

# D3.1 Event reports

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PROJECT	
Participant:	ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy
PIC number:	963194384
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP3, T 3.2
Event name:	Local cascade training
Type:	Training
In situ/online:	In-situ
Location:	Belgium, Italy, Austria, Germany, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Spain
Date(s):	February - March 2025
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="#">FOSTER Project - Alda Europe</a>
Participants	
Female:	146
Male:	115
Non-binary:	2
Not said	1
Italy	52
Germany	26
Bulgaria	35
Greece	25
Austria	36
Belgium	31

Romania	34	
Spain	25	
Total number of participants:	264	From total number of countries: 8

**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

**Executive summary**

Within **WP3 - Capacity-building: cascade local training events**, FOSTER project partners were asked to organize a local training (T3.1, T3.2) based on the knowledge acquired in the international Training of Trainers (WP1) and targeting at least 25 participants among internal staff and external stakeholders (at least the 30% of the total number of participants).

The scope of the local training was not limited to transfer the knowledge and methods acquired, but also to:

- Present the project and participatory path locally and start engaging local stakeholders
- Identify those actors that will act as multiplier along the participatory process
- Build a common understanding around the project and process topics
- Set the basis for next local participatory path steps

Training session plans were elaborated by each partner, based on the ToT programme, and tailored according to the local audience and needs. Each training session plan provides an overview of the training programme such as: calendar, modules and agenda, list of participants and communication strategy.

Alda, as lead partner and task leader, oversaw the whole implementation of the WP and related tasks, supporting partners in the planning phase and designing the training sessions plan, as well as in the implementation and reporting stages. In addition, ALDA organized a local training itself.

This document collects all local training held by partners and reported in the EDS. Each EDS contains information on the training programme exploring the following topics: foresight planning, participatory democracy, inclusion and accessibility and gender mainstreaming. Moreover, information regarding the composition of the target group, outcomes and outreach are included.

**Results and conclusion**

In total 9 local trainings have been organized, 1 per partner, in **8 European countries**: 2 in Italy and 1 in Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Spain, Belgium. Specifically:

- 2 in Italy by IRS e ALDA
- 1 in Germany by CRN
- 1 in Austria by FOSTER EU
- 1 in Romania by AMR
- 1 in Bulgaria by UBBSLA
- 1 in Belgium by CEMR
- 1 in Greece by IASIS
- 1 Spain by NOTUS

The event targeted a different range of stakeholders, **from representatives of local authorities, civil society organizations to private sectors and academia**. In total, **264 participants** have been reached throughout the 9 training events.

**Useful links**

Sessions plans: [All\\_Session plans - Google Drive](#)

Communication: reported in each following EDS

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PROJECT	
Participant:	ALDA
PIC number:	963194384
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER - Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3, T3.2		
Event name:	Gestire il futuro verso comunità resilienti - Shaping the future towards resilient communities		
Type:	Training		
In situ/online:	<a href="#">[in-situ]</a>		
Location:	Italy, Thiene (Vicenza)		
Date(s):	11 February 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="#">FOSTER Project - Alda Europe</a>		
Participants			
Female:	22		
Male:	4		
Non-binary:	\		
From country 1 [Italy]:	26		
Total number of participants:	26	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>On 11 February 2025 the training session "Shaping the Future for More Resilient Communities" took place as an event within WP3, Task 3.2. The aim was to deepen understanding of strategic foresight, a methodology that helps anticipate future scenarios and develop innovative policies for more sustainable and resilient communities.</p> <p><b>Opening session:</b> Following the institutional greetings from Pierluigi Brombo (<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>) and the project presentation by Nadia Di Iulio (ALDA, FOSTER project coordinator), the event delved into an in-depth discussion led by Brombo on the role of foresight in European policymaking. He emphasised that foresight is not a prediction but a discipline that allows us to explore and shape the future, leveraging collective intelligence to anticipate developments and better prepare for changes. He also highlighted the importance of participatory foresight, which enables the early detection of weak signals and integrates diverse perspectives into decision-making processes.</p> <p><b>Training session:</b></p>			

Trainer Nicoletta Boldrini, an expert in Futures & Foresight, introduced participants to key methodologies in the field, stressing the difference between forecasting and foresight: the former relies on predictions and data, while the latter explores various possible scenarios to inform strategic decision-making. She also presented the VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity) framework and the BANI (Brittle, Anxious, Non-linear, Incomprehensible) model to illustrate today's uncertainty and how foresight can help navigate it. Participants then engaged in an immersive workshop on the Futurising Process, testing practical tools to analyse emerging trends and construct future scenarios. These exercises provided opportunities to address various local development topics and identify weak signals of ongoing transformations. It was emphasised that the future emerges in the present, often at the micro level, and that having a flexible and adaptable strategy is crucial.

Following, Nadia Di Iulio (ALDA) introduced some examples of participatory techniques that can be used when investigating future scenarios. For example: open space technology, moving debate and focus groups.

Inclusion and gender mainstreaming in policy making were the focus of the final intervention by Camilla Vedovato (ALDA, Coordinator of the Gender, Inclusion & Human rights Hub), who stressed the importance of ensuring an equitable and accessible approach for all. The session also explored how to integrate in participatory process and in the policy making process, with examples and best practices, as well as the need for positive and inclusive communication, fostering community-wide engagement in strategic decision-making and making foresight a truly democratic tool.

#### Conclusion:


The event concluded with a networking aperitif, providing participants with an opportunity to share experiences and build new connections.


26 participants attended the event in total, of which: 17 from ALDA (project designers and project managers) and 9 from external organizations (CSO, local authorities representatives, SMEs). In this regard, the results satisfied the conditions according to which the 30% participants are external stakeholders. Participants actively contributed during the whole training, with questions and comments, and especially during the experiential laboratory.

In general, the feedback was positive.

**Communication:** [Web page](#) [IG](#) [FB](#) [FB](#) [LNK](#) [FB](#) [LNK](#)

#### Useful link:

Agenda:  FOSTER agenda - alda wp3 (1).pdf

Poster:  FOSTER poster.pdf

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PROJECT	
Participant:	n.3 - Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale SCARL - IRS
PIC number:	996850668
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience - FOSTER

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	101147867		
Event name:	Local cascade trainings		
Type:	training		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Italy, Bologna		
Date(s):	21st January, 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/foster.project/">https://www.instagram.com/foster.project/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566952730105">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566952730105</a>		
Participants			
Female:	16		
Male:	10		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Italy]:	26		
Total number of participants:	26	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
<p>As part of Work Package 3 of the FOSTER project, the Bologna “Local Cascade Training Event” was held on January 21, 2025, at Salus Space, a multifunctional space resulting of urban regeneration now used for a variety of social activities.</p> <p>The event involved representatives from various sectors: local government officers, social cooperatives, third-sector associations and community representatives from Salus Space. In total, 26 participants attended the local training, distributed in: 23% from IRS and 77% external stakeholders.</p> <p>The training included four modules:</p>			



- o participatory democracy: focused on fostering environmental citizenship and reflective capacity among stakeholders using participatory methods;
- o gender equality and anti-discrimination: addressing awareness and commitment to gender-inclusive approaches within environmental projects;
- o inclusive communication: enhancing stakeholder abilities to use inclusive communication techniques effectively;
- o foresight and scenario planning: providing tools for participatory foresight methodologies tailored to local contexts.

Each module employed a blend of theoretical presentations and interactive exercises to actively engage participants. Trainers drew on previous experiences realised in the local context of Bologna to provide practical tools and strategies.

The event also served as an opportunity to present to the involved stakeholders the FOSTER project through the following framework:

- o general information: overview of the project's scope and mission;
- o partners: introduction of the organizations involved;
- o context: explanation of the environmental and social challenges the project addresses;
- o general objectives: the overarching goals of fostering participatory democracy and environmental resilience;
- o specific objectives: detailed aims for each work package, with emphasis on stakeholder engagement;
- o work plan: a step-by-step outline of activities planned across the project's duration;
- o deliverables: key outputs expected from the project;
- o pillars: the foundational principles guiding the project.

Moving from this framework, the discussion also included the participants' reflection on their experiences with civic engagement initiatives in waste management, green infrastructure, and co-designing policies. Environmental citizenship was indeed emphasised as a proactive and sustainability-oriented behaviour, grounded in responsibility and active participation. Foresight was presented as a powerful framework for anticipating and planning for future challenges.

The event also introduced strategic foresight as a method to explore long-term scenarios and participatory foresight as a means to integrate diverse perspectives into actionable plans.

During the event, group discussions were organised to explore themes such as environmental citizenship and foresight. These discussions were enriched by the sharing of experiences from stakeholders about local initiatives in Bologna.

Discussions on environmental citizenship highlighted connections with past initiatives like the "climate assembly" and the need for climate shelters, alongside collaboration pacts promoting circular economy practices, waste management and resource conservation. Participants emphasized participatory processes in urban horticulture and emergency preparedness, addressing the role of both political and technical actors within shared governance frameworks.

On foresight practices, examples included methodologies from wide urban projects like "Missione Clima" and "Bologna Verde," which featured also urban planning studies. Citizen science initiatives, such as "Talea," were explored to develop climate shelters, with attention to tools like civic mapping and foresight techniques for green infrastructure and urban regeneration.

A special focus was given to the role of Salus Space, which serves as the central hub for all activities related to Bologna. Stakeholders were informed that future events in Bologna will be hosted at this innovative location, underlining its importance as a community resource and collaborative venue.

Key themes from Salus Space discussions included waste management, energy efficiency, and community-based sustainable practices. Activities focused on recycling education, reducing energy consumption, and designing shared green spaces, integrating disadvantaged groups through social enterprises and horticultural projects.

Additional topics included the role of citizen science in environmental monitoring, simplified foresight methodologies for broader community engagement and water management strategies like a proposed "river contract" for the Savena River.

Besides a preliminary identification of local actors for future collaborations, the training further highlighted the opportunities the FOSTER project offers to stakeholders, such as capacity building, enhanced collaboration and direct involvement in shaping solutions for environmental challenges. It was highlighted that, by participating, stakeholders can gain tools, knowledge and international networks to advance participatory and inclusive approaches within their respective organizations and communities.

#### **Useful links:**

Presentation: [FOSTER IRS – Local Cascade Training Presentation](#)

Agenda: [FOSTER IRS – Local Cascade Training Plan](#)

Communication: [LinkedIn](#) | [Facebook](#)

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PROJECT	
Participant:	FOSTER EUROPE FOUNDATION FOR STRONGER EUROPEAN REGIONS
PIC number:	936899430
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3		
Event name:	Local Cascade Training - Foresight strategy, Governance and Gender issues: FOSTER Training for Local and Regional actors - <i>Neue Wege im Wassermanagement: Landwirtschaft - Kommunen – BürgerInnen</i>		
Type:	Training/ Seminar		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Neusiedl am See, Austria		
Date(s):	06.02.2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.foster-europe.org/konferenzen/neue-wege-im-wassermanagement-landwirtschaft-kommunen-buergerinnen">https://www.foster-europe.org/konferenzen/neue-wege-im-wassermanagement-landwirtschaft-kommunen-buergerinnen</a>		
Participants			
Female:	10		
Male:	24		
Non-binary:	1		
No data:	1		
From country 1 Austria:	35		
From country 2 Hungary:	1		
Total number of participants:	36	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

On February 6, 2025, approximately 40 experts, stakeholders, business representatives, citizens, and scientists gathered as part of the EU-funded FOSTER project to discuss sustainable concepts for water use and the participation of all affected parties in the region. The workshop focused on dissemination of knowledge about fostering participatory democracy and environmental citizenship.

In total, 35 participants attended the local training, distributed in: 10% from Foster Europe Foundation and 90% external stakeholders (such as municipalities representatives, civil society organizations workers and academia)

The workshop sought to introduce the key objectives and steps of the FOSTER project, with a strong emphasis on participatory democracy within different political and cultural contexts. A crucial goal was to explore best practices in participatory approaches and environmental strategies, offering inspiration and guidance for future initiatives. Additionally, stakeholders were encouraged to enhance their understanding of foresight methodologies and their history, forms of methodology and application, as well as practical applications in Austria and the EU. The workshop also aimed to improve participants' communication skills, particularly in an inclusive and intercultural setting, while highlighting gender equality and anti-discrimination issues in the context of climate change and environmental challenges.

One of the primary topics discussed was water resource management and climate adaptation. Participants examined innovations and future requirements in agriculture, particularly in sustainable water use. The discussion underscored the crucial role of municipalities and citizens in water conservation and responsible management, emphasizing that climate change's anticipated effects would require shifts in attitudes and the adoption of innovative solutions. Early adaptation measures, such as changes in viticulture, were cited as examples of progress already underway in the region.

Another major theme was the importance of participatory approaches and stakeholder engagement. The workshop highlighted the benefits of bringing together all relevant parties to collaboratively develop compromises and strategies for a sustainable living environment.


**Methodology:** The workshop used a combination of theoretical presentations and practical case studies to ensure a comprehensive learning experience. Foresight strategies were introduced and their potential and limitations were analyzed in the context of regional planning. A joint discussion session built on the results of previous events and encouraged stakeholders to develop new ideas for long-term cooperation.

**Conclusion and Next Steps:** All participants welcomed the innovative approach of the FOSTER project in bringing together various stakeholders to develop joint strategies for regional sustainability. The workshop successfully facilitated knowledge exchange and capacity building among stakeholders. The discussions and outcomes of this session will serve as a foundation for future initiatives aimed at enhancing participatory democracy and environmental governance in the region.

The next steps will include continued development of resilient strategies for water management in the Fertő region and the strengthening of cross-border cooperation between stakeholders in Hungary and Austria. Further application of foresight methodologies will help shape long-term sustainable policies, while ongoing efforts will focus on fostering inclusive communication and stakeholder engagement in climate-related decision-making processes.

#### Useful links:

Foresight strategy & participatory democracy PPT:  WP3 foresight strategy NEW .pdf

Conference promotion graphic:  Save the Date-Social Media Post.jpg

Communication: [FB EVENT LINK](#), [INSTA LINK](#), [LINKEDIN LINK](#), [WEBSITE ARTICLE](#)

Picture:  Photos

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PROJECT	
Participant:	2 - Conseil des Communes et des Régions d'Europe (CCRE)
PIC number:	949696252
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3		
Event name:	Local Cascade Training - Foresight strategy, Governance and Gender issues: FOSTER Training for Local and Regional actors		
Type:	Training		
In situ/online:	In-situ		
Location:	Belgium, Brussels		
Date(s):	23rd January 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://ccre-cemr.org/calendar">https://ccre-cemr.org/calendar</a> <a href="https://ccre-cemr.org/foster">https://ccre-cemr.org/foster</a>		
Participants			
Female:	20		
Male:	11		
Non-binary:	0		
From Belgium:	24		
From France:	4		
From Italy:	2		
From Germany:	1		
Total number of participants:	31	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities			

The Local cascade training in Belgium, named “Foresight strategy, Governance and Gender issues: FOSTER Training for Local and Regional actors” took place on the 23rd of January, in CEMR Conference Center in the European quarter of Brussels.

The training took place over one day, with various presentations and activities.

To ensure the participation of relevant stakeholders, CEMR team shared and promoted the event with several channels: Tweets, Emails to our contact lists, Mentions in the Newsletters, and Event on LinkedIn for instance.

The Agenda, Presentations and some communications examples can be found at the end of this document.

The Training started with a welcoming coffee at 9:00, offering time for participants to settle and introduce themselves.

At 9:30, the training started with an introduction of **Elisa Decourcelle, CEMR Project Officer on Climate and Energy**, who presented the agenda of the day, and the project FOSTER, for the participants to understand the context, and promote the initiative and its benefits.

To introduce the day, **Léa Hetz, CEMR Project Officer on Communications and Events** and **Meritxell Parramon Vila, CEMR Head of Communications**, introduced the training with some knowledge on inclusive communications, the key elements to keep in mind when producing inclusive communications, and some guidelines.

The second module of the morning was presented by **Carol Thomas, CEMR Senior Advisor on Governance & Institutional Relations**. Her presentation focused on how to boost vivid engagement, the different levels of participation and key examples at the local level.

After the coffee Break, **Lise Jerlin, CEMR Support Officer on Impact Communities**, presented the key findings of the [Women in Politics](#) CEMR report, highlighting the still low number of women participating in local and regional politics, and the barriers they are confronted with.

To end the morning, **Pedro Bizarro, Project Lead Climate, Energy & Urban Development** and **Elisa Decourcelle** gave an introduction on what is foresight, what is foresight strategy, and mentioned examples of tools

The lunch break was the opportunity for the participants and presenters to discuss the presentations, and get feedback on their topic of interests.

From 14:00, and to continue on the topic of strategic foresight, **Elisa Decourcelle** and **Elena Fazio, CEMR Project Officer on Climate and Energy**, ran two sessions of the Joint Research Center of the European Commission (JRC) tool, the [Scenario Exploration System](#), an exploration tool that uses engagement techniques from the entertainment world to engage participants in the full richness of the systemic collective reflection created when building scenarios.

The sessions focused on the topic of [Greening the city](#), and explored the scenarios related to “City of Today”, and “City of Tomorrow”. These explorations tools helped the participants to understand the concept of foresight strategy, and the notion of scenario buildings to anticipate on future shocks and trends

### Conclusion

The training was an opportunity for FOSTER and for CEMR to gather interested stakeholders, around the topics of inclusive communications, participatory democracy and gender discrimination, and to introduce the notion of foresight strategy.


The modules and presentations all used interactive tools or exercises to engage with the audience, and make a collective thinking.

The training gathered 31 participants, mainly from associations of local and regional governments based in Brussels (Kuntaliitto, Deutscher Städtetag), representatives of European organisations (AEIDL, AEIAR) or of regional offices (Friulia Venezia Giulia, or Marche Regions).

In terms of distribution of participants, 58% came from CEMR, and 42% were external stakeholders.

### Useful links:

Full Presentations:  [FOSTER CEMR Local Training - Presentations.pdf](#)

Concept note and Agenda:  [FOSTER CEMR Local training - Concept note and agenda.pdf](#)

Photos:  [Photos](#)

Communication: [LinkedIn Event](#), [LinkedIn post](#), [LinkedIn post to recap](#), [Tweet](#), [Tweet](#), [Article](#)

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PROJECT	
Participant:	The Romanian Municipalities Association (AMR)
PIC number:	912728873
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3		
Event name:	Local Cascade Training - Foresight strategy, Governance and Gender issues: FOSTER Training for Local and Regional actors - Participatory governance, foresight strategy, gender issues, and good communication. FOSTER training for local actors		
Type:	Training		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Romania, Bucharest		
Date(s):	4th February 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://amr.ro/2025/02/05/participatory-governance-foresight-strategy-gender-issues-and-good-communication-foster-training-for-local-actors/">https://amr.ro/2025/02/05/participatory-governance-foresight-strategy-gender-issues-and-good-communication-foster-training-for-local-actors/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/asociatiamunicipiilorinromania/posts/pfbid0HPe3nCKZbGUXLGxX8Toqm9xZAZ3n8PQGp4TfaxdMD5uhdyTQh egvGKCQDkXQ8KYdl">https://www.facebook.com/asociatiamunicipiilorinromania/posts/pfbid0HPe3nCKZbGUXLGxX8Toqm9xZAZ3n8PQGp4TfaxdMD5uhdyTQh egvGKCQDkXQ8KYdl</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DFrwFMnIAu9/?img_index=1">https://www.instagram.com/p/DFrwFMnIAu9/?img_index=1</a>		
Participants			
Female:	18		
Male:	16		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Romania:	34		
Total number of participants:	34	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
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The **Local Cascade Training** was organized by the **Romanian Municipalities Association (AMR)** to strengthen public participation, future scenario planning, gender equality, and inclusive communication within local governance. The event brought together representatives from municipal administrations, academia, and civil society organizations to enhance their knowledge and practical skills in these key areas.

### Key Modules & Objectives

1. **Opening Session (09:15)**
  - *Future-oriented solutions towards environmental resilience – The FOSTER project*
  - Led by **Georgiana Mihăilă**, Public Administration Expert, AMR / PhD. Student, Teaching Associate, SNSPA Bucharest
2. **Module I – Participatory Democracy (09:30 - 12:30)**
  - Led by **Valeriu Antonovici**, PhD, Teaching Associate, SNSPA Bucharest.
3. **Lunch Break (12:30 - 13:00)**
4. **Module II – Foresight and Scenario Planning (13:00 - 16:00)**
  - Led by **Georgiana Mihăilă**, Public Administration Expert, AMR / PhD. Student, Teaching Associate, SNSPA Bucharest
5. **Coffee Break (16:00 - 16:15)**
6. **Module III – Gender and Anti-Discrimination (16:15 - 17:15)**
  - Led by **Georgiana Mihăilă**, Public Administration Expert, AMR / PhD. Student, Teaching Associate, SNSPA Bucharest
7. **Coffee Break (17:15 - 17:30)**
8. **Module IV – Inclusive Communication (17:30 - 18:30)**
  - Led by **Georgiana Mihăilă**, Public Administration Expert, AMR.

### Participants

The training engaged professionals from various sectors, including:

- Representatives from **Bucharest's City Hall and district administrations**.
- Academics from **Romanian universities**.
- Experts from **civil society organizations** like ECOTIC ong.

### Communication & Dissemination

To maximize the impact, the event was promoted through:

- Invitation emails to targeted stakeholders
- Social media posts - post-event

### Conclusion

The training successfully provided participants with practical methodologies and tools to enhance participatory governance, strategic foresight, gender equality, and inclusive communication. The event fostered collaboration between public administration, academia, and civil society, promoting more effective and transparent decision-making at the local level.

In total, 34 participants attended the local training. In terms of distribution of participants, 20,59% came from AMR, 79,41% were external stakeholders (such as municipalities representatives, civil society organizations workers and university representatives)

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PROJECT	
Participant:	NOTUS
PIC number:	941165587
Project name and acronym:	Future Oriented Solution for Environmental Resilience - FOSTER

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3-1		
Event name:	Local Cascade Training - Spain		
Type:	Training		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Soneja, Alto Palancia County, Valencian Autonomous Region, Spain		
Date(s):	10/03/2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="#">Notus :: Applied Social Research – FOSTER Fortering of Capacities and Citizen Participation to Improve Local Climate Change Adaptation Policies</a>		
Participants			
Female:	13		
Male:	12		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Spain]:	25		
Total number of participants:	25	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
<p>The training was delivered by NOTUS and based in the Training of Trainers (WP1) activity content in order to capacitate local agents in Alto Palancia for the design and implementation of foresight strategies using participatory democracy approach.</p> <p><u>Content and results</u></p>			

The agenda of the training activity included the following topics:

Module 0. Presentation of the project objectives. Climate change and environmental resilience in Alto Palancia. Delivered by Marc Caballero – NOTUS.

Module 1 - Participatory democracy – Delivered by Marc Caballero

The objective of the first module was to set up the bases for the establishment of a dialog which will lead to the design of the participatory approach of the project. With this aim, a first part of the module focused in the presentation of basic concepts (to build up a common language) and the different approaches (including levels of participation). This was followed by a group discussion on the previous experiences in which participants have taken part and the lessons learnt in them. A second part of the module tackled methodologies, tools and techniques.

Module 2 - Foresight and scenario planning – Delivered by Marc Caballero

Main objectives of this module were:

- Introduce participants to the concepts and tools of foresight and scenario planning.
- To engage participants in future scenario building processes.
- To spark a common reflection of foresight in the county of Alto Palancia.

The content included : What is foresight? What for in territorial development?, Key Foresight Methods and tools, Scenario Building Exercise, Reflection and Group Discussion. Implementation in Alto Palancia

Module 3 - Gender and anti discrimination – Delivered by Maria Caprile

The objective was to present the participants with the basic concepts of gender equality and non discrimination in the framework of public policies and participatory processes.

Module 4 - Inclusive communication – Delivered by Maria Caprile

Introduction to Inclusive Communication, Exercise: elements for a communication strategy

Along the training and the group works, participants stressed the importance of taking into account previous participatory processes set up in the territory (some of them in progress yet), the engagement of non-institutional stakeholders and the adaptation of the methodologies and objectives to the specific characteristics of the territory, including its rural nature and its demographic situation.

Moreover, the initiative has to be aligned with the rest of Mancomunidad's policies in order to maximize impact.

Last, it is important to engage expert profiles in order to support discussions in the field of climate change due to the lack of expertise in the territory.

#### Venue and participants

The training was held in the village of Soneja, in the headquarters of Mancomunidad del Alto Palancia (Alto Palancia County Council) on the 10th of March, from 9am to 2pm.

It was attended by 25 people, 13 women and 12 men. Participants were mainly elected representatives of the municipalities (mayors and counselors) and County Council, Local development agents, representatives of local civil society organizations, agricultural cooperatives, individual farmers, Local Action Groups (LEADER), teachers in the local high school (agricultural branch) and Regional Government officers.

Only one person (apart from the speakers) belongs to NOTUS (4% of the total number of attendants).

The activity was disseminated through direct mails to stakeholders, both public and private.

**Picture:**  Pics

#### **Communication:**

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/notus-asr\\_foster-activity-7305514457978277901-NukQ?utm\\_source=hare&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAABbgO7oBWYQPNWTKS0vTxEBc-vQUEu47Ns](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/notus-asr_foster-activity-7305514457978277901-NukQ?utm_source=hare&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABbgO7oBWYQPNWTKS0vTxEBc-vQUEu47Ns)

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## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Comparative Research Network
PIC number:	949534359
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP3
Event name:	Local Cascade Training - Foresight strategy, Governance and Gender issues: FOSTER Training for Local and Regional actors – <i>Von Unendlich zu Acht – Partizipative Ideen für das Parkviertel</i>
Type:	Training/ Seminar
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Berlin, Germany
Date(s):	28.2. & 1.3.2025
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://crnonline.de/project/foster/">https://crnonline.de/project/foster/</a>
Participants	
Female:	8
Male:	17
Non-binary:	1
No data:	0
From country 1 Germany:	17
From country 2 France:	3
From country 3 Poland :	3
From country 4 Italy:	1
From country 5 Bulgaria:	1

From country 6 Ukraine:	1		
Total number of participants:	26	From total number of countries:	6

**Description**  
*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The workshop was organised during two half days on the 28th of February and 1st of March 2025 in the Zukunftshaus Wedding in Berlin.

26 participants attended the workshop over two days, 4 of whom were members of CRN and 22 stakeholders, including district administration workers, members of local NGOs, and interested citizens.

The workshop's aim was to present the FOSTER foresight methodology, create scenarios and ideas on where and how the district could be made more climate resilient through the foresight methodology, and collect ideas for places and actions where concrete interventions could be launched within 8 weeks.

The first day included a session on the FOSTER methodology, participatory action research, and walks in the neighbourhood to discuss ideas and imagine a different future with the cultural probes approach.

The second day started with collective brainstorming and scenario building. The groups concentrated on one concrete idea: to make an intervention on the Manga-Bell-Platz in the Parkviertel of Wedding. Three concepts were created, and an overall idea of how the square should look in the future was developed. The group decided to meet again during the needs assessment workshop with an extended circle to start working on the intervention practically.


**Methodology:** The workshop used a combination of theoretical presentations and practical activities to ensure a comprehensive learning experience. Foresight strategies were introduced, and through participatory walks and cultural probes, concrete places were found that could benefit from intervention and participatory planning. The mixed groups of CSOs, administrative workers, and citizens led to concrete discussions and scenarios, which will be used in the FOSTER process to implement concrete actions and create actual change and interventions.

**Conclusion and Next Steps:**

All participants welcomed the innovative approach of the FOSTER project in bringing together various stakeholders to develop joint interventions. The workshop successfully facilitated knowledge exchange, networking and capacity building among stakeholders. The results are three concrete scenarios for interventions in the Parkviertel in Berlin, which are now considered by the Stadtteilkoordination and the mobile Stadtteilarbeit to be implemented. The participants formed a core group, which is currently planning and implementing one of the scenarios on the Manga-Bell-Platz in Berlin-Wedding.

The next steps will include a more extensive needs assessment, the creation of a wider network of CSOs, administration, and citizens to create a green learning space on the square, and an action day within the next eight weeks.

**Useful links:**

Picture:  Photos

Communication: <https://crnonline.de/event/von-%e2%88%9e-zu-8/>

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PROJECT	
Participant:	IASIS NGO
PIC number:	947058822
Project name and acronym:	FOSTER: Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3		
Event name:	Local Cascade Training - Foresight strategy, Governance and Gender issues: FOSTER Training for Local and Regional actors, Participatory governance, foresight strategy, gender issues, and good communication. FOSTER training for local actors		
Type:	Training		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Athens, Greece		
Date(s):	30.01.2025		
	<a href="https://www.iasismed.eu/foster-project-local-cascade-training-participatory-governance-foresight-strategy-gender-issues-and-inclusive-communication/?lang=en">https://www.iasismed.eu/foster-project-local-cascade-training-participatory-governance-foresight-strategy-gender-issues-and-inclusive-communication/?lang=en</a> <a href="https://www.iasismed.eu/foster-project-local-cascade-training-participatory-governance-foresight-strategy-gender-issues-and-inclusive-communication/">https://www.iasismed.eu/foster-project-local-cascade-training-participatory-governance-foresight-strategy-gender-issues-and-inclusive-communication/</a>		
Participants			
Female:	18		
Male:	7		
Non-binary:	/		
From country 1 Greece:	24		
From country 2 Spain:	1		
Total number of participants:	25	From total number of countries:	2
Description			

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The training was organized by IASIS NGO and was designed to enhance participatory governance, strategic foresight, gender equality, and inclusive communication within public administration and local decision-making. The goal was to equip participants with practical methodologies, stakeholder engagement tools, and collaborative strategies to foster more effective, transparent, and inclusive governance.

### **Key Modules & Objectives**

#### **Opening Session (09:15)**

#### **Future-Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Resilience – The FOSTER Project**

- Led by *Ioanna Stogiannari, IASIS*

#### **Module I – Participatory Democracy (09:30 - 12:30)**

- Led by *Ioanna Stogiannari, IASIS*
- Focused on enhancing engagement strategies for inclusive governance.

#### **Lunch Break (12:30 - 13:00)**

#### **Module II – Foresight and Scenario Planning (13:00 - 16:00)**

- Led by *Ioanna Stogiannari, IASIS*
- Explored techniques for strategic foresight and long-term planning in policy-making.

#### **Coffee Break (16:00 - 16:15)**

#### **Module III – Gender and Anti-Discrimination (16:15 - 17:15)**

- Led by *Ioanna Stogiannari, IASIS*
- Addressed key principles of gender equality and anti-discrimination policies.

#### **Coffee Break (17:15 - 17:30)**

#### **Module IV – Inclusive Communication (17:30 - 18:30)**

- Led by *Ioanna Stogiannari, IASIS*
- Covered best practices for transparent and inclusive public communication.

#### **Closing Remarks (18:30)**

The training brought together a diverse group of professionals (30% external stakeholders, 70% from IASIS), including local government officials from Athens, university students, as well as civil society representatives dedicated to participatory governance and community engagement. The IASIS Local Cascade Training successfully equipped participants with practical methodologies and tools to foster participatory governance, strategic foresight, gender equality, and inclusive communication. The event facilitated cross-sectoral collaboration and strengthened the capacity of local actors to implement effective, citizen-driven policies in Greece.

**Picture:**  Pictures

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## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	No 4 - Union of Bulgarian Black Sea Local Authorities (UBBSLA)
PIC number:	969558457
Project name and acronym:	Future Oriented Solutions Towards Environmental Sustainability - FOSTER

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	WP3		
Event name:	Local Cascade Training – Participatory democracy, Foresight and scenario planning, Inclusive communication		
Type:	Training		
In situ/online:	In-situ		
Location:	Varna, Bulgaria		
Date(s):	22.,02.2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="http://www.ubbsla.org">www.ubbsla.org</a>		
Participants			
Female:	21		
Male:	14		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1:	Bulgaria		
Total number of participants:	35	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The first training of the Local Cascade Training was focused on introducing the participants with the overall project concept, its main ideas, the methodology of implementation, the foreseen activities, events, workshops, etc. and the expected results at the end.</p> <p>The topics presented during the training were the following: participatory democracy, the foresight strategy development, the gender issues in realization of local projects &amp; initiatives; the inclusive communication. The sessions aimed to increase the represented participants' capacities, skills and abilities to define existing local problems and intervene through actions, to improve the collaboration between the different interested parties, to enhance their involvement in the co-creating of ideas and tools for their resolution. Through the Inclusive Communication part and presentation of some</p>			

examples on case studies, the project also aimed to improve the participants' communication skills, to enable them to more competently react and respond to local issues.

The training was held during the two-day civil forum on participatory democracy, which was co-organized by the Public Environmental Center for Sustainable Development, For the Earth Association and UBBSLA. Over 35 participants attended the event, out of which 6% from UBBSLA and 93% stakeholders: representing civil society organizations, business enterprises and support organizations, cluster unions, municipalities and local residents..

### Methodology


The training was organized in sessions including the theoretical part followed by interactive discussions during which the participants could share and present experience and views on practices of local importance. Case studies which have significantly influenced the local state of the art were presented as well. Among them related with: environmental impact of the separate waste collection in the local factory in Devnya municipality; the stage of implementation of the National Plan for development and sustainability at local and regional level; the level of implementation of local environmental projects in Varna municipality and the small neighboring municipalities and the impact on the local society; the interaction between the youth organizations and Varna municipality to commonly work on ecological problems.

### Conclusion

The first training enabled the participants to understand the values and importance of the participatory actions they should undertake on resolution of local problems in order to achieve vivid results. It has provided a platform for interactive communication and discussions on existing topics and issues at national level with particular focus on the regions of Varna and Dobrich. The event has also testified the need of undertaking such inclusive actions on existing issues based on common efforts of the civil society, stakeholders and the local/regional authorities.

### Useful links:

 **FOSTER agenda\_UBBSLA.pdf**

 FOSTER- project presentation - BG.pdf

<https://www.ubbsla.org/%d0%b5-bulletin/>

<https://www.ubbsla.org/foster-training/>

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