

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Câmara Municipal de Pinhel
PIC number:	905477444
Project name and acronym:	GREENgaged Citizens: European Network for Local Climate Action - GREENGAGED

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6th Event
Event name:	Energy Democracy for an Active European Participation
Type:	Workshop
In situ/online:	<i>In-situ</i>
Location:	Sofia, Bulgaria
Date(s):	15 th – 18 th June, 2025
Links:	https://www.cm-pinhel.pt/areas-de-acao/servicos-online/projetos-europeus/
Participants	
Female:	36
Male:	24
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Bulgaria]:	39
From country 2 [France]:	3
From country 3 [Greece]:	1
From country 4 [Hungary]:	2
From country 5 [Italy]:	1
From country 6 [Latvia]:	2
From country 7 [Lithuania]:	1
From country 8 [Malta]:	2
From country 9 [Netherlands]:	1
From country 10 [Portugal]:	3
From country 11 [Slovakia]:	2

From country 12 [Slovenia]:	1		
From country 13 [Spain]:	2		
Total number of participants:	60	From total number of countries:	13

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The VI event of the GREEngaged Citizens Project was held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from June 15 to 18, 2025. Organized under the European Union's CERV Programme, this final meeting focused on energy security, renewable energy awareness, and the importance of local and European cooperation in the transition towards sustainability.

The event brought together 60 participants, including 21 international delegates from 12 European countries—Portugal, Netherlands, Slovenia, Spain, Italy, France, Malta, Greece, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Lithuania, and Latvia—and 39 local participants, among them students, educators, municipal authorities, NGO representatives, and energy experts. This diversity fostered a rich exchange of experiences and best practices in safe and sustainable energy policies.

The event opened on Sunday, June 15, with participant arrivals, a welcoming city tour of Sofia's historic center, and an integration dinner featuring traditional Bulgarian cuisine.

On Monday, June 16, the participants visited the Bulgarian National Parliament and met Deputy Svilen Trifonov to discuss regional energy cooperation. In the afternoon, a workshop entitled "Safe and Sustainable Energy Policies" allowed each delegation to present its best practices, encouraging a practical exchange of solutions to improve energy efficiency and resilience in local communities. A guided cultural visit followed, including the Palace of Justice, Saint Nedelya Cathedral, Ancient Serdica, St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral, and Sofia University.

Tuesday, June 17, focused on educational and institutional collaboration. The University of National and World Economy (UNWE) hosted workshops and lectures by Rector Prof. Dr. Dimitar Dimitrov and other faculty members, emphasizing the intersection of energy security, renewable energy, and youth engagement. A highlight of the day was the participation of 35 final-year students from Pleven, who presented the project "Agenda 2050 for Europe and Bulgaria," reflecting the next generation's commitment to climate and energy action. In the afternoon, the delegation visited Lozenets District City Council to meet Mayor Konstantin Pavlov and discuss local energy efficiency projects. The day concluded with a final evaluation session, dissemination activities on social media, and a farewell dinner.

The final day, Wednesday, June 18, included breakfast and the departure of participants, closing the last of the six transnational meetings of the GREEngaged Citizens project.

Key outcomes of the Sofia event included:

- Compilation of a PDF handbook featuring best practices in safe and sustainable energy policies from 13 European countries.
- Strengthened transnational cooperation networks connecting municipalities, universities, NGOs, and citizen groups.
- Increased awareness among young participants regarding renewable energy, energy security, and community-led solutions.
- Practical insights into policy approaches for improving energy efficiency and fostering local resilience.

Additionally, the Sofia meeting fostered a strong sense of European solidarity and intercultural exchange. Informal conversations during cultural visits and shared meals allowed participants to explore each other's local challenges and creative approaches to energy transition. This final event inspired new collaborations and reinforced the project's legacy of linking local initiatives to the broader European Green Deal objectives.

Sofia's event successfully concluded the GREEngaged Citizens initiative, leaving participants with valuable knowledge, networks, and a renewed commitment to advancing safe, sustainable, and community-driven energy solutions across Europe.

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