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Evaluation Report of EVENT 3

**Training workshop on composting,
organic cultivation, community gardens
and material reuse as tools for
improving integration and standard of
living.**



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EVENT 3: Training workshop on composting, organic cultivation, community gardens and material reuse as tools for improving integration and standard of living

This report reflects the evaluation that was conducted during Event 3 of the project 'INTERACT: Inclusion through environmental activities' implemented by AKTI Project and Research Center and GSI Italia, in Cyprus and Italy respectively. The INTERACT project is funded by the European Union, through the Europe for Citizens Programme (Decision no 2013 -2474).

The aim of 'Event 3: Training workshop on composting, organic cultivation, community gardens and material reuse as tools for improving integration and standard of living', was to train citizens on entrepreneurship and green sector jobs. For the needs of the event, training materials were developed which were translated in English, Greek and Italian and disseminated to the participants. Environmental experts led the actual trainings during the event. Both events have been evaluated using the same questionnaire which was jointly developed by the implementing partners for the purposes of the specific event. The questionnaires were translated in English, Greek and Italian. Sample of the evaluation questionnaire can be found in the Appendix 1.

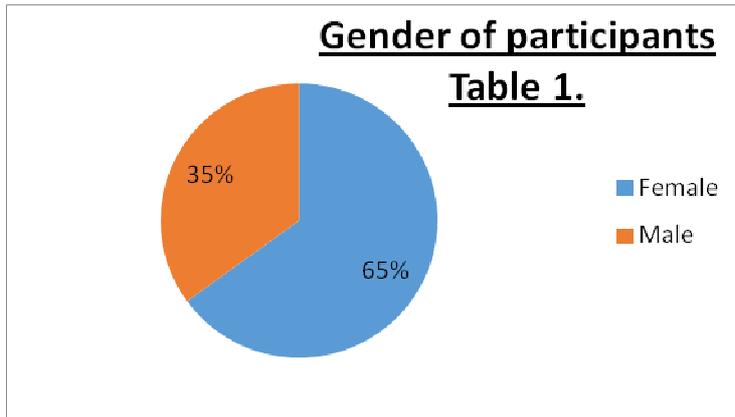
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3 May 2014, Nicosia

The Event was organized at the premises of the school of the Bulgarian Association in Cyprus on 3rd May 2014. The specific school is attended by 72 students every Saturday. It is not an everyday regular school but rather its students attend regular schools all over Nicosia but every Saturday they attend the Bulgarian School to remain connected to their native education. The students' parents are Bulgarian, either both or at least one of them. Besides the Bulgarian language, the students follow a strict curriculum which comes from the Bulgarian Ministry of Education so that in case the students wish to go back to Bulgaria, they will be in a position to follow the class which corresponds to their age group.

The Event, which was a training workshop mainly on composting, organic gardens, reuse and recycling, and alternative working opportunities in the green sector, targeted the students, the teachers and the students' parents that also invited to attend. This was achieved through the close collaboration of AKTI with the school of the Bulgarian Union in Cyprus. The event was also attended by a pool of volunteers from AKTI's network along with the Ambassador of Bulgaria in Cyprus, Mr. Hristo Georgiev. In total 113 people attended the event including the 72 students.

The questionnaires were filled in by 20 adult participants, anonymously although the actual event was attended by 41 adults including teachers and parents of the 72 students. Below are the findings from the evaluation of their answers. Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 are the samples of the people who answered the evaluation questionnaire.



Both men and women (65% of women and 35% of men) answered the questionnaire concerning the event, as shown in Table 1.

The country of origin of the participants who completed the evaluation questionnaire was mainly from Bulgaria (55%) and Cyprus (35%), one person from Greece and one from the United Kingdom. (Table 2.)

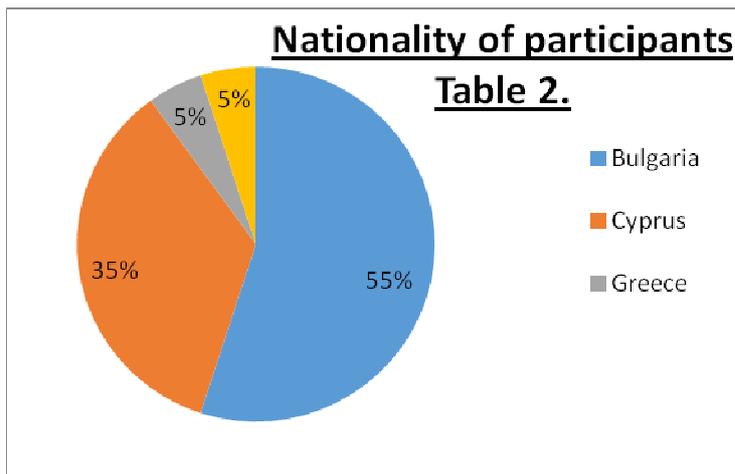
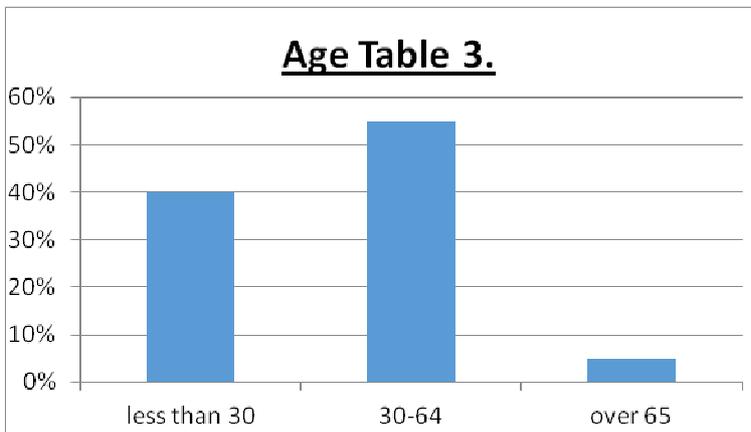


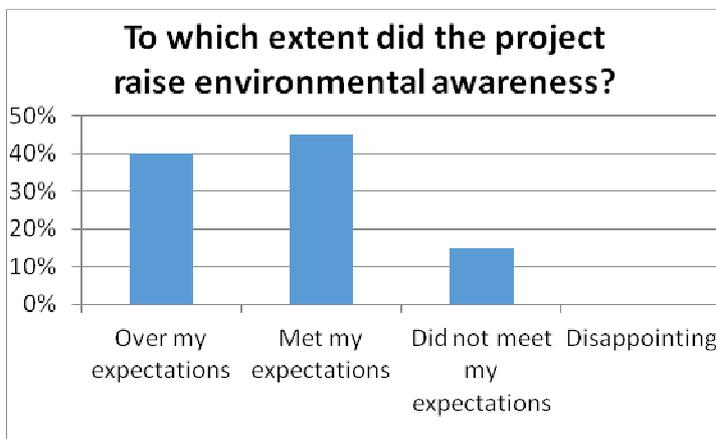
Table 3., provides the age breakdown of the group of people who completed the questionnaire. 55% of them were between the age of 30-64 years old, 40% were less than 30 years old and only 5% were over 65 years old.



The participants of the event were asked to answer to the following questions:



In the question, “Did you find the subject of the event interesting?”, 91% of the overall Bulgarians thought that the event either was over their expectations or met their expectations. Specifically 55% of the total, found that the subject of the event was over their expectations.



The next question was about the environmental awareness raised by the training workshop. 85% of the people answered positively, either by ‘over my expectation’ or ‘met my expectations’. It is worth mentioned that 91% of the total of Bulgarians responded to this question with either ‘over my expectations’ or ‘met my expectations’, while the same percentage for Cypriots was 71%.



In the question ‘To which extent did you learn new things during the event?’, 90% of the total sum of the people completed the questionnaire answered either ‘over my expectations’ or ‘met my expectations’.

Additionally, participants were asked if they would implement what they have learned from the event in their daily lives and everyone gave positive answer to this question, except two people.

The last question was about their willingness to participate in future events of the organization and all the answers were positive.

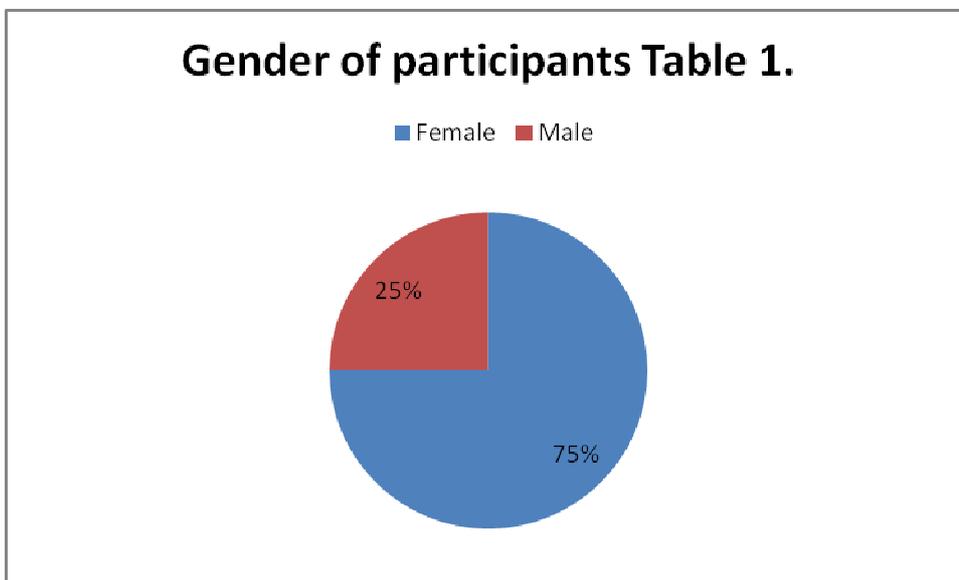
Furthermore, there were no additional comments or suggestions from the participants.

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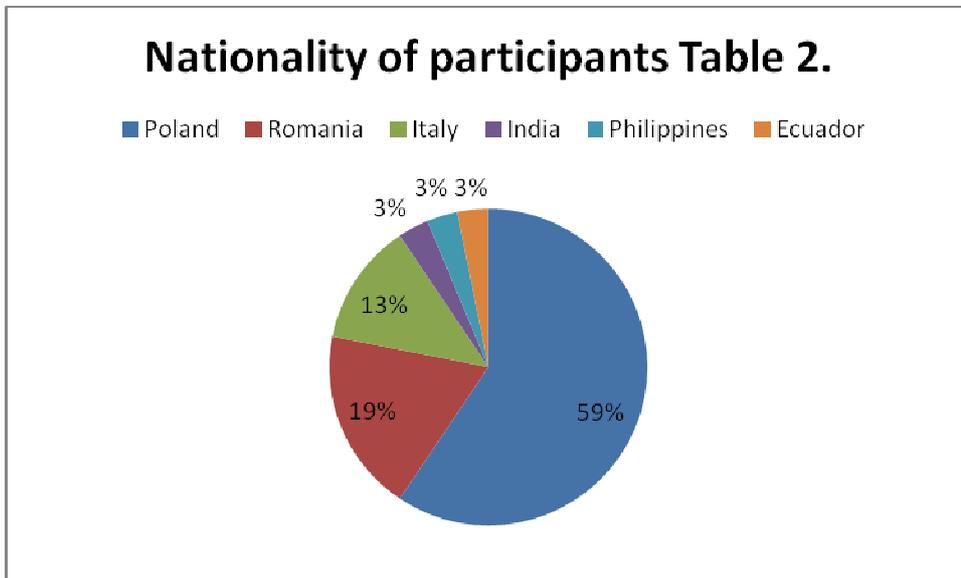
14 May 2014, Spoleto

The Event was organized in the meeting room of the Polish Association in Terni on 14th May 2014. The Event, which was a training workshop mainly on composting, organic gardens, reuse and recycling, and alternative working opportunities in the green sector, targeted the migrants, in particular women from Poland and Romania. This was achieved through the close collaboration of GSI Italia with the Polish Association in Terni. The event was also attended by some Italian men who represented the local authority: in total 32 people attended the event.

The questionnaires were filled in by all participants anonymously. Below are the findings from the evaluation of their answers. Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 are the samples of the people who answered the evaluation questionnaire.



Both men and women (75% of women and 25% of men) answered the questionnaire concerning the event, as shown in Table 1.



The country of origin of the participants who completed the evaluation questionnaire was mainly from Poland (59%) and Romania (19%), four people from Italy, one from India, one from the Philippines and one from Ecuador. (Table 2.)

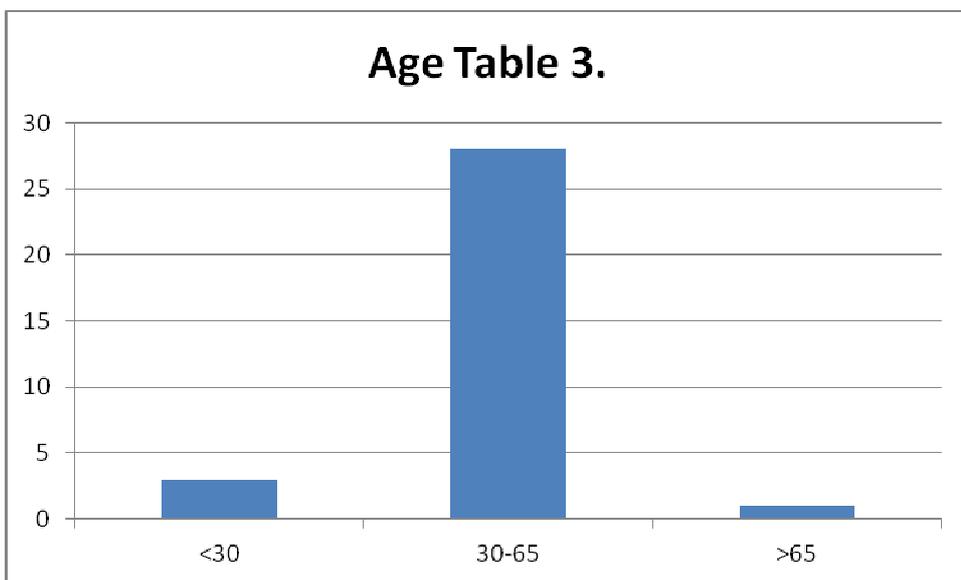
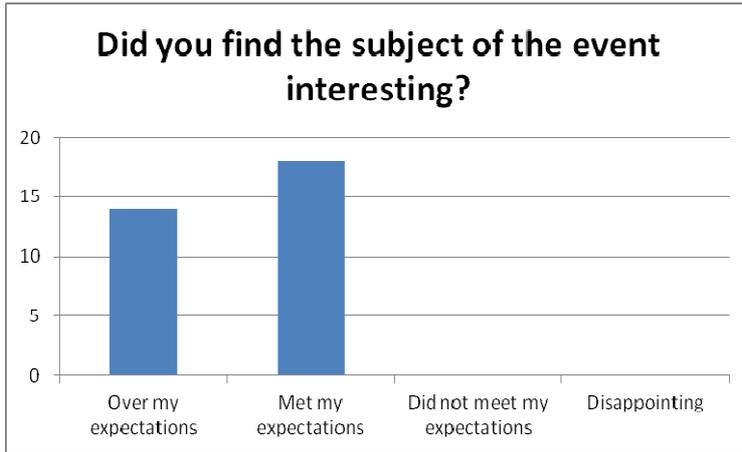
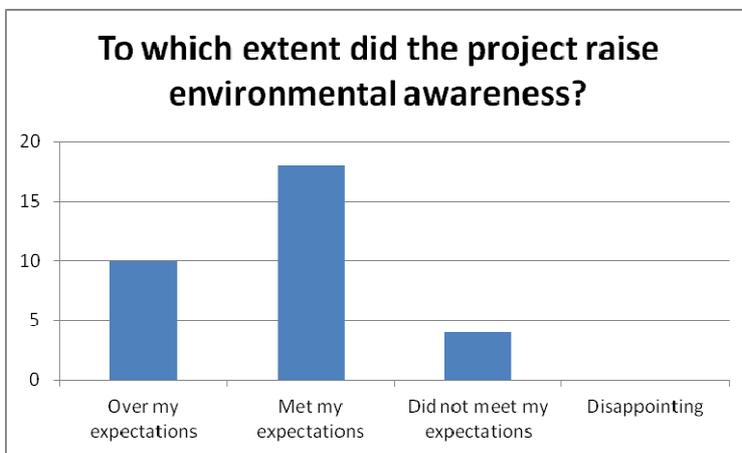


Table 3 provides the age breakdown of the group of people who completed the questionnaire. 88% of them were between the age of 30-64 years old, 9% were less than 30 years old and only 3% were over 65 years old.

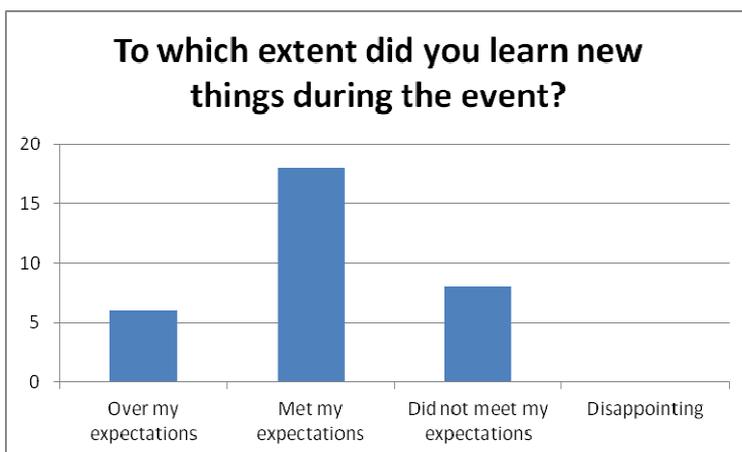
The participants of the event were asked to answer the following questions:



In the question, “Did you find the subject of the event interesting?” all of the respondents answered positively, more specifically 56% of the overall participants thought that the event met their expectations. 44% of the total found that the subject of the event was over their expectations.



The next question was about the environmental awareness raised by the training workshop. 87% of the people answered positively, either by ‘over my expectation’ or ‘met my expectations’. All Polish participants answered positively to this question.



In the question ‘To which extent did you learn new things during the event?’, 75% of the total sum of the people completed the questionnaire answered either ‘over my expectations’ or ‘met my expectations’.

Additionally, participants were asked if they would implement what they have learned from the event in their daily lives and everyone gave positive answer to this question.

The last question was about their willingness to participate in future events of the organization and all the answers were positive.

Furthermore, some participants gave comments and suggestions. One expressed his satisfaction for the subject of the meeting; another declared her interest to receive more information about this topic and she also recommended a continuing education for those who work in the green sector; another suggested finding ways to further encourage people to recycle to a greater extent.

Conclusions:

AKTI Project and Research Center and GSI Italia collected data to evaluate the training workshop of Event 3 and its training material, by giving questionnaires to the participants. According to the evaluation of both events, the majority of the participants were middle-aged European Citizens, mainly from Bulgaria living in Cyprus and from Poland living in Italy, respectively. According to the majority of the respondents, the subject of the workshop was very interesting, they learned new things and they would implement them in their daily lives. It was also reported that the workshop raised their environmental awareness and that they would be willing to participate in future events of similar nature.

During the workshop the participants were informed about composting, organic cultivation, community gardens and material reuse as tools for improving integration and standard of living in Cyprus. The participants were also informed about job opportunities in green jobs. Relevant material on green jobs and home composting was disseminated among the participants.

Concluding, this workshop gave the opportunity to people from different ethnicities (in Cyprus from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, United Kingdom and in Italy from Poland, Romania, Italy, India, the Philippines, and Ecuador), to get together under the veil of environmental awareness, and work together for a common interest. It was a step for the participants to get informed, get involved which is the slogan of the INTERACT project and its ultimate objective.

The INTERACT Team

EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE - INTERACT project (Event 3)

3/05/2014, Nicosia

Check the right box to choose your answer:

- 1) Gender: Male Female
2) Country of origin:

Bulgaria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Poland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cyprus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Romania	<input type="checkbox"/>
France	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greece	<input type="checkbox"/>	United Kingdom	<input type="checkbox"/>
Italy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 3) Age: 12-29 30-64 65 and above

Choose from 1 to 4 to evaluate the today's event:

(1: Over my expectations, 2: Met my expectations, 3: Did not meet my expectations, 4: Disappointing)

- 4) Did you find the subject of the event interesting?
1 2 3 4
- 5) To which extent did the project raise environmental awareness?
1 2 3 4
- 6) To which extent did you learn new things during the event?
1 2 3 4
- 7) Will you consider implementing what you have learned in your daily life? Yes No
- 8) Would you be interested in participating in future environmental events? Yes No

Comments and Suggestions:

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