EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	6 — Associazione San Giuseppe Onlus — SG (WP6 lead)
PIC number:	910511647
Project name and acronym:	AllonBoard: The Road to Democracy — AllonBoard

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6
Event name:	WP6 — Local Mentor Training Labs
Type:	Seven national capacity-building labs for civic mentors
In situ / online:	In situ
Location:	Hokovce (SK), Lisbon (PT), Dortmund (DE), Carcaixent and Sueca (ES), Roseto Valfortore (IT), Stockholm (SE), Šibenik (HR)
Date(s):	26/08/2026 – 17/09/2026 (SK 26/08; PT and DE 08/09; ES 08–09/09; IT 14/09; SE 15/09; HR 17/09)
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.allonboard-project.eu/wp6-local-mentor-training-labs/
PARTICIPANTS	
Female:	70
Male:	73
Non-binary:	3
From country 1 — Portugal:	21
From country 2 — Italy:	18
From country 3 — Spain:	25
From country 4 — Slovakia:	19
From country 5 — Croatia:	21
From country 6 — Germany:	21
From country 7 — Sweden:	21

From other countries:	0
Total number of participants:	146
Grant output target:	126 (18 participants per country)

DESCRIPTION (MAX 1 PAGE)

WP6 was coordinated by Associazione San Giuseppe (SG) and delivered as seven in-person Local Mentor Training Labs, one per partner country, between 26 August and 17 September 2026. The Labs were hosted by VPMS in Hokovce, IGOT – Universidade de Lisboa with the Municipality of Lisbon, Chancengleich in Dortmund, Consorci de la Ribera in Carcaixent and Sueca, SG and Meridaunia in Roseto Valfortore, Traces&Dreams in Stockholm and Veleučilište u Šibeniku in Šibenik, all following the common WP6 Methodological Framework and the Mentorship Activation Toolkit.

The Labs aimed to train a first group of civic mentors in each country in the AllonBoard approach, in which the mentor facilitates agency rather than teaching; to practise active listening, open questioning and inclusive facilitation; and to connect mentoring with real local challenges and with dialogue with local authorities.

Each Lab followed a common two-part structure adapted to its local context: first, group building, a presentation of AllonBoard and personal reflection with the Reflection Journal; then mentoring role-plays and group work on a local challenge using the Toolkit's needs and stakeholder mapping, civic action planning and municipality engagement tools, closing with personal civic commitments. Local adaptations included LEGO® Serious Play® in Lisbon, a group vote on a shared priority in Stockholm, mixed groups with local administrators in Roseto Valfortore and a low-paper digital format in Dortmund.

The Labs gathered 146 participants — 70 female, 73 male and 3 non-binary — from the seven partner countries. Every country reached its target of 18 participants, bringing the total above the grant output target of 126. Participants formed a mixed group: youth workers, educators, school mentors, volunteers, NGO and municipal staff alongside students and young people, a large share of them under 35, many working with migrant-background youth, NEETs and rural or disadvantaged communities.

Groups produced canvases, draft civic initiatives and personal commitments on local challenges such as the lack of safe spaces for young people, student mobility and campus liveability, the barriers faced by young migrants and NEETs, and the feeling of not being heard. Local administrators took part directly in Roseto Valfortore and Lisbon, and the Šibenik proposals will be presented to the City's Youth Council. The lessons were integrated into the Mentorship Activation Toolkit and fed its validation at the WP7 European Civic Mentors Exchange in Italy.

Partners reported positive feedback, with participants valuing the practical, participatory approach, the exchange of perspectives and the shift from giving advice to asking open questions. The Labs created the first community of AllonBoard civic mentors across the seven partner countries, to be developed further in WP12, From Learners to Leaders.