafforzare-la-partecipazione-civica-dei-giovani/">https://amapolaprogetti.org/portfolio/evy-pact-rafforzare-la-partecipazione-civica-dei-giovani/</a> - Project website's page<br><a href="https://amapolaprogetti.org/breaking-barriers-youth-participation-in-europe/">https://amapolaprogetti.org/breaking-barriers-youth-participation-in-europe/</a> - event website 's page<br><a href="https://amapolaprogetti.org/evy-pact-deliverables-and-implementation-documents/">https://amapolaprogetti.org/evy-pact-deliverables-and-implementation-documents/</a> - Project deliverables' page |
| Participants                    |   |
| Female:                         | 21  |
| Male:                           | 7   |
| Non-binary:                     | 0   |
| From country 1 [France]:        | 1   |
| From country 2 [Belgium]:       | 1   |
| From country 3 [Romania]:       | 1   |
| From country 3 [Italy]:         | 25  |
| Total number of participants:   | 28  |
| From total number of countries: | 4   |

**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The event, titled “*Breaking Barriers: Youth Participation in Europe*”, took place on 24 March 2026 at Open Incet (Piazza Teresa Noce 17, Turin).

The meeting brought together project partners, institutional representatives, civil society organisations, youth associations, and international partners to reflect on how to strengthen the participation of vulnerable young people in civic and democratic life.

The morning session, which was more focused on project partners and key stakeholders, was dedicated to presenting the project activities, discussing the main thematic areas and their interpretation, and advancing the operational planning of activities, as well as the finalisation of the Project Handbook.

The afternoon session was open to a wider audience, including civil society representatives, local authorities, stakeholders, and youth organisations.

Following a brief introduction to the project framework in which the event was embedded, two panel discussions were held:

**1 – What are the main barriers to civic engagement for vulnerable youth?**

This panel explored the structural, social, and cultural barriers that limit the active participation of vulnerable young people in civic and democratic life. Through a dialogue involving civil society organisations, local actors, and academia, the discussion focused on identifying key obstacles and reflecting on how public policies, local initiatives, and community practices can contribute to creating more inclusive opportunities for youth participation.

**2 – Broadening the discussion to the European context: which practices and approaches can strengthen youth participation?**

Building on the challenges identified in the first panel, this discussion expanded the perspective to the European level, presenting experiences, projects, and approaches that have successfully promoted youth participation. The aim was to share concrete examples and foster collaborative solutions to strengthen the empowerment and participation of vulnerable youth across different contexts.

The event concluded with a networking aperitif, offering participants the opportunity to exchange feedback and continue informal discussions.

The event was held in English in a venue fully accessible to people with disabilities. The room was arranged to reduce formal barriers and encourage a peer-to-peer atmosphere.

Speakers were selected with attention to gender balance and with the aim of fostering direct dialogue with participants.

The event was promoted and disseminated through the social media channels of the project partnership, ensuring broad visibility among relevant stakeholders and target groups, using the visual identity designed for the project

Attached are the full-day agenda, a selection of photos, and the presentations from both sessions.

