

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Freguesia de Buarcos
PIC number:	867997323
Project name and acronym:	EcoActive: Citizens for a Sustainable Europe

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	3rd
Event name:	The Role Of Women In Combating Climate Change
Type:	Workshop
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Fort-de-France, France
Date(s):	5-9 th May, 2026
Participants	
Female:	16
Male:	20
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Bulgaria]:	2
From country 2 [Croatia]:	1
From country 3 [Cyprus]:	1
From country 4 [Finland]:	1
From country 5 [France]:	36
From country 6 [Italy]:	1
From country 7 [Hungary]:	1
From country 8 [Latvia]:	1
From country 9 [Malta]:	2
From country 10 [Poland]:	1
From country 11 [Portugal]:	3
From country 12 [Romania]	2

From country 13 [Slovakia]:	2		
From country 14 [Spain]:	2		
Total number of participants:	56	From total number of countries:	14

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The third transnational meeting of the project EcoActive Citizens for a Sustainable Europe took place in Fort-de-France, Martinique, France, from 5 to 9 May 2026, bringing together 56 local and international participants from 14 countries.

The event was hosted by the Association pour le Soutien à la Citoyenneté Européenne and organised within the framework of the CERV Network of Towns project, under the theme “The Role of Women in Combating Climate Change”.

The meeting gathered participants from Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland, France, Italy, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Spain, combining a strong local presence from Martinique with representatives from the wider European partnership.

As the third event of the project, the meeting represented an important step in strengthening the cooperation already developed during the previous meetings in Portugal and Spain. It contributed to the project’s broader objective of encouraging citizens’ participation in decision-making processes related to climate and environmental challenges, while promoting a climate-neutral, green, fair and social Europe.

The event placed particular emphasis on the role of women as active agents of environmental change, highlighting their contribution to climate education, community resilience, biodiversity protection and sustainable local development.

Day 1 was dedicated to the arrival of participants in Fort-de-France, transfer to the hotel, check-in and a welcome dinner. This first informal moment played an important role in creating a positive and cooperative atmosphere among participants arriving from different European countries and local contexts. It allowed the group to establish initial contacts, exchange expectations and begin building the interpersonal relationships that would support collaboration during the following days.

Day 2 began with breakfast and departure from the hotel, followed by activities focused on climate education and female empowerment. Participants presented selected ideas and good practices in front of high school students, creating an intergenerational space for dialogue between European partners and young people. The session gave visibility to women who are contributing to the fight against climate change in different countries and helped participants understand how education can empower younger generations to become active eco-citizens.

This school-based activity was particularly relevant because it connected the project’s European dimension with local educational realities. By involving students directly, the event showed that climate awareness must be transmitted through practical examples, accessible language and participatory methods. The exchange of good practices also allowed partners to compare different national approaches to environmental education, female leadership and citizen mobilisation.

Day 3 was centred on institutional dialogue, expert knowledge and direct observation of climate impacts. The programme began at the Joseph Gaillard Secondary School Institute, where participants attended the conference “Women on the Front Line of Climate Change” delivered by Ms. Myriam Moïse, university researcher and professor. The conference analysed the impact of climate change on the island of Martinique and highlighted the role of women in understanding, communicating and responding to environmental vulnerability.

The programme then continued with an institutional meeting at the Fort-de-France Town Hall, where participants were welcomed by Mr. Didier Laguerre, Mayor of Fort-de-France, with a reply by Ms. Rosa Batista, President of Buarcos and project promoter. This meeting reinforced the political and civic dimension of the project, showing the importance of local authorities in supporting climate action, environmental education and citizen participation. It also strengthened the connection between European cooperation and local governance in a territory directly affected by climate change.

The day concluded with the final evaluation, a briefing on the next meeting in Treviso, Italy, a farewell dinner and a closing speech by Max Granier, President of the host organisation. These closing activities allowed participants to reflect on the results of the meeting, identify lessons learned and prepare the continuation of the project. They also helped consolidate the commitments, contacts and cooperation dynamics developed during the event.

Day 4 included cultural activities related to the sea, informal exchanges among participants and the final dinner. This part of the programme helped strengthen group cohesion and provided additional opportunities to connect environmental reflection with the maritime identity of Martinique. The sea-related activities were especially relevant in the context of a meeting focused on climate change, as they linked the island's natural environment with broader European concerns about coastal protection, biodiversity and sustainable use of resources.

Day 5 was dedicated to breakfast, check-out and the departure of participants. This closing phase ensured a smooth transition towards the next stages of the project and allowed participants to consolidate the relationships and commitments established during the meeting.

Overall, the Fort-de-France meeting successfully combined climate education, gender perspective, institutional dialogue, field observation, cultural exchange and citizen participation. It contributed to raising awareness of the specific vulnerability of island territories to climate change, while also highlighting the essential role of women, schools, local authorities and civil society in building more resilient and sustainable communities.

By connecting the local reality of Martinique with the experiences of partners from 14 European countries, the event demonstrated the value of transnational cooperation in addressing shared environmental challenges.

The event allowed participants to exchange good practices on climate education and female empowerment, engage directly with students and local institutions, observe the concrete effects of climate change in Martinique, especially in coastal and island contexts, and reflect on how these lessons can be transferred to their own communities. It also reinforced eco-citizenship, gender equality, youth participation and the importance of local governance in building more resilient, inclusive and sustainable

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).