

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	The Food Club: A European Network of Social Inclusion — TFC
Participant:	Asociación Building Bridges (ABB)
PIC number:	948821118

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	13
Event name:	Culinary event in Spain
Type:	Food experience for social inclusion
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	<i>Municipality of Soto del Real, Madrid, ES.</i>
Date(s):	17/02/2023
Website(s) (if any):	Radio show: https://youtu.be/vXLIQ2AuFw Launch of event video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1glxzZcFqtU4C0LBjOsYVdjXZ-lsT_u0a/view?usp=sharing https://www.yeseuropa.org/formacion-de-expertos-internos-del-proyecto-the-food-club/ https://www.foodclub.blog/category/results/
Participants	
Female:	30
Male:	23
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Romania]:	2
From country 2 [Italy]:	4
From country 3 [France]:	2
From country 4 [Czech Republic]:	2
From country 5 [Spain]:	43

Total number of participants:	53	From total number of countries:	5
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The Event in Spain took place in the community of Madrid, in the municipality of Soto del Real.</p> <p>Within the framework of The Food Club, special attention was paid to the topic of inclusion and integration, as such, the organizing partners (Asociación Building Bridges), in conjunction with the municipality of Soto del Real, included during the days in Soto del Real, members from each of the partner countries, who shared in the experience along with the representatives of the partnership, to share and speak as to their experience in integrating in the rural community of Soto del Real.</p> <p>The target groups of this activity included representatives from partner municipalities (traveling delegations), citizens of Soto del Real and foreigners/people with different cultural backgrounds who relocated in Soto and are now an important and highly integrated part of the local community and of the region.</p> <p>This second event of the visit in Spain was done within the framework of the local “tapas festival” in Soto del Real, where the project members promoted EU awareness by showcasing the project with the local communities and the local producers. Within this event we took part in the official launch of the event, which highlighted “Tapas” developed exclusively using local produce and ingredients from the region. During her kick-off speech, Mayor Noelia Barrado highlighted the crucial contribution of The Food Club in determining this to be the theme for their yearly tapas festival. In presence were the neighbors of the town, local business owners, and the users and collaborators of the Urban Garden, all of which contributed and aided The Food Club visitors, in providing food, shelter, facilitated workshops and delivered personal experiences and their passion for their rural town. The activity proceeded then in organizing a shared meal prepared only with national and regional ingredients, which resulted in dishes from every country participating in the action. Foreigners relocated in Soto participated in this meal, sharing their experience as new Spanish citizens, and highlighting how the local community warmly welcomed them, offering support and multiple occasions of gathering, giving them the opportunity to know local people and to tell their story, making Soto del Real a highly multicultural town. The cooked national dishes have been then tasted by the whole group, with specific focus on each nationality and description of the cooking process; examples of how these dishes are used to promote social inclusion have been provided during the tasting, highlighting the great social power of food in all the countries around the globe.</p> <p>A special focus was also dedicated to food waste, highlighting how these dishes are conceived to create little or no waste at all, and participants discussed on how to repurpose food waste for agricultural practices, alternative cooking or compost practices in homes. A final evaluation of the event was carried out in a plenary session: the achieved results have been confirmed as satisfactory by ABB and by all partners municipalities, as the event helped them to deepen their knowledge on the culture of “tapas” (globally famous) and on the respective dishes with the same purpose from other countries. Once again, the social power of food showed its impact on local communities; in this case, specifically, the Tapas festival in Soto del Real has always been an important occasion for new foreign citizens to join the local community and start their process of integration, getting in touch with local gastronomy and knowing people from the various neighborhoods of Soto.</p> <p>No problems have been encountered during the organization and implementation of this event.</p>			

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