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Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme

CERV PROGRAMME Project n° 101249580

EcoActive Citizens for a Sustainable Europe

Meeting **3**

5-9 May 2026

FORT DE FRANCE
(Island of Martinique)
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Dear participants!

Environmental issues know no borders: they unite us, empower us, and call us to action together. Martinique, an island territory in the heart of the Caribbean, offers a suitable setting to foster this collective reflection. The north of the island, recently inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List for its exceptional biodiversity, perfectly illustrates the universal value of our ecosystems. Tropical forests, volcanic landscapes, rivers, endemic species: this natural heritage is a treasure, but also a responsibility. Like many island territories, Martinique is on the front lines of the effects of climate change. Rising sea levels, coastal erosion, the intensification of extreme weather events, and the pressure on natural resources remind us daily of the need for active, informed, and collective eco-citizenship. Here, as elsewhere, every action counts: protecting a mangrove, reducing waste, preserving reefs, and passing on best practices to younger generations. The ECOACTIVE CITIZENS FOR A SUSTAINABLE EUROPE project, which we share, opens up a valuable space for imagining concrete, inclusive, and ambitious actions. Together, we can encourage responsible behavior, develop innovative citizen initiatives, and strengthen everyone's participation in protecting our shared environment. Confident that our collaboration in Martinique will be inspiring, enriched by discoveries, sincere exchanges, and lasting partnerships toward a vibrant, engaged, and humane European eco-citizenship, I welcome you.

Max Granier

President of Association pour le
Soutien à la Citoyenneté Européenne



Project Summary

The "EcoActive Citizens for a Sustainable Europe" Project is an initiative promoted by the Buarcos Parish Council, Portugal, which aims to place municipalities and local entities at the center of climate action, transforming climate and environmental challenges into opportunities.

In line with the priorities of the European Union and the European Commission's CERV programme, this Cities Network project has the general objective of encouraging citizens' participation in decision-making related to climate and environmental challenges and, consequently, the future of the EU, and as a priority, building a climate-neutral, green, fair and social Europe, investing in ecological initiatives aimed at improving air and water quality, promoting sustainable agriculture and preserving environmental systems and biodiversity.

At the same time, the aim is to create European networks of citizens who are aware and committed to environmental protection and sustainability and who can promote, in a domino effect, an environmental impact in the different European regions involved.

The project is intended to be developed over 18 months, in collaboration with 14 entities from 14 EU countries, and the organization of 6 thematic meetings, namely in Portugal, Italy, Spain, Malta, France and Hungary, with the participation of more than 4,000 citizens.

Through conferences, round tables, workshops, presentation/contact with good practices, visits to democratic and business institutions, data collection, advertising campaigns, debate and reflection sessions, we aim to reinforce Europe's commitment to environmental protection, raising awareness of priority issues related to environmental protection and sustainable economy, investing in the Circular Economy and sustainability models, as well as raising awareness in communities of the fundamental role of everyone in practices that benefit the environment, modifying our own behavior and encouraging change in others.

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What is CERV?

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme is an EU funding programme launched in 2021 with a duration of seven years. CERV funds projects aimed, among other things, at protecting diversity and civil rights, combating gender-based violence, strengthening citizens' democratic life, and valuing European history.

Its main objectives include protecting and promoting the rights and values enshrined in the EU Treaties, the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and various international human rights conventions. In practice, this means promoting and developing open, democratic, equal, inclusive societies based on rights and the rule of law. It also means fostering a dynamic and empowered civil society at local, regional, national, and transnational levels, encouraging democratic, civic, and social participation, and nurturing the rich diversity of European society in line with common values, European history, and collective memory.

- Promote exchanges between citizens of different countries, particularly through networks of towns, to give them practical experience of the wealth and diversity of the Union's shared heritage and raise awareness that this constitutes the foundation for a common future.
- Develop sustainable networks of towns, deepening and intensifying their cooperation, while outlining common activities to promote Union values and fundamental rights, as well as their long-term vision for the future of European integration.
- Inclusively support citizens' engagement and participation in democratic life and public policymaking at the local level.

Among other priorities, the programme will support:

- Encouraging citizen engagement and democratic participation at local, national, and EU levels, promoting European citizenship, shared values, and democratic standards.
- Supporting citizens' involvement, including children, in public life, and promoting democratic participation, gender equality, and representation in local decision-making.
- Promoting democratic participation through cultural activities, including projects inspired by or aligned with the New European Bauhaus initiative.

Activities may include, among others: workshops, seminars, conferences, training activities, coaching, expert meetings, webinars, awareness-raising activities, high-visibility events, data collection and consultations, development, exchanges, and dissemination of good practices among authorities and civil society organisations, development of communication tools, and the use of social media.

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MEETING “Circular Economy and Sustainable Resource Management”

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Arrival of participants.

Check – in

20:00 Welcome dinner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

07:30 Breakfast.

08:00 Departure from the hotel and transfer to the **ICEA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL**.

08:30 Presentation of selected ideas and good practices to secondary school students. Participants from: Finland, Portugal, Romania, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Italy, Malta, Latvia, Poland, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia and Spain.

Topic: Good practices on "Climate education and women's empowerment".

10:30 **CONFERENCE** on "Climate education and women's empowerment".

11:30 Group picture.

12:00 Visit to Fort-de-France.

13:30 Lunch at Fort-de-France Market.

16:00 Cultural immersion in Martinique:

- Food market visit.
- Fort-de-France Cathedral.
- Old Town.
- Schoelcher Library.

Free time.

19:00 Social media updates and project dissemination.

20:00 Dinner.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

08:00 Breakfast.

08:30 Departure from the hotel.

09:00 Meeting at the **JOSEPH GAILLARD SECONDARY SCHOOL INSTITUTE**.

CONFERENCE "Women on the front line of climate change" by **Ms. Myriam Moise**, University researcher and professor. Analysis of climate change impact on the island of Martinique.

11:00 Meeting at the Fort-de-France Town Hall.

Welcome by MR. DIDIER LAGUERRE, Mayor of Fort-de-France.

Reply by MS. ROSA BATISTA, President of Buarcos and project promoter.

13:30 Lunch at Boa Rosa Restaurant.

16:00 Boat study tour: Effects of climate change at Fort-de-France Bay.

19:00 Final evaluation.

19:30 Briefing on the next meeting in Treviso, Italy.

20:00 Farewell dinner at Restaurant Schoelcher.

21:00 Closing speech by Max Granier, President.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Departure of participants.



MEETING 1
Buarcos / Figueira da Foz
Portugal • 25 - 28 February 2026

MEETING 2
Santiago de Compostela
Spain • 1 - 4 March 2026



MEETING 3
Martinique / Fort de France
France • 5 - 9 May 2026

MEETING 4
Treviso / Venice
Italy • 28 Sep. - 1 Oct. 2026



MEETING 5
Safi - La Valletta
Malta • 15 - 18 December 2026

MEETING 6
Héhalom / Budapest
Hungary • 19 - 22 February 2027



PARTNERSHIP



1. FREGUESIA DE BUARCOS - Portugal
2. MUNICIPALITY OF KLANJEC - Croatia
3. MUNICIPALITY OF SAFI - Malta
4. MUNICIPALITY OF REZEKNE - Latvia
5. MUNICIPALITY OF SUHINDOL - Bulgaria
6. MUNICIPALITY OF CURTEA DE ARGES - Romania
7. MUNICIPALITY OF LWOWEK SLASKI - Poland
8. MUNICIPALITY OF HÉHALOM - Hungary
9. MUNICIPALITY OF BUSINCE - Slovakia
10. ASSOCIATION POUR LE SOUTIEN A LA CITOYENNETE EUROPEENNE - France
11. THE ORGANIZATION FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION & DEVELOPMENT - Finland
12. CENTRO EDUCATIVO DI PROGETTAZIONE E HOSTING INTERNAZIONALE - Italy
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