



# ACT STRONGER

## first international events



The "ACT Stronger" project is designated to contribute to the citizens' deeper understanding of the EU values, its history and diversity.

Main project's objectives are to summarize the progress made in the 8 Member States (Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Spain) on the European democracy action plan & the results from the EU Citizenship report 2020, to analyze the strengths and weaknesses in the local/regional policies and develop Citizens' Europe e-Paper, focusing on the opportunities for better EU future, suggested by citizens from 15 countries and different profiles, backgrounds and ages. Therefore, this project is mostly based on civic engagement and social cohesion, a role in the involvement of disadvantaged citizens in democracy and other processes.

In December 2022, the ACT Stronger project reached a significant milestone as partners gathered in the enchanting city of Thessaloniki, Greece, for the 1st project international in-situ event entitled "Citizens' Forum on Climate Change and Environment."





14th of December marked the beginning of an engaging and thought-provoking discussion-based event, including study visit, where sustainability took center stage. The plenary introductory session in the latter half of the day emphasized the critical importance of environmental sustainability and the urgent need to address climate change head-on. Partners passionately exchanged proposals and ideas on environmental actions to raise citizens' awareness of the pressing challenges posed by climate change.

This was just the beginning, as the ACT Stronger project continued to gain momentum, with more events, local focus groups and collaborations anticipated in various countries with partnering organizations.

Fast forward a few months to February 2023, and partners convened once again, this time in the captivating city of Sassari, Italy, for an enlightening conference organized by Mine Vaganti NGO.



Esteemed as an educational training provider at both local and European levels, Mine Vaganti NGO hosted this conference with a clear objective in mind – to raise awareness about the profound impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on democracy within the European Union. The conference served as an open space for vibrant debates and discussions, focusing on how to reinvigorate people's involvement in politics and political processes post-pandemic.

As the ACT Stronger project continues to unfold, it promises to explore a myriad of captivating topics that are begging to be explored. The project's ultimate aspiration is to foster open debates, thoughtful discussions, and a collective search for harmonious outcomes, ultimately leading to a stronger and more cohesive European community.