EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

AllonBoard: The Road to Democracy · CERV Programme

PROJECT	
Participant:	7 — Vidiecky parlament mladých na Slovensku — VPMS (WP11 lead)
PIC number:	883353296
Project name and acronym:	AllonBoard: The Road to Democracy — AllonBoard

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	11
Event name:	WP11 — European Civic Hackathon for Youth Inclusion and Democratic Innovation
Type:	Hackathon — youth co-creation and pitching competition
In situ / online:	In situ
Location:	Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica (Slovakia)
Date(s):	21/10/2026 – 22/10/2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.allonboard-project.eu/wp11-european-civic-hackathon/
PARTICIPANTS	
Female:	61
Male:	39
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 — Portugal:	5
From country 2 — Italy:	8
From country 3 — Spain:	5
From country 4 — Slovakia:	71
From country 5 — Croatia:	4
From country 6 — Germany:	4
From country 7 — Sweden:	3

From other countries:	0
Total number of participants:	100
Grant output target:	76 (target: 100 youth)
Under-35 achieved:	91

DESCRIPTION (MAX 1 PAGE)

WP11 was organised by VPMS – Rural Youth Parliament in Slovakia, as WP11 lead, and delivered in person on 21–22 October 2026 in Banská Bystrica (Slovakia). The hackathon took place on 21 October at the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations of Matej Bel University, followed by a learning visit on 22 October. It brought young people from schools, universities and youth parliaments of the Banská Bystrica region together with delegations from all partner countries.

The hackathon had three objectives: to give young people a space to turn civic challenges into concrete proposals; to develop their teamwork, design and pitching skills; and to generate youth-led ideas on migrant inclusion, digital civic participation and participatory democracy for the project's Civic Innovation Toolkit.

After a welcome by Prof. Peter Terem, Vice-Dean of the Faculty, and the presentation of AllonBoard by the Municipality of Lisbon and of VPMS, thematic inputs introduced migrant inclusion, participatory democracy and digital civic participation, including EU participation tools and the European Citizens' Initiative. Using design thinking and co-creation, eight teams supported by mentors and facilitators identified barriers affecting their communities, developed solutions and prototype concepts with the Hackathon Team Workbook, and presented them to a jury and the audience, who voted for their favourite project. On 22 October, participants visited the Milan Hodža Secondary Vocational School (Pod Bánošom campus), where a guided tour and a hands-on workshop showed examples of inclusion in education and community life.

The hackathon gathered 100 participants — 61 female and 39 male — from the seven partner countries, of whom 91 were aged under 35, above the requirement of 76 for the under-35 target group. A further 9 participants aged 35 and above are recorded but fall outside the grant output indicator.

The teams produced eight civic innovation proposals: multilingual support for migrant workers; a storytelling campaign on migrants' skills; three digital inclusion concepts based on youth buddies and intergenerational learning; school debates with local politicians; a youth platform linking young people with representatives; and a rural youth assembly. A Reason to Stay, the rural youth assembly, was selected as the overall winner and Beyond the Label received the audience award. The proposals are documented in the WP11 Hackathon Results report and feed the Civic Innovation Toolkit.

Participants particularly valued the teamwork in mixed teams, the chance to build communication and presentation skills in English, the new perspectives gained on migration and on what young people can achieve, and the contacts made across countries. Many reported greater confidence that young people's voice counts in their communities.