EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	D 9
Event name:	CITIZENS' PANELS
Type:	Citizens' Panels
In situ/online:	in-situ/online
Location:	Stadt Brovary (Ukraine)
Date(s):	01.05.2025 – 15.09.2026
Website(s) (if any):	**website(s):** https://citizenforyou.eu/veranstaltungen/brovary/buergerraete/migration/ • https://brovary-rada.gov.ua/news/prezentatsiia-rezultativ-opytuvannia-z-pytan-mihratsii-u-brovarskii-hromadi • https://brovary-rada.gov.ua/news/prezentatsiia-rezultativ-opytuvannia-z-pytan-demokratii-u-brovarskii-hromadi • https://brovary-rada.gov.ua/news/prezentatsiia-rezultativ-opytuvannia-z-pytan-ievropeiskoi-identychnosti • https://brovary-rada.gov.ua/news/prezentatsiia-rezultativ-opytuvannia-z-pytan-hendernoi-rivnosti-u-brovarskii-hromadi
Participants	
Female:	105

Male:	23		
Non-binary:			
From country	Ukraine:		
Total number of participants:	128	From total number of countries:	1

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

During the project period, four citizens' panels were established in the Brovary urban territorial community. They brought together local residents, internally displaced persons (IDPs), young people, city council members and representatives of the structural departments of Brovary City Council.

The individual reports are presented below.

1. **Report on the Citizens' Panel on Migration**

- **Period and meeting: 01.05.2025 – 07.05.2025 (meeting on 07.05.2025).**
- **Participants: 34 people (26 women, 8 men).**
- **Composition: Head of the Council for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs); representatives of the Youth Council; representatives of Brovary City Council (Deputy Mayor, heads of departments responsible for economy and investment, social protection, veterans' policy, construction/housing/infrastructure/transport, education and science; city councillors); representatives of the Brovary Employment Centre, the Health and Rehabilitation Centre, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), charitable organisations and local businesses.**
- **Activities and results: The citizens' panel addressed migration issues, the integration of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and approaches to local challenges. The questionnaire agreed upon by the consortium was used. The survey was conducted online (159 respondents) and offline (31 respondents), with a total of 190 questionnaires evaluated. The results were summarised in a PowerPoint presentation and presented, disseminated and discussed at the first international meeting in Izola (Slovenia) on 22 May 2025.**

Key findings

1. **Potential contribution of internally displaced persons: 62% of respondents view the arrival of IDPs positively because it helps fill vacancies and expands the labour resources available to business and industry. Almost 42% of IDPs intend to remain permanently in the community.**
2. **Critical housing needs: The main obstacle to integrating IDPs is the shortage of affordable housing and high rental prices.**
3. **Need for better communication: The high proportion of people lacking information (57% are unaware of available assistance) highlights the need to actively develop user-friendly information channels, such as the redesigned city council website.**
4. **Social and emotional integration: To prevent conflict, it is important to provide language courses, psychological support and joint cultural and inclusive events that bring IDPs and local residents closer together.**

2. Report on the Citizens' Panel on Democracy

- **Period and meeting: 30.10.2025 – 31.10.2025 (meeting on 31.10.2025).**
- **Participants: 26 people (22 women, 4 men).**
- **Composition: Representatives of the Youth Council; representatives of Brovary City Council (Deputy Mayor, heads of departments responsible for economy and investment, digitalisation and IT, culture/family/youth, inspection and control, social protection, veterans' policy, education and science; city councillors); representatives of the Administrative Services Centre "Transparent Office"; the director of the municipal enterprise "Brovary City Football Club"; representatives of NGOs/non-profit organisations and businesses.**
- **Activities and results: Discussions focused on local democracy, transparency, citizen participation and the involvement of young people and civil society under wartime conditions. The online survey using the agreed questionnaire involved 158 respondents. The results were compiled, presented, exchanged and discussed at the international meeting in Jena (Germany) on 4 and 5 November 2025.**

Key findings

1. **Corruption and war as the main destabilising factors: Corruption is perceived as the central internal threat to democracy and the main cause of the crisis of institutions, while the war acts as the principal external and economic destabilising factor.**
2. **Crisis of trust in representation: There is a deep divide between citizens and central institutions (parliament, political parties and courts); the vast majority of residents feel that their interests are not adequately protected by politicians.**
3. **Demand for equality before the law and accountability: Citizens regard an uncompromising fight against corruption, equality for all before the law and substantially stronger accountability of public officials as the main steps towards strengthening democracy.**
4. **Low political self-efficacy: Despite their support for values such as freedom of expression and the rule of law, most citizens feel they lack political knowledge and means of influence, which limits their practical participation in social and political life.**

3. Report on the Citizens' Panel on European Identity

- **Period and meeting: 11.02.2026 – 27.03.2026 (meeting on 27.03.2026).**
- **Participants: 34 people (32 women, 2 men).**
- **Composition: Representatives of the Youth Council; representatives of the City Council (Deputy Mayor, heads of departments responsible for economy and investment, information policy and public relations, inspection and control, social protection, veterans' policy, education and science; city councillors); representatives of political parties, the "Transparent Office" centre, the municipal veterans' centre "VETERAN PRO", teachers, representatives of NGOs, the Red Cross and the church community, the director of the Palace of Creativity for Children and Young People, a psychologist from the Health and Rehabilitation Centre and business representatives.**
- **Activities and results: The citizens' panel discussed European identity, shared values and closer relations with the EU. The online survey involved 94 respondents. The findings were presented, disseminated and discussed at the international meeting in Timișoara (Romania) on 4 and 5 May 2026.**

Key findings

1. **Values-based and practical orientation towards the EU: Community residents view European integration not only as a financial and economic instrument but**

also as a guarantee of security, the rule of law and the protection of human rights.

2. **High levels of trust and expectations: The vast majority of respondents view the EU positively and are convinced that Ukraine's accession to the EU would bring significant benefits.**
3. **Desire for an active Ukrainian role in the EU: Citizens want Ukraine not merely to participate passively but to actively influence decision-making within the European Union.**
4. **Mature understanding of challenges: Awareness of the risks (bureaucracy, economic pressure and legal discrepancies/non-compliance) reflects a realistic understanding of the need for complex domestic reforms and transformations.**

4. Citizens' Panel on Gender Equality

- **Period and meeting: 02.09.2026 – 15.09.2026 (meeting on 15.09.2026).**
- **Participants: 34 people (25 women, 9 men).**
- **Composition: The Mayor's adviser on accessibility and persons with disabilities; the Deputy Chair of the Council for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs); representatives of the Youth Council; representatives of the City Council (Deputy Mayor, heads of departments responsible for economy and investment, internal audit, veterans' policy, education and science, central accounting, digitalisation and IT, physical education and sport); the director of the Health and Rehabilitation Centre; representatives of NGOs, charitable organisations and the church community.**
- **Activities and results: Discussion of equal opportunities, women's role in developing the community and combating discrimination. An online survey reached 98 respondents. The findings were summarised and presented at the international meeting in Kifissia (Greece) on 23 and 24 September 2026.**

Key findings

- **Equality and remaining barriers: The vast majority of residents regard gender equality as a foundation of democracy, but still identify inequalities in family life, education, politics and pay.**
- **Supporting careers and family life: The main prerequisite for professional development is a supportive environment, including flexible working hours, working from home, equal parental leave arrangements and expanded childcare facilities.**
- **Protection, safety and law enforcement: Given the complicated reporting procedure, the community calls for a swift police response, stricter accountability for perpetrators and free access to legal and psychological assistance.**
- **Comprehensive solutions for change: Overcoming stereotypes requires consistent enforcement of legislation, economic incentives in the labour market and systematic education and awareness-raising in educational institutions.**

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).