

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	5 – Asociación Building Bridges (ABB)
PIC number:	948821118
Project name and acronym:	Youth Municipal Climate Action — YMCA

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	12		
Event name:	Environmental Hackathon II		
Type:	Participatory hackathon, proposal presentations and municipal dialogue		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Spain, Soto del Real (Community of Madrid)		
Date(s):	25 February 2026		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://ymca-cerv.eu/about/reports/">https://ymca-cerv.eu/about/reports/</a> <a href="https://yeseuropa.org/youth-municipal-climate-action-ymca-cuando-la-juventud-disena-el-futuro-de-sus-municipios/">https://yeseuropa.org/youth-municipal-climate-action-ymca-cuando-la-juventud-disena-el-futuro-de-sus-municipios/</a>		
Participants			
Female:	30		
Male:	26		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Romania]:	2		
From country 2 [Czech Republic]:	1		
From country 3 [Italy]:	1		
From country 4 [Spain]:	51		
From country 5 [Lithuania]:	1		
Total number of participants:	56	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

The Environmental Hackathon II took place on 25 February 2026 in Soto del Real (Community of Madrid, Spain), as the direct continuation and culmination of the activities begun the previous day during Hackathon I. The event was organized by Association Building Bridges (ABB) as Lead Beneficiary for Work Package 12, with the active participation of the municipality of Soto del Real. Due to the larger number of participants on this day, the venue was moved to the Community Auditorium (CAD) of Soto del Real.

**NOTE ON PARTICIPANT DATA:** This event was embedded within a larger community day of activities ('Un Niño, Un Árbol' and the Huerto Municipal lunch), which attracted a broad and fluid attendance throughout the day. Due to the scale and open nature of these surrounding activities, a formal sign-in sheet was not feasible for the full day. The participants count for the Hackathon II session itself, the afternoon ideation and presentation activity, is based on the organizers' direct count: 30 local young people, 20 community members, out of which 12 were direct stakeholders of the various initiatives, and the 6 partner representatives (including the local coordinator from ABB), totaling 56 participants. The gender breakdown (30F / 26M) reflects all participants registered for the hackathon + local municipality members, and the 6 partners (including the local coordinator from ABB) session specifically.

**MORNING: Continuation of Environmental Field Visits:** The morning was dedicated to completing the tour of local environmental initiatives that had not been visited the previous day, including the Municipal Community Orchard/Allotment ('Huerto Municipal'), a project that provides community members with individual plots to cultivate organic produce for personal consumption, supported by the allotment association. Partners also participated in the 'Un Niño, Un Árbol' ('One Child, One Tree') activity, an annual initiative organized directly by the municipality in which all local schoolchildren aged 10–12 (about 30 children in total) were brought from their schools to plant a tree as a symbolic, hands-on contribution to reforestation efforts. This activity exemplified the municipality's commitment to involving the youngest members of the community in direct environmental action. During this activity, the partnership was joined by the Mayor of Soto del Real, Noelia Barrado.

**MIDDAY: Lunch hosted by Huerto Municipal:** Partners and participants were welcomed to a communal lunch hosted by the Huerto Municipal, featuring a vegetarian paella prepared using produce grown by community members in the allotment. This reinforced the values of community sustainability, local food production, and social cohesion that underpin the YMCA project.

**AFTERNOON: Hackathon II (Community Auditorium, CAD):** The afternoon session brought together the same working groups formed the previous day, who had 90 minutes to consolidate, refine, and prepare their proposals for formal presentation. Each group presented a structured framework addressing two complementary areas: (1) the diversification of activity formats within existing environmental programs to better accommodate the scheduling constraints of young people (including studies and extracurricular commitments); and (2) communication strategies and engagement approaches tailored specifically to youth audiences, including recommendations for the planning and promotion of future activities.

Following the group presentations, participants collectively decided to unify all proposals into a single, cohesive output: a Communication and Engagement Guide to be formally submitted to the municipality as a support tool for its association promotion and outreach programme. This spontaneous decision to produce a shared, actionable document, rather than competing proposals, demonstrated the collaborative spirit of the event and the participants' genuine commitment to contributing to their community.

The municipality, represented by Ignacio García Castañares, formally recognized the proposal developed by the group 'Con Amor y Humor' as the most direct and actionable submission, encompassing the core needs identified across all groups in a clear and implementable format. The unified output of all groups, a Communication and Engagement Guide to be formally submitted to the municipality as a support tool for its association promotion and outreach programme is currently being finalized and will be submitted as a planned project deliverable.

**CONSORTIUM EXCHANGE:** The event also served as an opportunity for partner representatives to share updates on project management, review the status of ongoing activities, and plan for the upcoming phases of the YMCA project. A professional video of the event was produced to document the proceedings and serve as a dissemination asset.

The event directly contributed to YMCA project objectives OBJ 1 (active youth participation in local democratic processes), OBJ 2 (intergenerational dialogue), and OBJ 3 (development of concrete proposals for municipal environmental policy), while embodying the CERV values of active citizenship, democratic participation, and civic engagement at the local level.

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