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1. Introduction

The Joint Community Action was the crucial activity within Work package 3. It united previous activities carried out in the DREAMM project and brought together various communities in 7 territories. The aim was to create together, both with Third Country Nationals, migrants and locals, an activity to celebrate diversity and show the host society the advantages of a pluralistic society. In this way, the Joint Community combine the findings of the Context Analysis (described in report D31) with the previous team-building activities (described in D30 Participants Profile Report) by creating an engaging activity for all.

Having created the Joint Community Design by implementing five Design-Workshops (described in the D32 Joint Community Action Report), it got implemented in another step. This report gives insight into how partners in our seven territories have realised the Joint Community Action. Some partners combined this activity with the Public Event (D29) to present other findings and outcomes of the DREAMM project to the public.

The Joint Community Action was created by the local team consisting in each territory with the Lead-Mentors and Mentors and additional volunteers, some of them TCNs, local communities or already established migrants.

The report tries to answer the following questions:

1. Where and how was the Community Action in each territory realised?
2. What was the role of TCNs and Mentors/Lead-Mentors?
3. How did the Community Action contribute to the needs and skills of participants (TCNs)?
4. What was the impact on communities and single participants in the territory?

2. Joint Community Action Report per territory

2.1. Athens

The realisation of the Community Action occurred through a series of online and physical actions. After an intensive series of Design Workshops, 30 participants, 11 DREAMM volunteers, 4 TCNs and 15 professional educators and trainers put in their efforts and skills and implemented the current actions:

- 1) On October 6th 2022, the Community Action Event named “Dive in Diversity” took place in Nea Filadelfeia region of Athens, an awareness and cultural event organized by IASIS, Connect Your City, the Hellenic Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Vocational Reintegration (PEPSAEE), the Society for Regional Development and Mental Health (EPAPSY) and EDRA Social Cooperative Activities for Vulnerable Groups.
- 2) From September 15th to October 15th 2022, online DREAMM challenges on Connect Your City application were shared and spread to the community of the users.

Dive in diversity

The event took place at the World Cultural Foundation of Diaspora Hellenism in Alsos of the Municipality of Nea Philadelphia-Nea Chalkidona, in collaboration with the Municipality of Nea Philadelphia-Nea Chalkidona, with the opening greetings giving the trigger for a series of events inside and outside external space of the institution. Among other things, there were scientific lectures, interactive exhibitions, experiential workshops, raising awareness activities, thematic stands, artistic events, and live broadcasts with corresponding Social Inclusion actions throughout Greece. The aim of the event is the "Dive in Diversity: Well-Being and Inclusion for all" to be a celebration of Mental Health and Social Inclusion with the participation of Third-Country Nationals, Social Policy institutions, Civil Society bodies, Recipients of Health services, young volunteers and people who wanted to contribute to the promotion of social inclusion and wellbeing.



The thematic sections were:

- Inclusion - "Well-being for all"
- Promotion of Mental Health of TCNs
- Two-way integration method of the DREAMM project
- Intervention in the Community through door-to-door approaches
- Development of research around issues related to mental health and inclusion

TCNs, professionals, volunteers, and members of the public staged a large dance to celebrate diversity together after the event.

DREAMM Mentors and Lead-Mentors were entrusted with monitoring the technical and organizational components of the event, while two LM with excellent field experience led an experiential learning workshop to raise awareness of diversity and inclusion. On the other side, TCNs welcomed the community members who attended the event at the start of the event while also inviting their peers and friends to join.

DREAMM series at CYP app

DREAMM Lead-Mentors and Mentors developed a series of online teasers and challenges that were spread on Connect Your City application to raise awareness about interculturality and the aspects of diversity. 34 challenges were uploaded to the application. A sample of them are:

Sample I

DREAMM Series I: Intercultural Cuisine

- *Intercultural cuisines in your kitchen!*
- *Search the internet for must-eat recipes of dishes from countries outside of Greece and cook your favourite*

Proof:*
 - Set your plate, place a piece of paper with the recipe's nation of origin next to it, and then submit a photo for the challenge!

To get Bonus Points, upload a story on Facebook or Instagram!
 Make sure you do not upload it to close friends and do not have a closed profile!
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Sample II

DREAMM Series II: Intercultural Interview

Interview a person whose origin is not Greek and ask them the following three questions:
 1) What is your country of origin?
 2) What is the national food of this country?
 3) Which part of this country would you suggest we travel to and why?

Proof:*
 - Take a selfie with the interviewee holding their answers written on paper

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The impact in numbers:

- 550 people attended the “Dive in Diversity” activity
- 5 leading organizations in mental health and social inclusion were involved in the development of the event
- 10 decision-makers attended the event, including the Minister of Mental Health, the Major of the host Municipality and key members of the public health sector
- 30 individuals, including DREAMM LM and M, TCNs and external professionals involved in the preparation, organization, and implementation of the event
- 34 DREAMM challenges uploaded on Connect Your City Application
- 1,500+ young people engaged in DREAMM challenges
- DREAMM LM and M but also TCNs in charge of the event improved their management and coordination skills
 - Attendants gained cultural awareness and learnt how to respect interactions in communities that are becoming increasingly diverse



- TCNs' visibility needs were addressed as the aim of the event was to promote their needs to decision-makers, stakeholders and local communities.

2.2. Perugia

As mentioned in the previous Context Analysis (see report D31), there is a need in the territory of Perugia for an Intercultural Centre. The following event is the result of the constant collaboration between our DREAMM community including TCNs, DREAMM Lead-Mentors and Mentors, volunteers and civil members of the community and several associations in Perugia.

Given that a proper intercultural centre is an ambitious project that requires funding and support from larger bodies and organizations, we were implementing a small-scale event to bring together all parties involved in aims to unify forces and work together on a larger scale impactful project.

The Community Action event took place on November 24th, 2022.

The event started with a brief presentation of the DREAMM Project and the community action project. Afterwards, there was a musical performance by the Chamber Orchestra of Perugia called "Music from the World". Each one of the associations that participated as collaborators had activities to allow interaction with the attendants. There were fifteen associations collaborating in the event and about 100 participants were attending it including migrants, cultural mediators, members of the civil community, DREAMM Lead-Mentors and Mentors, other local organizations, and initiatives.

The following are some of the activities that took place during the event:

- Children's Lab about American culture and food by "Centro Studi Americanistici"
- Welcoming migrants flashmob by "Amnesty International"
- Video projection of the project "Scelgo l'Umbria" by Cidis
- Presentation of maps of migrant services in Perugia by "Tamat"
- Aloud readings by "Still I Rise"
- Artwork made with the contribution of all participants with under the guidance of "Fiorivano le Viole"
- African percussion and dance performance by "D.A.P"
- An Ethiopian dinner by "Mandela Restaurant"

TAMAT presented their new maps of the city with important structures and interest points for intercultural interventions.

The main area was a DREAMM Welcome Booth: a relaxing space with sofas made by our beneficiaries with the support of DREAMM Lead-Mentors and Mentors. In this area, people from the local community had the opportunity to know the project through the stories of beneficiaries and Mentors and through a photographic exhibition with the photos from our activities and One Roof Community Meetup. The beneficiaries actively participated in other activities, especially during the realization of the painting and the performance of the African dance. This environment of intercultural exchange is key to the development of mutual exchange and fruitful relationships that can have a decisive impact on the integration process of both newly arrived and long-term migrants.

The expected result from the event had been achieved: there were many people from the local community and migrants, but more importantly, we started to develop an intercultural network.

We created a WhatsApp group with a representative from each association to organize the event. The day after the event, each of them sent a message with positive comments, thanks and mainly the wish to keep the group active to collaborate and plan other intercultural appointments together. With these objectives, we have created a shared calendar so each association can promote the events of others or help to organize them.

The event represented an additional step towards the cooperation with our network of associations working together to create a dedicated and innovative space that increases interculturality, unifies the territory and serves our community better. More importantly, being an initiative that sparked from the efforts of the community members (all) it elevates the participants as active agents of change and supports the process towards a more inclusive community.

2.3. Napoli

The activities of WP3 in Napoli/Naples aimed at developing a project from the community, with the community and for the community. After several meetings, focus groups and workshops, it was decided that the organization and realization of a Social Carnival parade in Piazza Garibaldi would be of benefit to promote integration and foster community engagement. The Social Carnival in Naples is a long-lasting event organized



by informal groups, associations, and citizens in different neighbourhoods of the city, but in our target neighbourhood, it has never been organized. Therefore, the DREAMM Community decided to organize a Social Carnival as an opportunity to promote active citizenship, increase the sense of community and network the different realities that work in the neighbourhood.

The activities of WP3 in Naples, started in November with the presentation of DREAMM Project at University of the Studies of Naples. The Community Action is still ongoing and will end on February 18th with the final event. The design of the Social Carnival in Piazza Garibaldi is projected to be implemented in three phases that will allow to prepare for the actual event. The initial phase, still ongoing, has developed in November and December 2022 and will continue in January, through different types of meetings, aimed at promoting and organizing the Social Carnival in Piazza Garibaldi. The second phase will take place between January and February 2023 through the organization and implementation of design workshops to create masks, floats, and artistic materials. These workshops will be organised at Casa Cidis with other local associations. The third phase will take place during the days just before the Social Carnival parade in February 2023. There will be a last organizational meeting to define the route of the parade and communicate it to the competent public institutions. This meeting will be an opportunity to share materials produced during laboratory activities, to organise public events to promote the Social Carnival in Piazza Garibaldi and define the last details.

During various meetings, the participants (Lead-Mentor and Mentor of the DREAMM project, Cultural Mediators, Associations, Cooperatives, Community of foreign citizens, informal groups, and Italian and foreign citizens) decided the date of the Carnival parade - on Saturday, February 18th, 2023 - and the main theme of the Social Carnival of Piazza Garibaldi: "The dream". For the construction of the masks and the material to wear and bring to the parade of the Social Carnival will be used recycled material (newspaper sheets, wrapping paper and cardboard boxes, bottle caps, plastic jars of yogurt, buttons etc.) paint, foam, and wood. These materials will be used also for the construction of the main float: "the dream machine".

This Joint Community Action in Naples represents an opportunity to create a space for meeting and socialization among Italian and foreign citizens, DREAMM Lead-Mentors and Mentors, representatives of communities, cultural mediators and anyone interested in participating in the collective path. The Carnival parade in Piazza Garibaldi will be a public event, open to the whole city of Naples. The aim is try to enhance the neighbourhood, through the participation of citizens, with a festive and cheerful atmosphere for everyone.

Lead-Mentors and Mentors have been participating proactively in the different meetings and phases and bringing fundamental contributions. Each activity for the implementation of Community Action is an important opportunity for teambuilding of Lead-Mentors, Mentors, and Third Country Nationals. Newly arrived migrants have also been involved in each workshop and meeting. They seem enthusiastic to discover the importance of the Carnival tradition in Naples and contribute with their cultural elements, artistic ideas and skills.

2.4. Vienna

The Joint Community Action consisted in the inauguration of the exhibition with the title **"Common Tracks of tastes" (GenussSpuren des Miteinanders)**. The exhibition was realised step-by-step during the Design Workshop, where the artistic material was created by our participants, members of communities, TCNs and



locals. The inauguration was the actual put into practice of the Joint Community Design developed before together with Lead-Mentors, Mentors, locals and TCNs. During the preparation phase and the creation of the Joint Community Action, the skills of all participants (Lead-Mentors, Mentors, TCNs, locals and members of communities) got improved through the participation of interactive workshops dedicated to painting and photography.

To present also other major project achievements, we organised the exhibition together with the Public Event to not only inaugurate the exhibition but also to inform the wider public about the results of the DREAMM project. The event took place on Monday, 13th of June in the restaurant TOP Lokal in the 1st Viennese district.

The first part of the inauguration was dedicated to giving the audience an overview of the DREAMM activities, the realised workshops as part of WP2 and WP3 and presenting the hard work of Lead-Mentors and Mentors. Then followed the official inauguration of the exhibition with the presentation of some of the pieces of art that were created by participants during the Design workshops. The title of the exhibition “Common Tracks of tastes” (GenussSpuren des Miteinanders) tried to



combine the different tastes that food can have with the goal of the project of bringing together various communities and cultures. During the ceremony, we presented some of the stories and the art pieces that participants created. Visitors had the opportunity to discover individual food stories as well as the artwork. Results of the Design Workshops were positioned on tables allowing the visitors to get more direct contact with the individual stories. By telling the stories and presenting various dishes, we showed the wide range of cuisine that Vienna offers, sometimes hidden, sometimes more present.

The aim of the event was not only to inaugurate the exhibition but also to create a networking opportunity for members of various communities, associations and individual TCNs, migrants and locals. To this aim, we organised after the inauguration a concert of a local band with roots in Afghanistan that introduced the visitors to afghani music. After the concert, a rich buffet allowed participants to network and to further discuss the variety of food that unites us all – now also by trying some of the dishes shown in the exhibition.

The event was organised by Lead-Mentors from the staff of die Berater with the support of other Lead-Mentors and Mentors that have already contributed in other formats (WP2/3).

In total, almost 50 participants, among them also participants from the Design workshops and other DREAMM activities, were present during the event. Given the various backgrounds and different roles, the event was an opportunity to expand the network and create new contacts between TCNs, locals and members of various communities. Through the realisation of the exhibition we not only make visible the variety of Viennese communities, but we also actively created an opportunity where they met and got into conversations – the needed first step for a further successful two-sided integration process.

2.5. Göttingen

The Joint Community Action was called **“Weststadt-Fest”**. The West Town Festival was held in early September with the central aim of bringing the local community closer together, overcoming differences between different cultural backgrounds, breaking down language barriers and building a stronger community with local providers and residents. Based on a mix of different activities focusing on a variety of entry points, residents were motivated to take a closer look at themselves and their surroundings with their possibilities.

These actions included the following:

- Engaging locals in closer interaction, but also creating an environment where others recognise and become aware of different needs. This awareness and the opportunities that come with it can be transferred to one's group as well as to groups that are indirectly involved - all in the spirit of strengthening the local community.
- Activities aimed at the younger generations were always scheduled in such a way that there could be a direct and indirect degree of impact. By involving children in certain activities, their parents could also be more involved - which is aimed at overcoming language barriers and at the same time can make possible contact fears easier to overcome.
- Even small activities such as different food stalls were used to offer the opportunity to meet different foods (local German dishes, Arabic food, etc.), to invite others to talk or simply to get an insight into the cultural environment.
- The same concepts were also used in small sports activities, which could be done individually or in small groups, always with the option of a supportive guide, who on the one hand accompanied the activity but was also specifically trained to motivate the participants to get out of their comfort zone.
- In addition, a stand was also set up that specifically presented the digital possibilities and offers and encouraged questions and discussions that arose around the Goe-West app.

The various activities not only offered providers in the region the opportunity to introduce themselves and their events and tasks to the community. At the same time, the residents themselves were allowed to present themselves, enter an exchange with each other and communicate their options and offers, including direct support.

Both the Mentors from blinc were involved throughout, but also the newly acquired Mentors from the different providers were present.



A direct analysis of the impact of the event can only be described superficially at this point. The participation in the festival was extremely successful - both by the residents and the different providers. In addition, a significant increase in activities was recorded afterwards through the Goe-West app.

This picture was additionally confirmed by all participants at a final information event.

2.6. Nicosia

The practical implementation of the Cyprus Joint Community Action was finalised during the final design workshop that took place just two days before the event. DREAMM Lead-Mentors and mentors decided their main responsibilities which included cooperating with the co-organisers and other relevant stakeholders that took part in the event and dividing activities like welcoming the futsal players, monitoring registrations at each station, and taking photos.

The **'World Refugee Day Intercultural Futsal Tournament'** took place on the 17th of June 2022 at Nuevo Campo, the biggest futsal stadium in Cyprus with the active participation of more than 100 people in total. More specifically, 60 people took part as futsal players and formed their teams to compete, and approx. 40 people took part as volunteers in the organisation and dissemination of the workshops. In addition to that, many people attended the games to support the initiative and celebrate World Refugee Day sending a message against racism and xenophobia.

The event was co-organised by CIP and the Generation for Change CY, and it was supported by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has long worked to establish a refugee protection system in Cyprus that is fully in line with international standards. As part of the event, t-shirts were created for all the participants with the logos of all the organisers and the UNHCR's statement "Whoever, Wherever, Whenever" at the back.



One of the greatest parts of the Cyprus Joint Community Action was the participation of the Hope for Children football team which was formed by the children living at the reception centres of the Hope for Children, an NGO that offers support to unaccompanied minors and refugee children.

The event took place in an intercultural context to express solidarity and support for refugees while also celebrating their achievements on various levels. The "World Refugee Day Intercultural Futsal Tournament" was the main Joint Community Event organised in Cyprus, bringing locals, migrants, and refugees together to create an Intercultural Cyprus in a fun and engaging environment, countering negative stereotypes, racism, and xenophobia whilst fostering collaboration and teamwork for a common goal.

In the words of the Lead-Mentors and mentors that took part in the organisation and delivery of the Joint Community Action:

“Sports in general, provide an easy and enjoyable way to connect people whilst positively affecting the physical as well as mental health of players. The Joint Community Action provided an opportunity for both migrants and locals to meet each other in a more neutral context and be able to interact undisturbed by outside influences creating a positive overall experience and raising awareness on migrants and refugees’ stories.”

Throughout the implementation of the Joint Community Action, locals and TCNs had the same role which was to compete in the Futsal Tournament, watch the games and celebrate World Refugee Day together. The main reasoning behind this activity was to show that within an intercultural society, there is equal support for everyone and social inclusion and integration is a two-way process that includes the exchange of experiences, cultural beliefs and norms and the development of an understanding of different views and diverse opinions. DREAMM Lead-Mentors and mentors were present throughout the Joint Community Action to monitor the Futsal tournament and celebrate the achievements of refugees and migrants together with all the participants. DREAMM volunteers have observed that the Joint Community Action was positively received by all the TCNs who took part as it facilitated a unique interaction with the local community and it enabled them to practice their communication and interpersonal skills further while sharing some of their personal stories with the local community and the DREAMM Lead-Mentors and mentors. As a result, the Joint Community Action has contributed towards the development of empathy and helped the creation of an intercultural society mitigating negative stereotypes, racism, and xenophobia.

Link to the event’s YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1hd0pp5udM>

2.7. Malta

Driving by the Hal Far Outreach area immediately brings to one’s attention the waste management problem in the surroundings. Pavements and green areas are often marred by everyday litter: plastic bottles, food and beer cans, empty cigarette packets and cigarette butts, cardboard boxes, torn clothes, used shoes, etc. The originally planned Clean Up Activity in collaboration with the Birżebbuġa Local Council, the Sudanese Community, the Birżebbuġa and Marsaxlokk Community Police Patrol and locals scheduled for mid-October 2022 would have been an excellent experience at raising environmental awareness and inclusion.

Participation in this activity would have surely served as an opportunity to crack barriers and lessen xenophobia, as locals and migrants likewise step out of their comfort zone, mix, and mingle, exposing themselves to other communities and cultures while working together. It would have been good practice to build trust, appreciate a person’s worth beyond race and beliefs, gain confidence, see the commonalities within diversity, serve the community, and see the beauty within collaboration across borders.

The Sudanese Community stresses a lot the importance of volunteering and being of servitude. Volunteering means taking on responsibilities without expecting anything in return. Participating in a Joint Community Action or Event for them is operating willingly as part of a team with a common aim and goal. The result is a feel-good factor, owning a sense of belonging and being appreciative of having been allowed to return something to the community that has embraced them.

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Joint Community Actions serve one of the noble ideals where integration is concerned. They bring insight into the situation and foster new friendships among the diverse community members. Participants can learn much about people from other cultures and their unique preferences. Furthermore, locals have the chance to expose themselves to the realities of others, which increases their sense of empathy and engagement toward good causes. On the other hand, migrants, by gaining respect and an understanding of co-responsibility during their actions, feel that they belong to a community that respects and accepts them.

After a number of changes to original attempts at organising a Joint Community Action in Malta due to reasons beyond the DREAMM Malta team's control, the Lead-Mentors in charge of this activity's organisation managed to enlist the aid of the 'Grow10Trees' NGO during the month of December 2022. This NGO is an environmental conservation organisation created for proactive citizens who are willing to grow and nurture at least 10 indigenous trees to be planted in the various localities around Malta.

With the current urgent call to becoming educated in sustainable living and bringing about a greener environment, it seemed appropriate in getting migrants involved in an environmental educational hands-on activity that could help them:

- mix and mingle between themselves as well as with locals
- learn more about the Maltese islands and their flora in an informal, enjoyable way
- support the communities that have become their home away from home in becoming better living habitats
- enhance the bond existing between family members

On Saturday, January 21st, 2023, eleven migrant families recruited through our collaboration with the school management team of the Naxxar Induction Hub took part in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the 'Grow10Trees' Project. The session was hosted by Mr Adrian Gatt, CEO of the NGO, at the organisation's nursery in Birkirkara. Between the host and his local helpers, Lead-Mentors, and migrant adults and children, thirty-five participants were present for this joint activity.

After a brief explanation of the organisation's set-up and aim, Mr Gatt supplied participants with further information about Malta's landscape, weather, typical local trees, and different methods of planting. Adults were very keen to learn more about the subject, asking questions even how to render their current living quarters more environmentally friendly. After a tour around the nursery guided by helpers, participants, especially children, had a blast sowing seeds and repotting saplings intended to be planted within Maltese localities upon the request of Local Councils during year 2024.

The activity resulted being a success. Children enquired whether they could plant a sapling to take along with them to personally nurture and continue to grow at home. A number of adults asked for the organisation's details to enrol as volunteers and continue to give a helping hand during their free time, as well as be present to the actual planting of repotted saplings during Phase 3 of the 'Grow10Trees' project.

3. Conclusion

The realised Joint Community Action was a colourful event that brought together different groups of people in all our territories. From a tasty exhibition in Vienna over the Weststadt Fest in Göttingen to the Futsal

Tournament in Nicosia in the occasion of World Refugee Day. The variety of the realised Activities was big. Various communities, locals, TCNs and migrants took part already in the long planning process that stands behind each successfully realised Joint Community Action.

After a long period of online activities, the DREAMM consortium was happy to be able to realise all activities in face-to-face mode, because bringing together people always works better if they can physically meet. The Lead-Mentors and Mentors of the project invested a lot of their time to create these different Joint Community Actions and together with the other members of the local DREAMM teams they created new approaches on how to bring locals and TCNs together allowing both sides to overcome prejudices and to explore new things.

The DREAMM Joint Community Action marked the last big public activity of the project and they were a sign that the new approach of the DREAMM project works – the colourful and interactive events throughout Europe are clear proof of this.