

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET***(To be filled in and uploaded as deliverable in the Portal Grant Management System, at the due date foreseen in the system.**⚠ Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).)*

PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	Municipality of Caldas da Rainha - Caldas
<b>PIC number:</b>	927027449
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Ceramics and Women. How Women became Protagonists - Cer.Women

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
<b>Event number:</b>	1		
<b>Event name:</b>	Ceramics and Women. How Women became Protagonists” International Twinning Event _ DERUTA (Italy)		
<b>Type:</b>	Workshop and conference		
<b>In situ/online:</b>	in-situ		
<b>Location:</b>	ITALY - DERUTA		
<b>Date(s):</b>	23-26 NOVEMBER		
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://visitderuta.com/menu/3547141/gemellaggi">https://visitderuta.com/menu/3547141/gemellaggi</a>		
Participants			
Female:	63		
Male:	29		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [ITALIA]:	50		
From country 2 [PORTOGALLO]:	42		
From country 3 [name]:	..		
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Total number of participants:	92	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<b>AGENDA of International Twinning Event in Deruta</b>			
23 NOVEMBER 2025_ Activities: Welcome of the Portuguese delegation to Deruta			
1:00-2:00 PM: Arrival of the participating Portuguese delegations and check-in			

5:00 PM: Institutional welcome with the Musical Band in Piazza dei Consoli  
 Presentation of the participating organizations  
 Presentation of the official program of the International Meeting  
 Exchange of gifts  
 8:00 PM: Welcome aperitif at Enjoy Pizzeria e Burgheria

24 NOVEMBER 2025\_ Activities: Workshops and Labs

9:00 AM: Breakfast  
 10:00 AM: Visit to the historic center of Deruta, the Regional Ceramics Museum, the Antica Fornace Grazia, and the Sanctuary of the Madonna del Bagno  
 Setup of the "Ceramics and Women" exhibition  
 1:00 PM: Lunch  
 3:30 PM: Workshop "Knowledge and comparison of ceramics economic systems and networks: men and women protagonists of the history, culture, and impact of ceramics" "Social, cultural, and economic impact on communities and the local area."  
 Dinner at "Le Serre" hosted by the local Pro Loco organizations.

25 NOVEMBER 2025\_ Activities: Seminar and practical group work

9:00 AM: Breakfast  
 10:00 AM: Introduction to the 2021-2027 EU Programs. Introduction to CERV-Town Twinning Seminar and workshop "Awareness, sensitization, and promotion of the EU strategy for gender equality: an inclusive organizational culture, ideas, and concrete proposals for balancing working hours and quality of life for women employed in the sector."  
 12:00 PM: Evaluation session with questionnaires and participant interviews  
 1:00 PM-2:30 PM: Lunch  
 4:00 PM: Antica Fornace Grazia: Inauguration of the "Ceramics and Women" exhibition  
 5:00 PM: Atrium of the Town Hall: Procession with the relic of St. Simplicius  
 5:30 PM: Church of San Francesco: Solemn Mass in honor of St. Simplicius and St. Catherine of Alexandria and award ceremony for ceramists born in 1951  
 Atrium of the Town Hall: Exhibition of red ceramic shoes on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women  
 Convivial moment in honor of St. Catherine Alessandria at the "Ex Fabbrica Grande"

26 NOVEMBER 2025

Free morning  
 2:30 PM: Delegation departs for Rome Fiumicino Airport

### REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

From November 23 to 26, 2025, Deruta hosted a Portuguese delegation from Caldas da Rainha, as part of the European CERV Deruta – Caldas da Rainha project, dedicated to the theme "Ceramics and Women. How Women Became Protagonists."

Four days of meetings, workshops, guided tours, and cultural events, developed in collaboration between Italian and Portuguese institutions, aimed at highlighting the historical and contemporary role of women in the ceramic tradition.

The 42-person Portuguese delegation was welcomed on November 23 in Piazza dei Consoli, accompanied by the "Città di Deruta" Music Band and attended by local authorities. The opening day continued with the presentation of the participating organizations and the official program of the meeting, followed by a welcome aperitif.

One of the project's key moments took place on November 24th: the workshop "Knowledge and Comparison of Ceramics Economic Systems and Networks," hosted at the Regional Ceramics Museum and moderated by Laura Fucelli, City Councilor with responsibility for Twinning.

After institutional greetings from Piero Montagnoli, Councilor for Culture of Caldas da Rainha, Maria da Conceição Henriques, and Jose Antunes, Iolanda Cunto, Head of Management of the Regional Ceramics Museum, spoke on the role of women in the history of ceramics between art and anthropology. Franco Cocchi, a ceramist, presented an in-depth analysis of the evolution of ceramic art and industry in the twentieth century, focusing on the case of Rossella Rossi Scotti's Giors.

The workshop also featured contributions from Italian and Portuguese ceramicists, who participated in a lively and participatory dialogue.

November 25th was dedicated to European issues and gender equality. A seminar on the 2021–2027 EU Programs and CERV – Town Twinning was held at the Regional Ceramics Museum, accompanied by a workshop on the European Strategy for Gender Equality, featuring testimonials and reflections from participating ceramists.

In the afternoon, the City Council Hall and the Antica Fornace Grazia hosted the presentation and inauguration of the exhibition "Ceramics and Women," dedicated to female creativity in the world of ceramics. The exhibition was created thanks to the participation of 46 female ceramists—20 Portuguese and 26 from Deruta—and will be held at the Antica Fornace Grazie in Deruta until January 31, 2025. It will then travel to Caldas da Rainha, where it will be on display from March 28 to May 3, 2026.

On the same day, the traditional religious events linked to the celebrations of San Simplicio, patron saint of Deruta, and Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, patron saint of ceramists, also took place. These included a procession of the relic and a solemn Mass in the Church of San Francesco, during which ceramists born in 1951 were awarded prizes.

Afterwards, a convivial moment and a performance by the "Città di Deruta" musical band were held in Piazza dei Consoli.

An exhibition of ceramic red shoes was also held in the Atrium of the Town Hall, marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

The meeting concluded on November 26th with the departure of the Portuguese delegation, following a free morning dedicated to exploring the area.

The CERV Deruta – Caldas da Rainha project confirms the two cities' commitment to developing shared paths of cultural growth, awareness, and promotion of ceramic heritage, recognizing the fundamental contribution of women in every phase of artistic and artisanal production. This initiative strengthens European cooperation and enhances the dialogue between community, tradition, and innovation.