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Altius Foundation Spain is leading the project "Active Citizens for a Stronger EU" (ACT stronger) within the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme approved by the European Commission.

On 4 November the kick-off meeting of the project is held in online format with the project coordinators and working teams from: Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Lithuania, Bulgaria.

The project supports current EU initiatives to better respond to changing realities and transform current EU challenges into opportunities. ACT Stronger provides a stage for citizens to be heard on key issues such as rights, civic participation, equality, diversity, security, media literacy, democracy, climate change and the recovery of Covid-19 in all spheres of everyday life. To be all different and all equal and to live and act.



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The overall objective of this initiative is to contribute to a better understanding among citizens of the EU's values, history and diversity. Reflecting on the identity of European citizenship through participation in EU initiatives by people from different EU countries and regions helps citizens to better understand the EU policy-making process and to promote opportunities for social and intercultural engagement and participation at EU level.

The project aims to collect, analyse and summarise the progress made in 8 of its members (Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania and Spain) on the European Action Plan for Democracy and the results of the EU Citizenship Report, suggested by citizens from 15 countries and different profiles, economic, social and age backgrounds.

For 24 months, the ACT Stronger project will strive to actively engage European citizens from 15 EU Member States, inviting them to take an active part in the life of the Union. All citizens can fully participate in the design and implementation of the programme of activities, in the development and formulation of new ideas for Europe, shaping the messages and knowledge learned in their own circles of friends and community environments. The project foresees a broad participation to represent the diversity of opinions and beliefs among European citizens that will lead to a continuous engagement with European institutions, ideas and values.

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