

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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**!** *Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).*

PROJECT	
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Rural Youth and Depopulation - Transforming Rural Communities with the New European Bauhaus — RYDTRCNEB
<b>Participant:</b>	AYUNTAMIENTO DE CERDA (Cerdà)
<b>PIC number:</b>	876216230

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<b>Event number:</b>	1
<b>Event name:</b>	TRANSNATIONAL TOWN-TWINNING EVENT IN CERDÀ (RURAL YOUTH AND DEPOPULATION – NEB)
<b>Type:</b>	Workshop / Conference (town twinning event)
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Spain, Cerdà (Valencia region)
<b>Date(s):</b>	23–24 January 2026
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DOyavhbAutj/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DOyavhbAutj/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DT2fuOFApZZ/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DT2fuOFApZZ/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DUA09nXgn6s/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DUA09nXgn6s/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DUVR4Jcgt1M/">https://www.instagram.com/p/DUVR4Jcgt1M/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/rsoares.bemviver/">https://www.instagram.com/rsoares.bemviver/</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/filiala_sepoate/">https://www.instagram.com/filiala_sepoate/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FilialaAsociatieiSEPOATE">https://www.facebook.com/FilialaAsociatieiSEPOATE</a> <a href="https://filialasepoate.ro/">https://filialasepoate.ro/</a> <a href="https://www.udruga-drvo.hr/clanovi-udruga-drvo-sudjelovali-u-provedbi-projekta-rydtrcneb/">https://www.udruga-drvo.hr/clanovi-udruga-drvo-sudjelovali-u-provedbi-projekta-rydtrcneb/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02CrCcwKpBghCW1XatWNGsAh6pTZSae1Z6MFPb578eUKvB1NxFXL7uShZJJQf1uNYEI&amp;id=61562501002621&amp;locale=hr_HR">https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02CrCcwKpBghCW1XatWNGsAh6pTZSae1Z6MFPb578eUKvB1NxFXL7uShZJJQf1uNYEI&amp;id=61562501002621&amp;locale=hr_HR</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DUgix06jyDM/?hl=es&amp;img_index=1">https://www.instagram.com/p/DUgix06jyDM/?hl=es&amp;img_index=1</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/DUBpQljkTiF/?hl=es&amp;img_index=1">https://www.instagram.com/p/DUBpQljkTiF/?hl=es&amp;img_index=1</a>
<b>Participants</b>	
Female:	96
Male:	73

Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 Spain:	60 (30 female, 30 male)		
From country 2 Croatia:	12 (6 female, 6 male)		
From country 3 Hungary:	24 (14 female, 10 male)		
From country 4 Romania:	6 (4 female, 2 male)		
From country 5 Slovenia:	13 (10 female, 3 male)		
From country 6 Portugal:	5 (3 female, 2 male)		
From country 7 Bulgaria:	26 (16 female, 10 male)		
From country 8 Italy:	23 (13 female, 10 male)		
Total number of participants:	169	From total number of countries:	8
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>The transnational town-twinning event held in Cerdà (Spain) on 23–24 January 2026 gathered 169 officially registered participants from eight European countries. The event was structured as a comprehensive participatory programme addressing rural depopulation, youth empowerment and sustainable rural development.</p> <p>The event opened with an official welcome session and short presentations by each partner delegation, introducing local realities, demographic challenges and ongoing rural initiatives. This created a shared European framework for dialogue and mutual understanding.</p> <p>A thematic workshop on the challenges of rural depopulation analysed structural causes such as youth outmigration, limited employment opportunities, ageing populations and reduced access to services. Participants worked in mixed transnational groups to compare territorial situations and identify common patterns across countries.</p> <p>This was followed by a debate session on opportunities for remote rural areas, focusing on innovation, digitalisation, local entrepreneurship and community-based development. The “Mapping Rural Assets” activity enabled participants to identify tangible and intangible local resources, including natural capital, cultural heritage, skills, associations and social cohesion mechanisms. This exercise fostered a strengths-based approach to rural revitalisation.</p> <p>A dedicated session on youth employment and economic opportunities explored strategies to support rural youth through entrepreneurship, skills development and diversification of local economies. Discussions addressed barriers faced by young people and practical policy responses at local level.</p> <p>The programme included a field visit to a young local farmer initiative, providing a concrete example of generational renewal and sustainable rural entrepreneurship. Participants interacted directly with the entrepreneur, gaining insight into innovative agricultural practices and community-rooted business models.</p> <p>During the second day, a Good Practices Exchange session allowed partner organisations to present successful rural development initiatives implemented in their territories. This peer-learning environment facilitated the transfer of ideas and strengthened transnational cooperation.</p> <p>A co-creation workshop and participatory visioning exercise enabled participants to collaboratively design future scenarios for resilient rural communities. Using interactive methodologies, groups developed proposals aligned with sustainability, inclusiveness and the valorisation of local identity.</p>			

The event concluded with a public stakeholder session involving local actors and civil society representatives. A symbolic Sustainability Commitment was signed, expressing the shared intention of partners to continue cooperation and promote youth-led rural innovation beyond the project framework.

In parallel, the event coincided with the traditional local festivities of Sant Antoni Abat. International participants engaged with local cultural activities, reinforcing intercultural dialogue and strengthening the town-twinning dimension through direct community interaction.

Overall, the event successfully combined policy dialogue, participatory methodologies, practical learning experiences and intercultural exchange, resulting in reinforced European cooperation and a shared commitment to sustainable rural revitalisation.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).