EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

AllonBoard: The Road to Democracy · CERV Programme

PROJECT	
Participant:	5 — Veleučilište u Šibeniku — VUS
PIC number:	880224651
Project name and acronym:	AllonBoard: The Road to Democracy — AllonBoard

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5
Event name:	WP5 — Youth Mentorship Activation Lab
Type:	Webinar — participatory mentorship lab
In situ / online:	Online
Location:	Microsoft Teams, hosted through the EU Rural Pact Community Group platform
Date(s):	09/06/2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.allonboard-project.eu/wp5-youth-mentorship-activation-lab/
PARTICIPANTS	
Female:	85
Male:	68
Non-binary:	5
From country 1 — Portugal:	20
From country 2 — Italy:	17
From country 3 — Spain:	26
From country 4 — Slovakia:	16
From country 5 — Croatia:	32
From country 6 — Germany:	24
From country 7 — Sweden:	18
From other countries:	5

Total number of participants:	158
Grant output target:	101 (declared band 101–125)
Under-35 achieved:	135

DESCRIPTION (MAX 1 PAGE)

WP5 was delivered by Veleučilište u Šibeniku (VUS) as a single online session on 9 June 2026, on Microsoft Teams and hosted through the EU Rural Pact Community Group platform. The activity was open to registration and held mainly in English, with breakout rooms organised by working language.

The Lab had three objectives: to promote youth-led civic mentorship as a driver of democratic participation and inclusion; to give participants practical tools for launching mentoring initiatives in their own communities; and to create momentum for a transnational network of young mentors within the project.

The session opened with an introduction to AllonBoard and to the concept of youth civic mentorship, followed by mentorship stories from a mentor and a mentee, giving participants concrete personal accounts of how guidance and peer support work in practice. Participants then moved into language-based breakout rooms to work on creating or supporting a local mentoring initiative, addressing what mentoring can look like in their own context, which partners and resources it would need, and how it can remain inclusive, safe and accessible. The session closed with the launch of the Commitment Wall, on which participants recorded a concrete next step — finding a mentee, starting a mentoring circle, sharing their story or supporting another young person.

The activity recorded 158 participants — 85 female, 68 male and 5 non-binary, with every participant declaring a gender — from the seven partner countries and beyond, of whom 135 were aged under 35, exceeding the declared lump sum band of 101–125 for the under-35 target group. A further 23 participants aged 35 and above attended and are recorded in the attendance register but fall outside the grant output indicator. WP5 met the per-country participation minimum in all seven partner countries.

Two methodological outputs were produced from the Lab. The Mentoring Blueprints set out five models of civic mentoring — peer-to-peer, rural youth, migrant civic integration, digital and community leadership — and the Mentoring Idea Templates translate them into ten transferable mentoring activities that partners and local organisations can adapt. Together with the Commitment Wall, these feed directly into the WP6 Local Mentor Training Labs and the WP7 European Civic Mentors Exchange.

Participant feedback identified the mentorship stories as the most valued element of the Lab, followed by the language-based breakout rooms and the group discussion they enabled. Participants rated the inclusiveness of the session and the relevance of the topic to their own lives above the project threshold, as did the consortium delivery assessment. The Lab established the starting point for a transnational network of young mentors that the following work packages will develop further.