

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Project 101192012 — Village Verve
<b>Participant:</b>	Municipality of Athienou, Cyprus
<b>PIC number:</b>	907666928

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	WP2 – 5th Meeting
<b>Event name:</b>	<i><b>EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN: CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP IN CLIMATE ACTION</b></i>
<b>Type:</b>	Workshop / Transnational Meeting
<b>In situ/online:</b>	<i>Online</i>
<b>Location:</b>	Hosted by the Municipality of Athienou, Cyprus
<b>Date(s):</b>	11–12 March 2026
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.athienou.org.cy/">https://www.athienou.org.cy/</a>
Participants	
Female:	37
Male:	6
Non-binary:	0
From Spain:	9
From Romania:	4
From Cyprus:	10
From Portugal :	3
From Slovenia	4
From Italy	3
From Latvia	6
From Lithuania	4
Total number of participants:	43
From total number of countries :	8

**Description**

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

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The event involved local authorities, youth workers, representatives of partner organisations, stakeholders and citizens, fostering dialogue, exchange of experiences and active participation in issues related to climate change, sustainability and the role of women in rural communities.

**Objectives:**

- To promote the exchange of experiences and good practices among partner communities.
- To strengthen the role of rural women in climate action and sustainable development.
- To encourage active participation and dialogue among citizens and stakeholders.

**Participants:**

A total of more than 40 participants attended the meeting, representing partner organisations from 8 different countries.

The participating organisations were:

- FEDERACION DE LA MUJER RURAL (FEMUR) (Spain).
- ATHIENOU DIMOS (ATHIENOU) (Cyprus).
- REZEKNES NOVADA PASVALDIBA (PASVALDIBA) (Latvia).
- VYTAUTO DIDZIOJO UNIVERSITETAS (VMU) (Lithuania)
- JUDETUL HARGHITA (HARGHITA) (Romania)
- RAZVOJNO RAZISKOVALNI CENTER RRC ORMOZ (ORMOZ) (Slovenia)
- CIM DO AVE-COMUNIDADE INTERMUNICIPAL DO AVE (CIM DO AVE) (Portugal)
- ASSOCIAZIONE USAMBORGIA (USAMBORGIA) (Italy)

From March 11 to 12, 2026, the Municipality of Athienou hosted the 5th transnational meeting of the project "Village Verve! Women at the Forefront of Climate and Development", which was successfully implemented online due to unforeseen circumstances.

The meeting brought together participants from partner countries to exchange ideas and explore approaches related to climate challenges, sustainability and the empowerment of rural women.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES TAKEN PLACE****11/03/2026**

- The meeting started with a welcome speech by the Mayor of Athienou, followed by a video presentation introducing the municipality and its local context.
- A presentation of Athienou was delivered, highlighting its rural character, cultural heritage, community participation and the role of women in local initiatives.
- The **Hands-On Action Labs** activity took place, where participants were divided into groups and worked collaboratively to propose solutions to climate-related challenges in rural communities.
- After a short break, the **Climate Action Story Circles** session was implemented. Partners shared experiences and initiatives from their communities, focusing on climate challenges and the role of women in environmental actions.

**12/03/2026**

- The second day started with a welcome and a short recap of the previous day's activities.
- The **Leadership Challenge Quest** was implemented, where participants worked in groups to develop ideas on how to promote leadership and community engagement in climate initiatives, with a particular focus on the role of women.
- After group discussions, participants presented their ideas and engaged in a collective reflection.

- Following a short break, the **Inspirational Trail Walk** activity was adapted to an online format and implemented as an open discussion session. Participants shared reflections, ideas and experiences related to sustainability, leadership and community engagement.
- The meeting concluded with a wrap-up session and closing remarks.

### Conclusion

The event successfully promoted cooperation among partners and provided a valuable platform for exchanging experiences and ideas related to climate challenges and the role of rural women.

Despite being implemented online, the meeting achieved a high level of participation and interaction. The activities contributed to meaningful discussions and strengthened collaboration among partner communities.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01/09/2022	Initial version (new MFF).