

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	Pistes Solidaires
PIC number:	949675979
Project name and acronym:	Social innovation for Better Living — SO I BeLiv

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP5
Event name:	International Conference France: Suggestions of social innovations resolving the issues of young people
Type:	Conference / workshops
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Bayonne, Pyrénées Atlantiques, France Pau, Pyrénées Atlantiques, France
Date(s):	October, 17th, 2024 November 20th, 2024
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.pistes-solidaires.fr/">https://www.pistes-solidaires.fr/</a>
Participants	
Female:	90
Male:	42
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 France :	98
From country 2 Spain :	12
From country 3 Croatia :	6
From country 4 Slovenia :	8
From country 5 Italy :	8
Total number of participants:	132
From total number of countries:	5
Description	
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.	

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The activities of the final conference were held on two different dates and venues, both on a local scale, in the Pyrénées Atlantiques.

The international conference took place on October, 17, 2024 at the Conseil Départemental 64, site de la Nive, 4, allée des Platanes, 64100 Bayonne, France, and was attended by 110 participants, including 47 foreigners and 63 local attendees. Youth, students, teachers as well as other experts in the field of education, social workers, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders in the field of youth attended this first part of the event.

The second part of the event was held on November, 20, 2024 at the Lycée Baradat, 28, av Pierre Masset, 64050 Pau. A group of 22 local youth participants attended this second part of the event in Pau. They were young French participants aged between 18 and 25, providing a local perspective on the target group's feedback regarding the consortium's proposals.

A total of 132 people took part in the final conference activities.

Part one October, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- The international conference was presented and moderated by Agnès Denjean Gautier as well as Martina Massoli from the hosting partner Pistes Solidaires. The event was conducted in English.

The agenda of the first part of the event was as follows:

<b>13 :45 – 14 :00</b>	Check-in and welcome to Bayonne
<b>14:00 - 14:15</b>	Energizer for the partners' participants to get to know one another and start talking about the topic.
<b>14:15 – 15 :45</b>	Presentation of the five social innovations by partners' project managers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agnès Denjean Gautier / Pistes Solidaires (FR)</li> <li>- Carmen Lancha Montes / Caminos (SP)</li> <li>- Fabrizio Mascali / Unioni degli assessorati (I)</li> <li>- Tjasa Vozel / IC Geoss (SL)</li> <li>- Sanja Barisic / Mladi U EU (HR)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
<b>15:45 - 16:00</b>	Coffee break
<b>16:00 – 16:45</b>	Group debates on the solutions proposed to help the youth – conclusions shared
<b>16:45 – 17:00</b>	Aha slides survey (4 questions) about the event and participants' feelings  End of the conference

The event started with a welcome address, and then an energizer which brought the participants to introduce themselves in small groups, talk about the topic of today's youth issues, share their experience and the way youth issues are addressed in everyone's country. This activity contributed to the strengthening of European identity and creating cross-sectoral connections among all the participants.

Then, after a general overview of the two-year process, the partners' project managers each presented their social innovation to support the youth, following the solution each proposed in the synthesis report entitled "Suggestions of new social innovations resolving the issues of young people" which the five project partners (Slovenia, Italy, Croatia, Spain and France) produced prior to the event. This synthesis report is now available for free and downloadable on partner's websites.

Partners presented a methodology for policy makers to implement measures to support the youth when

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necessary, and detailed their suggestion, some concerning to allow a greater implication of youth in their environment through the creation of youth assemblies, others tackling the issue of access to youth-oriented information through digital platforms that would gather essential data for the youth, and finally others proposing clearer professional pathways for youngsters.

A representative of the hosting local authority – Laurence Hourcourigaray- also shared her experience on a successful digital methodology implemented with local youth in the Pyrénées Atlantiques: 'The Youth Compass' / 'La Boussole des Jeunes'.

After the break, the audience split into small groups of about 10 people and were given the summary of each suggestion in English – non-English speakers were given further explanation by project managers (summaries attached below). The workshops concluded with exchanges between participants who shared valuable feedback on the solutions proposed.

A digital activity - aha slides survey - concluded the event, asking the participants to the debates to provide the answers to four questions: their age / if they had enjoyed the event / if taking part in this event inspired them to get involved for their generation / and finally which of the five suggestions -to them- effectively met the needs of the younger generations.

Analysing the results, we observed that the audience polled was composed of 37.5% of 16–25-year-olds, 29,17% were between 25 and 35, and 33.33 were over 35. All respondents declared they had enjoyed the event, and 78.26% definitely felt inspired to get involved for their generation, the rest (21.74%) were open to consider the opportunity, none provided a negative answer. Eventually, when asked which suggestion could effectively meet the needs of young generations, the one dedicated to the implementation of professional forums in secondary education received the most support (40.91%) (worth noticing is the fact that respondents could not provide more than one answer, although many expressed their intention to, the results might have been different had they been able to tick several suggestions).

Part 2 November, 20, 2024

- The second part of the event took the form of a general presentation and several workshops to collect the feedbacks of the 18-25 in Pau on the 5 suggestions proposed by the consortium. The activities were conducted by Martina Massoli, from Pistes Solidaires.

<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	Participants' impressions on the issues faced by French youth / general overview of the project.
<b>10:15 – 11:15</b>	Workshops: study of a suggestion and debates over the topic / the solutions
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	Conclusions shared on the 5 innovations
<b>11:30 – 11:45</b>	Aha slides survey (4 questions) about the workshops and participants' feelings

The session opened with the young participants' first impressions on the issues faced by French youth and their knowledge of different solutions proposed to alleviate these difficulties. Then a general overview of the project was given.

The youth were then separated into sub-groups of 4. Each group was given the methodology of a suggestion and invited to exchange on it, then present it to the others and give their views on the solution presented to spark debate.

After concluding on the various comments, the participants were asked to answer 4 aha slides questions to express their opinions on the activity.

5 methodologies:

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### Testimonies of participants:

#### SPAIN

##### Reingard:

Especially interesting about the So I BeLiv conference in Bayonne was for me the realisation through the results of the researches that the youth in the participating countries were largely facing similar challenges. These included the need for job security, affordable housing, mental health support and better access to education as well as information about future possibilities. As a young person, the proposed solutions sounded very promising: having a European platform with customised information on mobility opportunities would be great for youth looking to gain experiences and provides easy access to information. Also creating connections between authorities and youth through youth councils is important for easier political participation and empowerment opportunities. Funding and implementing projects proposed by students further enables participation on a practical level and empowers youth further to combat problems themselves. Connecting youth with employment stakeholders addresses income insecurities and helps with networking. The challenges found in implementing these suggestions included financing and motivating involved parties to participate. I learned a lot and hope that with time these ideas will be implemented. It shows again, how exchange and openness to learning from one another is beneficial and will provide inspiration for good practice. I appreciate the work that went into this and am very thankful that I could take part in this experience.

##### Mouna:

Participating in an international conference on youth issues was a transformative experience, because I had a big chance to share ideas, and collaborate with peers from around Europe. I gained a sense of empowerment as we discussed pressing topics that affect the next generation, such as climate change, education, and mental health. It was really a chance to contribute to meaningful dialogues for solutions that resonate with youth everywhere.

##### Sarah:

Going to Bayonne as part of the Caminos' team gave me the possibility to learn more about this project and for my personal life. Additionally, being part of the target group of the project, I felt understood and was fond of the ideas on how to reduce youngsters' fear and uncertainty of the future. This trip showed me how an Erasmus project can be. Hopefully, the presented innovations can be conducted!

#### FRANCE

##### Gioia:

How can I enlarge my social environment? Can I discover the world, and in which city would I like to study one day?

While these questions are widely posed by young people, they often remain just as widely unanswered.

Countless existing ideas and answers to these questions, such as youth projects in the EU, internships abroad, and many more, thereby remain unheard of.

The event that took place last Thursday presented innovative international concepts to encounter this existing problem, encouraging the promotion of abilities and the dissemination of already existing opportunities for youngsters.

Presenting newly-turned 18-year-old youngster myself, this event has been a literal eye-opener.

##### Miriam:

I was positively surprised by all the proposals by the project partners and I was very pleased to see that young people are being taken seriously and that people are trying to help them and involve them more. Everyone I spoke to said that the programmes that already exist are not very visible and difficult to find, so I think the 'La Boussole des jeunes' concept really makes a lot of sense.

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I found the location, the people, and the food to be well-organized and inclusive. The presentations were also interesting, informative, well-structured, and engaging.

**CROATIA****Nikolina Uroda:**

As a public administrator, I found presented social innovation from other countries very illuminating and beneficial. I would like to emphasize the „Youth Compass“ platform presented by the French team as a particularly interesting concept that can be applied in Croatia, both regionally in Šibenik-Knin County, and nationally. This opportunity provided me with a unique opportunity to meet young people, NGO workers, and other public administrators with whom I got to discuss overarching youth-related issues in the EU as well as exchange e positive practices that can be replicated across countries involved in the project.

**Petar Uroda:**

This was my first time being directly involved in an international project addressing problems our generation faces. I find the experience educational, and I think the connections made during the conference have the potential to lead to new initiatives between students in Croatia and other partner countries. While our time on the project was relatively limited, we managed to discuss quality ideas and expand on those conversations informally even after the conference. Overall, I find this exchange to be a great basis for further cooperation.

**David Naletilić:**

It's been four years or so since I last participated in a youth-related event. Having worked in the youth sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina, before transitioning to a different career path in Croatia, I was particularly struck by the quality and relevance of the innovative strategies presented. What stands out to me most is how this project—and this conference specifically—became a catalyst for my own renewed motivation to engage with the NGO sector and youth work. The rigor and creativity that characterized the project, and the professionalism of the conference organization, rekindled a passion I had set aside when I moved to Croatia. How come? Well, the identified problems youth face today, from mental health challenges to barriers in education and the quality of available leisure activities were directly addressed through suggested innovations that were not just generalized concepts but which demonstrated actual applicability, focusing on tackling concrete needs with practicality and empathy. Youth councils, internet platforms, and direct participation in decision-making are not only appealing concepts. These, in my opinion, constitute effective interventions required to address deeply ingrained societal challenges, with the potential to transform how we, as a society, engage with and support young people during these challenging times.

**ITALY****Professor Giacomo Mulè****President of the Unione degli Assessorati**

The final meeting in Bayonne on October 17, 2024 crowned for the Italian delegation in an exhaustive manner the work done in these years, since December 1, 2022. This was possible thanks to the great harmony that was established among the partners and especially for the particular empathy that the guests were able to convey to everyone, organizing in all details the day in the best possible way, despite a heavy rain that had made us fear the worst. Certain of interpreting the feeling of all the members of the Italian delegation, I like to give my sincere thanks.

**Giovanni Spinoso****President of Bompietro Youth Council**

It was a pleasure to take part in the last of the conferences of the So I BeLiv project. I had the chance to take part in most of them, except the one in Slovenia due to health issues, and therefore witnessing the whole process that brought to the formulation of several suggestions and proposals that will definitely be of inspiration for partner municipalities, and that I will definitely bring forward to the town council of my hometown.

**SLOVENIA****Anita:**

The So I Beliv conference took place on 17 October 2024 in Bayonne, in a welcoming environment, bringing

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together participants of different genders, nationalities, languages, cultures and ages, with the common goal that young, promising members of the EU, who are the driving force for sustainable development and a fairer future, deserve the support of all stakeholders.

**Tjaša:**

As a school employee, I have also been involved in teaching during the Covid-19 epidemic, both in school and remotely, and have been confronted with many of the difficulties and advantages of working with students. The topic is of course still very topical now, so I decided to attend a conference in France entitled So I beliv - social innovations for a better life for young people, their needs and deficits during and after the epidemic. It was interesting to listen to the representatives of the different countries, how they dealt with the problems and the conclusions of their research on the strengths and difficulties of young people during and after Covid. I particularly enjoyed the opening game, where we got to know each other and the members of the other countries, and the closing game, where the members and the representative (grouped by country) reported on the positive and negative effects of specific actions on young people (from other countries) during and after the epidemic. I am glad to have been part of this project, as the whole experience was very enjoyable.

**Judita:**

I am a teacher at a primary school in my hometown and from 15 to 18 October 2024, I participated in the international conference in France: So, I BeLiv. Apart from the conference, the travel and sightseeing itself was a valuable experience for me. I have been teaching fifth graders for many years. This year, the fifth-graders are the generation who were "thrown" in front of the screens in the first grade because they were prevented from entering school by Covid. That is why I decided to go to this conference. I wanted to know what are the views and solutions on Covid, how they have been tackled in other countries. I am sure that the population of adolescents that has been covered in these studies is more discerning than 11-year-olds, but...I learned a lot of new and interesting things. Italy, France, Spain, Croatia and Slovenia were represented. I am sure that I will be able to use this analysis of the research, as well as the experience of the trip, with my students, and I will also present it to my colleagues at school.

**Links to press articles/social media pages related to the project event:**

- <https://www.ic-geoss.si/soibeliv-8/>
- <https://www.mojaobcina.si/smartno-pri-litiji/novice/socialne-inovacije-za-boljso-prihodnost--projekt-so-i-beliv-1.html>
- <https://www.mojaobcina.si/litija/novice/socialne-inovacije-za-boljso-prihodnost--projekt-so-i-beliv.html>
- [https://www.instagram.com/p/C89KAw5qct/?fbclid=IwY2xjawGanmhleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHcfbq2tR2zFy6toCSCyINA9EO\\_CPUCJs5hw1qnDh1NjANsh9YvsWZ5fqww\\_aem\\_aCzWCy3KCuzbIK8fkHL7jg](https://www.instagram.com/p/C89KAw5qct/?fbclid=IwY2xjawGanmhleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHcfbq2tR2zFy6toCSCyINA9EO_CPUCJs5hw1qnDh1NjANsh9YvsWZ5fqww_aem_aCzWCy3KCuzbIK8fkHL7jg)
- [https://www.facebook.com/icgeoss/posts/pfbid02TbHSevhSbpC1ccFoBp753N24TrWTLRALLVby9ycEo\\_hNfafnZbJ8HfbFxlKB2ZsB8l](https://www.facebook.com/icgeoss/posts/pfbid02TbHSevhSbpC1ccFoBp753N24TrWTLRALLVby9ycEo_hNfafnZbJ8HfbFxlKB2ZsB8l)
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- <https://epale.ec.europa.eu/sl/blog/socialne-inovacije-za-boljso-prihodnost-projekt-so-i-beliv>
- Local newspaper Občan – article titles »Socialne inovacije za boljšo prihodnost – Projekt So I BeLiv«
- <https://www.facebook.com/pistesolidaires>
- <https://www.pau.fr/agenda/invitation-pistes-solidaires>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Asoccaminos/posts/pfbid02BA7TN7URsXbbQmStZiCNGH6BHCm5PAh9M3UU16BxfxrKDZ4VaVtQfpjmoq1YAh8l>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7254050541943615488>
- [https://www.instagram.com/p/DBOa\\_MqM9E8/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==](https://www.instagram.com/p/DBOa_MqM9E8/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==)
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- <http://mladi-eu.hr/zavrsna-medunarodna-konferencija-projekta-soibeliv-u-bayonneu-francuska/>

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- Pistes Solidaires: <https://www.pistes-solidaires.fr/projet/so-i-beliv/>
- Asociaciòn Caminos: [https://www.asoccaminos.org/files/So-I-BeLiv\\_project-information.pdf](https://www.asoccaminos.org/files/So-I-BeLiv_project-information.pdf)
- Udruga Mladhi: <https://www.ic-geoss.si/en/projects/soibeliv/>

Links to the municipalities' websites where the event description sheet is published

- Municipality of Litija: <https://litija.si/objava/727340>
- Municipality of Bompietro: <https://comune.bompietro.pa.it/it/news/so-i-be-liv?type=1>
- Municipality of Šibenik: <https://www.sibenik.hr/clanci/grad-sibenik-i-udruga-mladih-mladi-u-eu-zajedno-priveli-kraju-jos-jedan-me-unarodni-projekt-za-mlade/12864.html>