



OPEN AIR UNIVERSITY

for the Europe of the Future

**DEMOCRACY | EQUALITY |
COHESION | DIGITAL | CLIMATE |
BIODIVERSITY**

Online & *24-28 October*
Reguengos de Monsaraz, Alentejo

Our Future Europe's



Europe
for Citizens

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Five-day retreat near
near the European
largest reserve Lake

Alqueva Lake
ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL





MEDIA PROJECTS,
OPEN-AIR DEBATES,
INFORMAL LEARNING
ACTIVITIES, AND
PARTICIPANT-LED
CONVERSATION

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*Our Future Europe's
Open call for best media projects*



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Our Future Europe

“ SPACE OF FREEDOM,
DISCUSSION AND
COMMITMENT TO THE
FUTURE OF EUROPE WITH
STRONGER REGIONS ”

The project

This Europe For Citizens project is a path organised into six modules and a Lakathon. Each Module is a five-day retreat near a European Lake, in a different European Region.

The first three Modules examines the pillar of future Europe: Democracy, Cohesion, Equality. The seconds move on analysing the **drivers of its sustainability:** Climate Neutrality, Biodiversity, Digital Innovation.

Creative contents, media projects, Open-air debates, informal learning activities, and participant-led conversation aims to achieve EUbyLakes' objectives:

(1) promote forward-looking discussion on the future of Europe, **(2)** increase participants' knowledge and understanding of the EU, **(3)** contribute to citizens' awareness of EU, **(4)** establish a regular cycle of Open-Air Universities, **(5)** strengthening the role of regions in the future European governance and institutional architecture.



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Europe for Citizens

EUbyLakes is funded under **Europe for Citizens** 2014-20 action programme. Europe for Citizens (EFC) support initiatives to strengthen remembrance of the recent European history and to enhance civic participation at EU level.

Under the overall aim of bringing the Union closer to citizens the general objectives are:

- to contribute to citizens' understanding of the Union, its history and diversity;
- to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at Union level.

In line with the general and specific objectives of the Programme, annual priorities are defined by the European Commission after consultation of the Programme Committee. Applicants are encouraged to develop projects in line with the objectives of the Programme and targeting the annual priorities.

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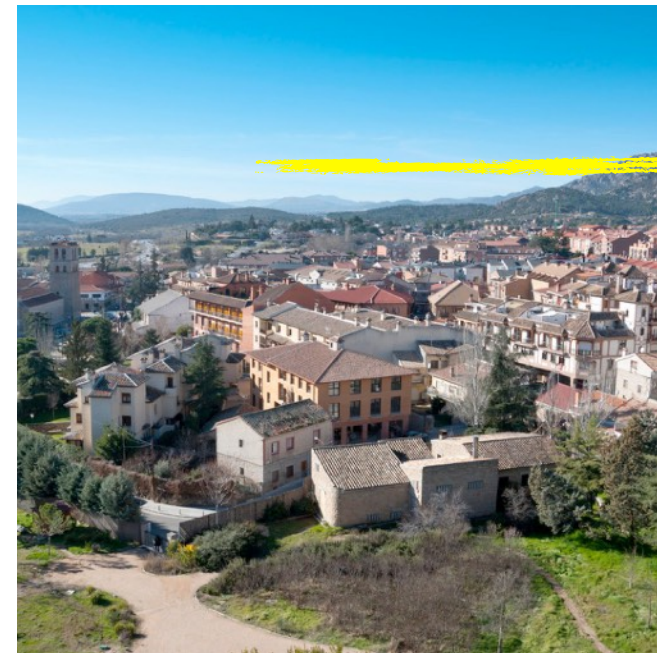


“ IT IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE HISTORY. EVEN MORE, IT IS OUR DUTY TO ACT NOW. ”

URSULA VON DER LEYEN, PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Climate Neutrality & Smart Rural Regions

The transition to Climate neutrality is the greatest challenge and opportunity for Europe to create a future-ready economy and societal well-being. How can rural areas seize the opportunities that technological advances bring, providing prosperity for their citizens and ensuring Nature protection is part of EUbyLakes' debates agenda. The future has to be smarter not only for cities but also for rural areas, where time and change are less rapid.



Cohesion in the digital age

“ COHESION POLICY IS THE EUROPEAN UNION'S STRATEGY TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE 'OVERALL HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT' OF ITS MEMBER STATES AND REGIONS. ”

Cohesion plays a crucial role in holding the Union together, reducing the economic, social, and territorial disparities that treat the European integration.

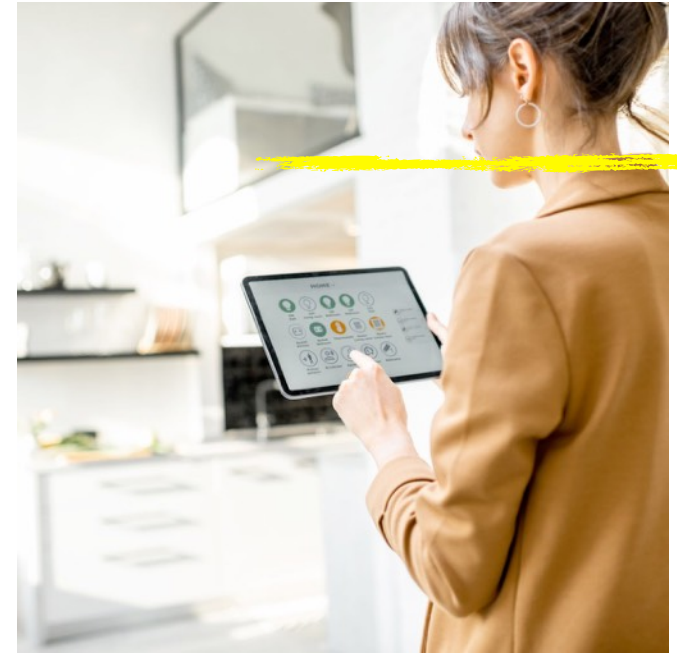
How can Europe, through cohesion policies and instruments, overcome the social, economic and geographical differences in the digital transition, ensuring that all citizens, regions and economies have equal opportunities? And, how can digital be an engine of union and cooperation and not an amplifier of disparities, gaps and misinformation.



Biodiversity & modern societies

Protecting biodiversity is a cut-crossing obligation to preserve our environment, natural heritage, and agricultural system. Technological and social development pose great challenges to the preservation of biodiversity. How can we respect and protect different kind of life, animals, plants and microorganisms and still support innovation? Smart Communities are the ones that beyond caring about people, protect Nature!

“ WE ALL
DEPEND ON
NATURE ”



Digital Innovation

“ THE FUTURE IS NOW ”

Digital innovation is bringing fast changes in our social relations, communication strategies, and all economic sectors. Through digital innovation legacy processes can be modernised, it is possible to accelerate workflows and increase profitability but still are important questions to be solved in security and privacy, social relations, since digital competences have also increased inequalities between generations and societies. Digital transformation in Europe is the one that bridges digital divides, makes everyone to succeed the transition and unites Europe in a Smart Community oriented value-generated co-development model.



Equality

Equality, in business, politics, and society as a whole, can only be reached by giving all individuals the same opportunities to reach their full potential. Non-discrimination is a still a major challenge for us as humans, seeking a peaceful and sustainable world. How can we reorganize the systems in order to ensure that equal opportunities and rights are given to all individuals. Equality is respect, by all differences, whole diversity and every individually as well as the Societal common ground for freedom!

“ UNTIL WE GET
EQUALITY IN
EDUCATION, WE
WON'T HAVE AN
EQUAL SOCIETY. ”



Democracy & Smart Communities

The Module "Democracy" address the definition and evolution of the idea of democracy. Participants explore how the European democracy system and governance works. The module should stimulate the research of new ways to protect and strength EU democracy. The interactive methodology allows participants to create outputs, contents and materialize the freedom of participation into media projects to be initiated during the Open Air University.

“ WE HAVE TO
DRAW THE LINE
SOMEWHERE. ”



**The citizens and democratic participation is important for a better Europe as well as the stronger participation of regions in the future
European governance and institutional architecture is critical for resilience, justice and unity!**



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AGENDA

The Open Air University of EUbyLakes will take place in different locations in the region of Alentejo, enhancing opportunities to debate one of the great European themes, democracy, in a context of freedom, diversity and unity.

Lectures, debates and interventions will be broadcast at the project webpage and YouTube channel, as well as other social media channels. Media projects started during the project will be promoted, supported and publicised using own and partner channel's.

REGISTRATION

Apply for participation [here](#)

24-28 October

REGUENGOS DE MONSARAZ,
ALENTEJO (PORTUGAL)



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#24.10 *Timezone*
WEST (Lisbon time)



Noble hall of the Town Hall
of Reguengos de Monsaraz

AGENDA

15:00	Registration & reception of participants	17:45	Debate Mayors and Community leaders
17:00	Welcome Salão Nobre, Paços do Concelho de Reguengos de Monsaraz	19:00	Break
17:15	Introductory adress	20:00	Dinner
17:30	Europe for Citizens Programme	23:00	Transport




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#25.10 *Timezone*
WEST (Lisbon time)

AGENDA

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| 12:00 |  Transport
Reguengos de Monsaraz bus station | | |
| 13:00 | Thematic visit
Alqueva boat trip | 20:00 | break |
| 14:30 | Transport | 20:30 | Dinner |
| 15:00 | EUbyLakes talks
Presentation of modules results: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▸ Climate Neutrality▸ Cohesion▸ Biodiversity Working session
Centro Qualifica/ Partnerhotel | 22:00 | Walk and talk
Reguengos de Monsaraz |



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#26.10 *Timezone*
WEST (Lisbon time)

AGENDA

- 09:30 **Transport**
 Reguengos de Monsaraz bus station
- 10:30 **Welcome**
Évora
- 10:55 **Debate Democracy and Heritage**
- 12:00 **Guided visit**
FEA & Évora City center
- 13:00 **Lunch**
Évora City center (free time)

- 16:00 **Transport**
- 17:30 **Working session**
Video recording, sketches & posters
- 20:00 **break**
- 20:30 **Dinner**
- 22:00 **Walk and talk**
Reguengos de Monsaraz




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#27.10 *Timezone*
WEST (Lisbon time)

AGENDA

10:45  **Welcome**
Conde de Monsaraz Secondary
School, Reguengos de Monsaraz

11:00 **Introductory session**
EUbyLakes talks
Presentation of modules
results:

- Digital Innovation
- Equality

Working session
Conde de Monsaraz
Secondary School

12:00 **Transport**

13:00 **Lunch**

14:30 **Guided visit**
Pottery, São Pedro do Corval

16:00 **Transport**

20:30 **Dinner**

22:00 **Transport**

23:00 **Sky observation**
Alqueva

24:00 **Transport**



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#28.10 *Timezone*
WEST (Lisbon time)

AGENDA

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| 10:30 | Transport
 Reguengos de Monsaraz bus station | 17:30 | Final working session
Delivering work
Reguengos de Monsaraz |
| 11:00 | Welcome
Monsaraz | 20:00 | break |
| 11:15 | Introductory session | 20:30 | Street food |
| 11:20 | Guided visit
Castle of Monsaraz
Santiago Church
House of the Juiz de Fora | 21:30 | Visioning final works
Music Concert
Reguengos de Monsaraz
Municipal Auditorium |
| 13:00 | Lunch | | |
| 14:30 | Transport | | |



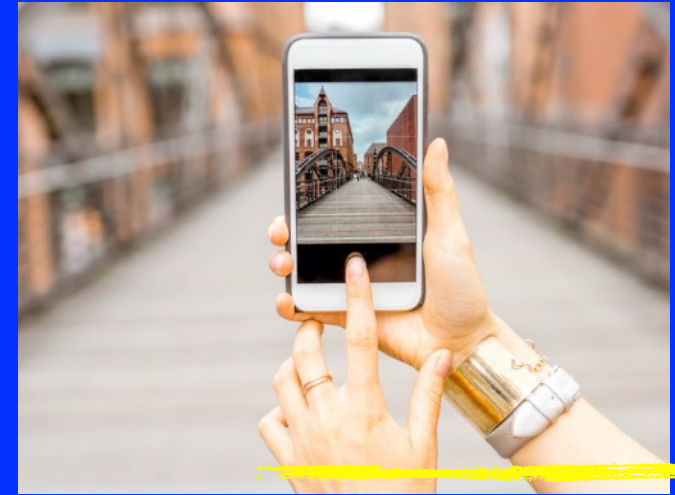
Debates

Democracy, Cohesion, Equality,
Climate Neutrality, Biodiversity,



Working sessions

Participants and community



Media

Open call



Thematic visits

Best practices and inspiring
projects



Heritage

Natural, culture and architecture



Arts & Culture

Local artists and music concert

Concert

28 October | Municipal Auditorium

KOLA

Ukrainian music star





“ CITIZENS AND CREATORS FROM
ALL OVER EUROPE ARE CALLED TO
PARTICIPATE! ”

Who can join

Everyone is welcome to apply for participation. Places are limited. Hurry up!

Artists, authors, and interested citizens are welcome to apply for participation and joining the open-air university and the creative residence as well as participation on the media projects and debates.

Contact us

residency@eurolake.eu



How to join



This **EU for Citizens' event** will be held in **Reguengos de Monsaraz, Alentejo Region, Portugal** and **on-line**. The lectures will be broadcasted on the project social media and all video interventions and projects will be part of the programme digital legacy.

Participants applications will be selected according to the number of available seats and the balance of following criteria and gender balance:

- Age range: 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | +60
- Educational level: without degree | studying for a degree | with degree | with PhD or Master
- Place of living: big cities | suburb | town or small cities | rural area



Venues

Around the lake



CASTLE OF MONSARAZ

The construction work began after the foundation of Portuguese Nationality. With the aim of increasing the settlement and its defence, King Afonso III, with the knight Martim Anes, began building the new citadel and the five square towers that make it up, the cubicle and the southern section of the barbican.

MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

The Municipal Auditorium fulfils another of the municipality's commitments to the population: a resource at the service of the arts and culture. This constitutes a space for culture, learning and artistic news, providing a public service and promoting the population's access to different cultural activities.



NOBLE HALL

of the Town Hall of Reguengos de Monsaraz



The image shows the interior of the Santiago Church Art Gallery. The space is characterized by its white walls and a series of arches supported by columns. Several framed paintings are displayed on the walls, including a still life with a table and chair, a figure in a blue dress, and a landscape with an archway. Potted plants are placed on the floor, and the floor itself is made of dark tiles. The lighting is warm and focused on the art.

SANTIAGO CHURCH | ART GALLERY

Of ancient foundation and unknown date, it is known, according to existing documents, that this church already existed in the second half of the 13th century. Nowadays, this monument hosts art exhibitions, inserted in the Exhibition Cycle *Monsaraz Museu Aberto*.

HOUSE OF THE JUIZ DE FORA

Originally it was a noble dwelling. In the 20th century, in 1970, it was donated to the University Institute of Évora and today it is used as a support centre for researchers at the University.



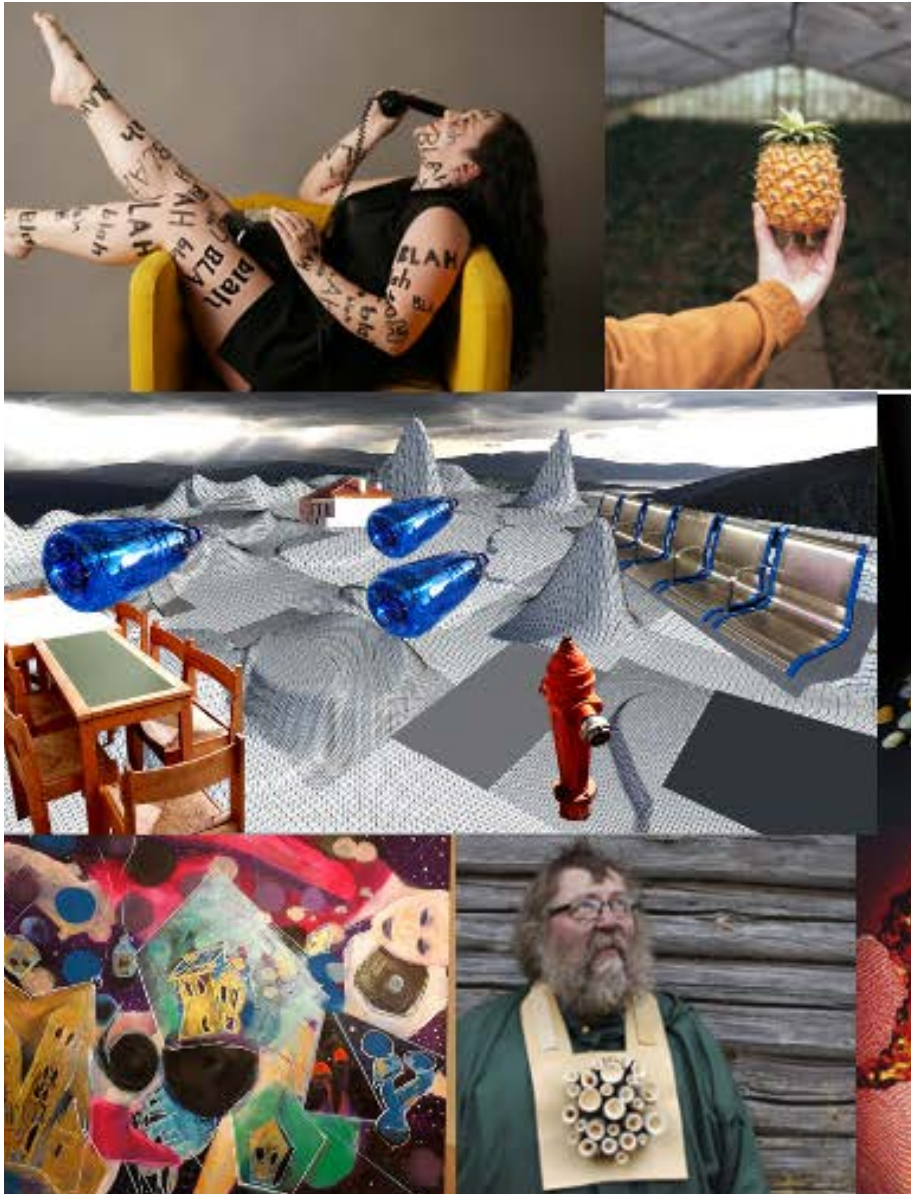


MUNICIPAL LIBRARY - PALÁCIO ROJÃO

Built in the first half of the 19th century, in the historical centre of the town, as the Papança family's urban residence



Previous
events
in the series



Present, in the Future of Europe

May 9th / June 6th 2020

Virtual Artistic Residence

During the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, in May 2020, Present, in the Europe of the Future was a creative space for debate, open to all, but especially for those involved with artistic practice and authorship.

During 27 days, artists from 17 countries have debated 6 topics (Democracy, Equality, Climate Neutrality, Cohesion, Biodiversity, Digital Innovation) and shared 73 artworks in response to the debates.

Know more: <http://eubylakes.eurolake.eu/varesidence/>



Culture KIrC Fest

23-25 February 2021

Knowledge and Innovation for Rural Communities

The benefit of collaboration between artists to develop a cultural ecosystem is expected to benefit equality, sustainable growth, intergenerational dialogue, and European cohesion. KIrC Cultural Festival proceeded with the work started in the Virtual Artistic Residency.

During three days invited speakers, artists, Public Authorities and the general audience participated in the debates, online live concerts, artists performances, podcast/ interviews with artists around the culture and rural areas.

Know more: <http://festival.eurolake.eu>





Climate Neutrality

23 - 27 May 2022

Visit Lake Iseo Association

The transition to Climate neutrality is the greatest challenge and opportunity for Europe to create a future-ready economy and societal well-being.

The module aims to raise awareness of the European long-term strategy to be climate-neutral by 2050. Participants focus on the concept and definition of climate neutrality, exploring perspectives, methodologies, and challenges related to its achievement.



Cohesion

7 - 10 July 2022

M. Manzanares el Real

Cohesion plays a crucial role in holding the Union together, reducing the economic, social, and territorial disparities that treat the European integration.

The module aims to boost awareness of the benefits of the EU Cohesion policy to people's lives and to improve its visibility. Participants explore the idea and history of European cohesion policies, the main principles of interregional cohesion, and future challenges and opportunities.



Biodiversity

22 - 26 August 2022

Natural Environment & Climate Change Agency

Protecting biodiversity is a cut-crossing obligation to preserve our environment, natural heritage, and agricultural system.

The module aims to reinforce the debate on the need for biodiversity conservation. Participants focus on the EU biodiversity goals and the main causes and effects of biodiversity loss on the environment and society as a whole.



NECCA.

Natural Environment and
Climate Change Agency



Digital innovation

6 - 9 September 2022

M. Imatra

Digital innovation is bringing fast changes in our social relations, communication strategies, and all economic sectors.

The module aims to foster discussion on the European digital strategy and the impact of digitalisation on the socio-economic relations between citizens. Participants explore the concept of digital innovation and how Europe is managing the transformation into the digital age, analysing actual challenges and future opportunities.



Supporting Project



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Our Future Europe's Open air university

<http://eubylakes.eurolake.eu>

EUbyLakes project webpage: <http://eubylakes.eurolake.eu>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/eubylakes>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ourfutureeurope.eu>

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/OurFutureEurope>

Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/eubylakes>



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