

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	4 Mestska část Praha Kolovraty – Prague Kolovraty
PIC number:	898532050
Project name and acronym:	Youth Municipal Climate Action — YMCA

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	3		
Event name:	Exchange of best practices in Czech Republic		
Type:	Conference		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Praha City and Praha-Kolovraty, Czech Rep.		
Date(s):	24 April 2026		
Website(s) (if any):	https://ymca-cerv.eu/about/reports/ https://www.kolovraty.cz/projekt-ymca		
Participants			
Female:	15		
Male:	20		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [SPAIN]:	4		
From country 2 [ITALY]:	3		
From country 3 [LITHUANIA]:	3		
From country 4 [ROMANIA]:	7		
From country 5 [CZECH REPUBLIC]:	18		
Total number of participants:	35	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

The event "Exchange of best practices in Czech Republic" took place in Prague–Kolovraty, Czech Republic, and was organised by the Municipality of Prague–Kolovraty as the hosting partner of the Youth Municipal Climate Action — YMCA project. Representatives of all YMCA partner organisations participated in the event, together with local pupils, students, teachers, municipal representatives and local stakeholders.

The event was designed as a full-day programme combining an environmental conference, student presentations, an exchange of best practices, a structured round table discussion, a visit to a local municipal solar energy facility, cultural exchange and informal networking among international partners and the local community.

MORNING: Environmental conference and student presentations

The morning programme was held in the Community Centre "Na Půdě", located on the first floor of Hostinec U Boudů in Prague–Kolovraty. The presentations were delivered in English by pupils and students from local schools. At the beginning of the programme, the international partners were introduced to the Czech education system, to the schools located in the territory of the Prague–Kolovraty municipal district and its immediate surroundings, and to the environmental activities carried out by these schools.

Students from Říčany Grammar School presented two initiatives. The first presentation focused on the school SWAP event, explaining the concept of exchanging items such as clothes, books and accessories instead of throwing them away or buying new ones. The students described the preparation and implementation of the SWAP, presented its results and reflected on its environmental benefits, including waste reduction, more responsible consumption and raising awareness of fast fashion.

The second presentation from Říčany Grammar School was delivered by the school Eco Team and focused on improving the environmental and climate conditions of the school premises. The students presented existing and planned activities such as improving the school garden, creating more shaded and green areas, introducing composters, supporting biodiversity and promoting lower water consumption. The presentation showed how students can actively participate in shaping a more sustainable and climate-resilient school environment.

Pupils from ZŠ Kolovraty presented their project on measuring the microclimate in Kolovraty. The project involved pupils from different grades, who measured temperature and humidity over several weeks in selected places around the school buildings, including open areas, shaded areas and places near trees. The pupils compared the results and explained how shade and greenery influence local temperatures. Their findings confirmed the importance of trees and green spaces for cooling the air and improving local climate conditions, especially during warmer periods.

EXCHANGE SESSION AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Each presentation was followed by a discussion. The presentations then continued into a structured exchange session and round table discussion involving partner representatives, local stakeholders, school representatives, students and municipal representatives. The discussion focused on waste management, responsible consumption, renewable energy sources, solar energy, energy savings in public buildings, and the relevance of European climate and energy policies and EU directives for local municipal action.

Participants exchanged examples of good practice from their own countries and municipalities, including school-based environmental activities, community-level waste reduction, reuse and SWAP initiatives, local measures to improve the microclimate, and municipal approaches to renewable energy. The discussion also covered energy management, local production and use of renewable energy, and questions related to distribution and fair access to sustainable energy solutions in public infrastructure.

The round table created space for dialogue between political representatives, local stakeholders, school representatives, young people and international partners. It enabled participants to compare different local approaches, identify transferable practices and collect relevant examples for the project's final best practices manual.

VISIT TO A LOCAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY

As part of the exchange of best practices, participants visited the recently renovated Kolovraty Town Hall, which has been equipped with solar panels installed on the roof. This visit was presented as the local solar energy facility visit foreseen in the project programme, as it demonstrated a practical example of how renewable energy can be integrated into municipal public buildings.

Participants visited the roof of the town hall, where they were shown the installed photovoltaic panels. An expert in the field provided an explanation of the technical solution, the reasons for choosing this type of installation, its expected contribution to energy savings, and its relevance for the municipality's broader approach to energy management and sustainable public infrastructure. The visit allowed international partners and local participants to see a concrete example of municipal climate action and to discuss the possibilities and limits of similar solutions in different local contexts.

INFORMAL EXCHANGE AND NETWORKING

After the formal presentations and discussions, the visiting participants established informal contacts with the students who had presented their projects. Together, they spent several hours in the local community centre, combining active leisure time with informal discussions on current environmental and social topics. This informal part of the programme helped strengthen intergenerational dialogue and created a more open environment for exchange between young people, local stakeholders and

international partners.

MIDDAY AND AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Participants also had lunch at Hostinec U Boudů in Prague–Kolovraty, which served as a short introduction to Czech cuisine and local hospitality. In the afternoon, the group took part in a guided walking tour of Prague, offering space for continued informal exchange among the international partners while introducing them to the cultural and historical context of the Czech capital.

EVENING

The day concluded with a group dinner in the centre of Prague, providing further opportunities for networking, reflection on the day's activities and strengthening cooperation within the YMCA partnership.

The event directly contributed to the objectives of the YMCA project by supporting the exchange of best practices in municipal climate action, promoting environmental awareness, encouraging intergenerational and international dialogue, and linking youth-led environmental initiatives with practical municipal measures in the field of renewable energy and sustainable public infrastructure. It also demonstrated how schools, municipalities, local stakeholders and young people can work together to develop and share practical solutions for climate-conscious local communities.

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