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Contributing to
strengthening a European
identity





The reflection on European Citizenship, Identity and Values is an on-going process which requires continuous updating through discussion, research, teaching, and dissemination of the results. UNITA is performing a series of learning activities on European citizenship for UNITA students and staff. During this first year of action, the following initiatives have taken place: Survey on European Identity and European Citizenship, carried out online from July to November. The aim of this voluntary anonymous survey was to collect perceptions of different target groups (students, University staff, civil society) on European identity and European citizenship. The survey was adapted and organized in line with the data provided by the Eurobarometer. The survey was distributed in English, Spanish, Romanian, French, Italian and Portuguese. It had 3430 participants. The results of this survey will help to adapt the activities developed in the framework of the UNITA

project to the perception of those concepts and strengthen the knowledge and engagement with the European Project.

The answers to the survey are going to be used to organize a series of workshops on European identity and citizenship. The first one was organized during October 2021. The workshop "The 'highlander perspective' on European Citizenship", was held in Spanish during the 5th and 6th of October 2021. Similar workshops will be held in the other languages of the alliance. Another one took place on the 27th of October 2021 at the University of Turin. The online workshop on "Significato e pratiche di cittadinanza europea - Meaning and practices of European citizenship" was composed of a morning plenary session and four focus groups in the afternoon.

UNITA has created a digital forum on European citizenship to stimulate students and staff to discuss these topics. The participation of all the members of the UNITA community is encouraged through the provision of information on specific political, sociological and historical issues about European citizenship, such as the videos about the agricultural policy of the EU. Moreover, the Forum will also host a civic calendar for Europe that will include some of the most significant dates for each of the countries of the UNITA Alliance, as well as for the European integration process as a whole. All UNITA languages, including English, are welcome.

For the reinforcement of the European identity by understanding its past and present developments in the fields of Law, History, Sociology and Political Science, a call for an

award has been issued for Master and Bachelor dissertations from all UNITA Universities. This call is going to be launched yearly and it will allow to provide works that address the issue of European citizenship from any discipline. The approach to the concepts of identity and European citizenship of the inhabitants of mountainous areas of a cross-border nature and in which Romance languages are spoken will be especially considered.

As part of the dissemination program of citizenship and European identity made by the students of UNITA universities, especially in Secondary Schools (high school), these institutions were contacted, and an appeal was launched to university students interested in being ambassadors of the citizenship and European identity program. 20 UNIZAR students are working with the High Schools to do dissemination activities and to promote the use of the Interactive forum among students in their pre-university period. The same is happening also in all the other Universities. At UNITO, for instance, there is a group of professors that will start in-person activities with some of Turin's high schools, focusing on some of the topical dates included in the Civic calendar of the Interactive Forum. At the beginning of the project, a competitive call for a PhD program on European citizenship from the perspective of the inhabitants of rural mountainous regions was launched at all UNITA universities.

Another activity launched during this year was an Audiovisual contest on European citizenship. In order to approach the study and

dissemination of European citizenship and identity from several perspectives to achieve a greater audience, an audiovisual contest was launched. The objective of this contest is to present photographs and videos about European citizenship and identity. The contest is open to UNITA Universities communities.

