

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1 – Comune di Ardara (Ardara)
PIC number:	938580731
Project name and acronym:	Different Culture Heritage: Unity and Inclusivity - DCHUI

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Twinning Event in Ardara - Different Culture Heritage: Unity and Inclusivity		
Type:	Town twinning event / workshop / cultural exchange		
In situ/online:	In situ		
Location:	Italy – Ardara (Sardinia)		
Date(s):	6–8 December 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	https://comune.ardara.ss.it (homepage banner)		
Participants			
Female:	65		
Male:	57		
Non-binary:	3		
From ARDARA - ITALY :	50 FEMALE 45 MALE 2 NON -BINARY		
From country MSIDA LOCAL COUNCIL - MALTA	15 FEMALE 12 MALE 1 NON - BINARY		
Total number of participants:	125	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The town twinning event between the municipalities of Ardara (Italy) and Msida (Malta) took place from 6 to 8 December 2025 in Ardara, Sardinia, gathering approximately 125 participants , including 28 delegates from Msida and more than 100 local citizens , representatives of cultural			

associations, local producers, youth organisations and institutional stakeholders.

Day 1 – Institutional meeting and intercultural exchange

The event opened with the official welcome session at the **Town Hall of Ardara**, where the Maltese delegation was received by the **Mayor of Ardara, Francesco Dui**, the **Mayor of Msida, Charles Selvaggi**, and the **President of Focus Europe ETS, Giuseppe Cappai**.

The institutional session introduced the objectives of the **DCHUI project** and the priorities of the **CERV Programme**, emphasising the role of town twinning in strengthening European values such as solidarity, equality, participation and respect for cultural diversity.

During the first **citizens debate**, participants from Ardara and Msida engaged in an open discussion on the importance of cultural heritage in fostering European identity. Citizens shared experiences about their communities, traditions and local initiatives, highlighting similarities and differences between the Sardinian and Maltese contexts.

The session concluded with informal networking activities that encouraged direct dialogue between participants.

Day 2 – Cultural heritage and community participation

The second day focused on the relationship between cultural heritage, local identity and active citizenship.

Participants travelled to **Fonni**, where they took part in the cultural event “**Cortes Apertas – Autunno in Barbagia**”, experiencing traditional crafts, gastronomy and community life. Through direct interaction with artisans, local producers and residents, the international delegation explored how cultural traditions contribute to social cohesion and sustainable local development.

During the afternoon **workshop and roundtable discussions**, several **citizens debates** were organised in smaller groups. Participants discussed topics directly linked to the CERV Programme priorities, including:

- the role of cultural heritage in strengthening European identity;
- migration and intercultural dialogue;
- inclusion and participation of young people in local cultural life;
- opportunities for cooperation between local communities across Europe.

These debates encouraged active participation from both local citizens and international delegates, allowing participants to exchange ideas and propose future collaborative initiatives.

Day 3 – Reflection, outcomes and future cooperation

On the final day, participants returned to Ardara for a closing institutional session. During this meeting, the outcomes of the discussions were summarised and participants shared reflections on what they had learned during the exchange. Citizens highlighted the importance of dialogue between communities and the role of cultural traditions as a bridge between different European societies.

The event concluded with the **signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between Ardara and Msida**, formalising the commitment of both municipalities to continue their cooperation and to organise future exchanges.

Overall, the event generated strong participation and positive feedback from citizens, who emphasised the value of intercultural dialogue, the importance of cultural heritage and the opportunity to strengthen their **sense of belonging to the European Union**, fully reflecting the objectives of the **CERV Programme**.

An online survey was conducted after the event to evaluate participants' perceptions. The results showed a very high level of satisfaction: over 95% of respondents rated positively the improvement of their knowledge of Sardinian and Maltese cultural heritage, and more than 93% declared that the

event strengthened their sense of belonging to the European Union. Participants also highlighted the inclusive atmosphere of the activities and the importance of intercultural dialogue.

Dissemination

The event received coverage on local and regional media outlets, including articles published on Focus Europe's website and other news portals. Interviews with the mayors were shared on YouTube and social media channels, amplifying the event's reach beyond those physically present.

Posts and photos were published on the Facebook pages of:

Focus Europe: <https://www.facebook.com/focuseuropelab>

Ardara Eventi: <https://www.facebook.com/ardaraeventi>

Kunsill Lokali L-Imsida: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18KynvCepD/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

These posts showcased highlights of the event and promoted the key messages of the project.

Other links

Interviews with the mayors:

Mayor Charles Selvaggi (Msida): <https://youtu.be/dERmqDSvDEA>

Mayor Francesco Dui (Ardara): <https://youtu.be/2p59XW-myoc>

Project article

Focus Europe article "Progetto DCHUI: Gemellaggio culturale tra Ardara e Msida":

<https://www.focuseurope.org/post/progetto-dchui-gemellaggio-culturale-tra-ardara-e-msida>

Press coverage

Unione Sarda ("Ardara, al via il gemellaggio culturale con Malta"): <https://www.unionesarda.it/news-sardegna/sassari-provincia/ardara-al-via-il-gemellaggio-culturale-con-msida-c5kjk5m7>

Logudoro Live ("Il gemellaggio tra Ardara e Msida: un ponte fra le isole di Sardegna e Malta"):

<https://www.logudorolive.it/il-gemellaggio-tra-ardara-e-msida-un-ponte-fra-le-isole-di-sardegna-e-malta/>