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CORE BELIEF

If more young people from North Macedonia and Greece connect, cooperate, and are provided tools and structures to lead, then the impactful youth collaborations will create a solidified platform for a common future.

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Our Values

1

RESPECT

We honor every voice and identity as a foundation for building trust and cooperation.

2

TOLERANCE

We embrace differences as strengths, fostering open-mindedness and empathy.

3

SOLIDARITY

We stand together across borders to support youth-led change and shared progress.

4

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

We nurture learning and listening between cultures to overcome prejudice and division.

5

DIALOGUE

We believe in conversation as the key to peace, connection, and meaningful transformation.

6

SOCIAL COHESION

We work to create inclusive spaces where all young people feel seen, safe, and empowered.

About the Report

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The report is structured to reflect both quantitative and qualitative outcomes, showcasing how over 130 activities reached 9,968 young people, engaged hundreds of stakeholders, and influenced institutional, educational, and civic spheres in both countries. The document presents the Theory of Change, highlights the core values and guiding principles, and traces the evolution of the initiative—from grassroots mobilization and info point development to advocacy for establishing Bilateral Youth Cooperation Offices.

This document can be used as:

-A reference tool for policymakers, civil society organizations, and educational institutions looking to replicate or support similar cross-border youth cooperation models;

-A reporting instrument for donors, stakeholders, and European integration partners to evaluate the program's relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability;

-A capacity-building and learning resource for youth organizations, young leaders, and regional actors who aim to strengthen youth participation in peacebuilding and good-neighborly relations;

-An evidence base for advocacy efforts aimed at institutionalizing youth cooperation between countries in Southeast Europe.

The report not only reflects on the achievements of C4CF but also lays the groundwork for future action by offering insights, tools, and policy-relevant findings. It embodies a youth-centered approach to diplomacy and community building, emphasizing that sustainable cooperation must be inclusive, localized, and driven by young people.

C4CF in a Nutshell

The ***Cooperation for a Common Future (C4CF)*** initiative was developed in response to the complex historical, political, and diplomatic relations between **North Macedonia and Greece**, particularly shaped by the long-standing name dispute. Despite these challenges, both countries share geographic proximity and a growing recognition of the need for constructive youth engagement to build bridges and shape a peaceful, cooperative future.

Rooted in the ambition to strengthen good neighborly relations through youth engagement, the initiative was inspired by the successful model of the **Franco-German Youth Office (OFAJ)** and other bilateral youth cooperation offices established in Germany. These longstanding structures demonstrated how sustained, institutionalized youth dialogue can contribute to reconciliation, trust-building, and regional cooperation.

The initiative strategically targeted a wide and diverse group of stakeholders, including youth leaders, CSO activists, educators, students, municipalities, businesses, and policy-makers, ensuring a holistic, cross-sectoral approach. Through grassroots engagement and institutional advocacy, C4CF sought to empower young people to take ownership of bilateral cooperation and to shift the narrative: from viewing youth as a problem to recognizing them as a driving force for change, development, and reconciliation.

At the core of the initiative's vision was the **establishment of Bilateral Youth Cooperation Offices**, designed to serve as institutional mechanisms for fostering sustainable, long-term collaboration between the youth of both countries. These offices would provide structured platforms for dialogue, exchange, and joint initiatives—ensuring continuity beyond political cycles.

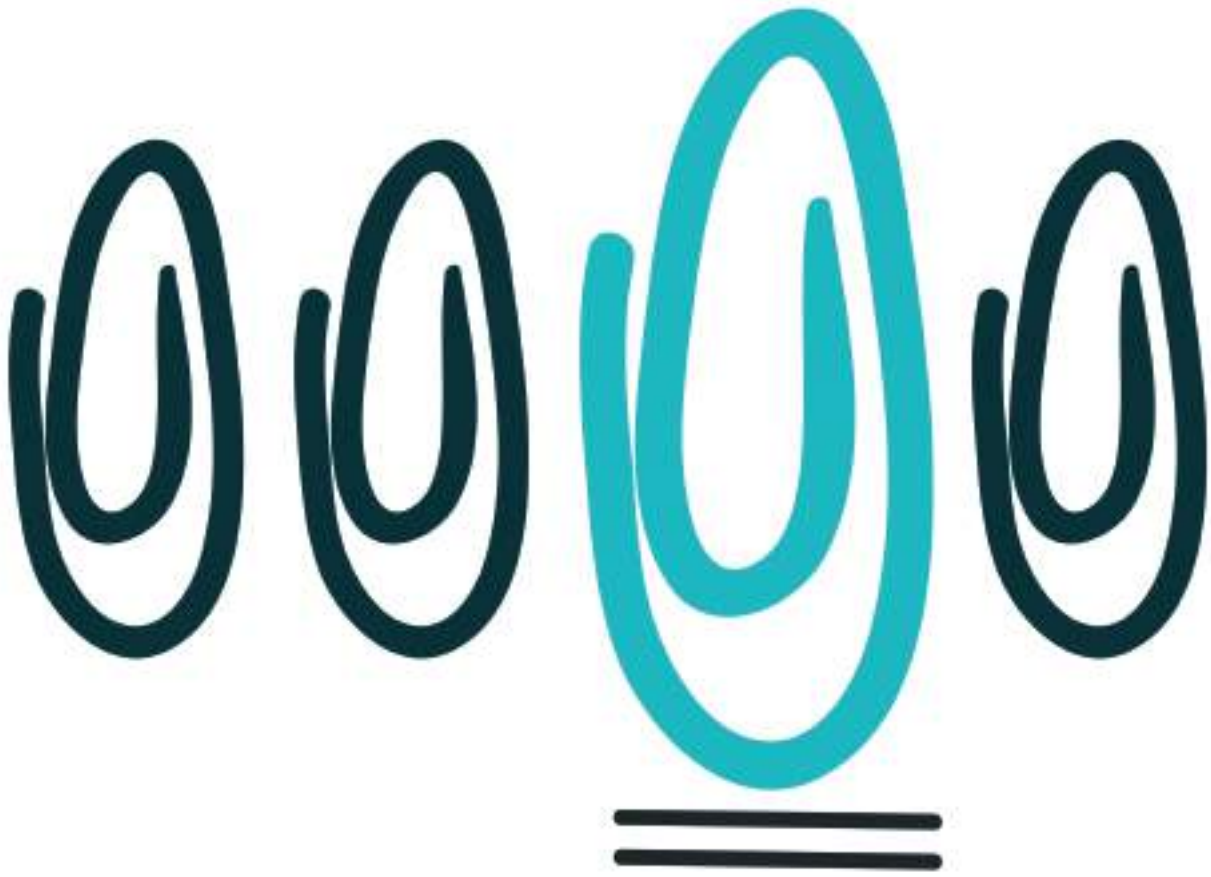
C4CF embraced a forward-looking and inclusive methodology, engaging youth workers, civil society organizations, educators, local authorities, and business representatives to build meaningful connections. By creating opportunities for cooperation across sectors, the initiative sought to foster mutual understanding, reduce prejudices, and strengthen youth leadership in cross-border collaboration.

A key strategic milestone was the advocacy for institutional recognition, including the integration of the Youth Cooperation Offices as a strategic element within the action plan of the Prespa Agreement—reinforcing their relevance in broader regional policy frameworks.

C4CF in a Nutshell

While C4CF achieved significant progress, it also encountered substantial challenges, particularly in the form of political sensitivities, bureaucratic delays, and periods of limited governmental support—especially during times of crisis and national elections. These obstacles underscored the need for resilient, youth-centered institutions capable of operating independently from shifting political dynamics.

Ultimately, Cooperation for a Common Future has demonstrated that sustained investment in youth cooperation is not only feasible but essential for regional stability, reconciliation, and the long-term transformation of bilateral relations between North Macedonia and Greece.



THEORY OF CHANGE

IF MORE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NORTH MACEDONIA AND GREECE CONNECT, COOPERATE, AND ARE PROVIDED TOOLS AND STRUCTURES TO LEAD, THEN IMPACTFUL YOUTH COLLABORATIONS WILL CREATE A SOLIDIFIED PLATFORM FOR A COMMON FUTURE.

INPUTS AND FOUNDATIONS

- **Local and national youth organizations**
- **Academic and policy stakeholders**
- **Cross-border info points and youth ambassadors**
- **Political and institutional partners**

STRATEGIC ACTIONS

1. Identify and Connect
Establish bilateral youth cooperation offices, info points, and joint activities in both countries

2. Inspire and Mobilize
Use storytelling, campaigns, advocacy, and Young Ambassadors to raise civic engagement

3. Build Capacity and Structure
Develop intercultural, democratic, and leadership skills among young people for institutional dialogue and strategic cooperation

4. Strengthen Networks and Visibility
Ensure public visibility through mapping and expanding the stakeholder network across sectors

OUTCOMES

- **Empowered Young Leaders**

Capable of shaping policy, bridging communities, and promoting peaceful cooperation

- **Institutionalized Youth Cooperation**

Bilateral youth offices acting as permanent mechanisms for youth collaboration

- **Enhanced Regional Trust**

A generation of youth driving forward reconciliation and mutual understanding

A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE CULTURE OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH MACEDONIA AND GREECE, DRIVEN BY YOUTH LEADERSHIP, COOPERATION, AND DIALOGUE.

DIRECTLY ENGAGED YOUNG PEOPLE

9968

55% ♀ ♂ 45%

ACTIVITIES

140+

PARTICIPANTS FEEDBACK

89.6%

of participants rated with 5 the C4CF events/actions

96.9%

of participants made promissing connections for bilateral youth cooperation

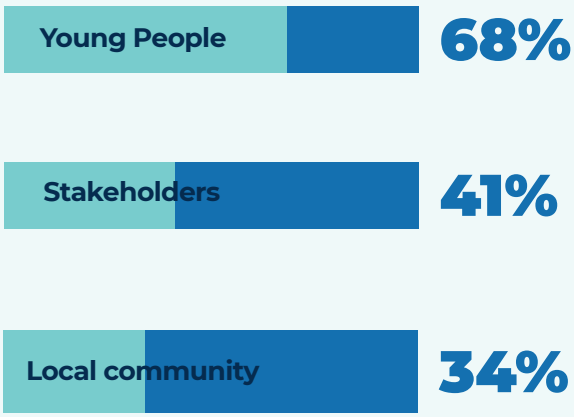
MAIN OUTPUTS

1 CROSS-SECTORIAL NETWORK (180 CIVIL SOCIETY, MEDIA, EDUCATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND CULTURE)

3 INFO POINTS IN VALANDOVO, ATHENS AND FLORINA

5 TRANSFORMATION MAPS FOR SUSTAINABLE YOUTH COOPERATION

ENGAGEMENT RATE



1:7

C4CF achieved a 1:7 social reinvestment ratio—each euro invested resulted in seven euros reinvested to strengthen youth cooperation.

Target group and participation

The project engaged a wide and diverse target group, **young people**, from both countries, and brought together **9,968** people through 140 activities implemented across four phases. The core target group was young people aged 15-30, with a gender balance of 55% female and 45% male. The young people participating in the activities came from 36 cities, of which 14 were Greek (Athens, Thessaloniki, Florina, Komotini, Stratoni, Amyntaio, Lesbos, Ioannina, Kilkis, Edessa, Polygyros, Kavala, Larissa, Kozani, Serres, Kastoria) and 21 were Macedonian (Bitola, Demir Kapija, Gevgelija, Gostivar, Kavadarci, Krushevo, Kumanovo, Negotino, Ohrid, Prilep, Skopje, Struga, Strumica, Sveti Nikole, Tetovo, Valandovo, Makedonska Kamenica, Kocani, Radovis, Stip, Vevcani).

From an educational perspective, the project *C4CF* cooperated with more than **103 academic institutions** (University of Macedonia, Democritus University, Aristotle University, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius, University Goce Delchev, University St. Kliment Ohridski and many more) and their representatives, who then had a multiplying effect in spreading the message, the impact of the initiative and its long-term effects.

Furthermore, the educational institutions served as corridors for grassroots advocacy and dissemination of the project, raising awareness and fruitful discussions about youth bilateral cooperation and impacting as many young people as possible from both countries.

The engagement from the **civil society sector** was notable as well, across all four phases, more than **273 civil society organizations**.

With regards to **international political organizations** (Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, and more), they engaged and collaborated as key stakeholders, helped in facilitating the activities in the project, and raised awareness about bilateral youth cooperation.

Target group and participation

The *C4CF* project aimed at targeting decision-makers as well, therefore across all four phases more than **91 decision-makers** took part in the activities, helped influence a policy, or acted as key stakeholders for further collaboration and expanded networking. These decision-makers were a diverse group, from national governmental bodies and representatives (Cabinet of the President of the Republic of North Macedonia, the Greek Ambassador in North Macedonia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia and more), then municipal decision-makers at the local level (Municipality of Amyntaio, Mayor of Valandovo, Local Youth Council Strumica and more), to international decision-makers, notably from the European Union (European Parliament, European Commission, DG EAC).

To help disseminate the project to a wider audience, more than **10 media outlets** (TV Sitel, TV Telma, TV Klan, and more) were invited and included in the activities, showcasing that the initiative had a multifaceted approach. It is important to highlight that the initiative targeted youth from both urban and rural communities with diverse academic backgrounds and had a goal of building an inclusive platform of dialogue and exchange of ideas between the youth from both countries.

The strong youth participation in the initiative on both sides of the border showcased the strong foundation that has been built through this project and just how much the stereotypes and prejudices have been minimized in 5 years, signaling a new era of bilateral cooperation, only this time led by the youth.



Implemented activities

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	TITLE/ SHORT DESCRIPTION	DATE/LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED	RESULTS
1.Preparatory meetings	Kickstart meeting between the facilitation team and the project team	1st meeting: 29th – 30th November 2019, Thessaloniki, Greece 2nd meeting: 21st December 2019, online	7 members representing the CSO from both countries.	Improved plan for implementation of the project activities and developed performance indicators; identified gaps in the planning of the project, and the best positions for the youth contact point offices.
2. Cultural event	Musical manifestations from artists from both countries, gastronomy exchanges, structured debate and musical performances from bands from North Macedonia (CONTRUDJ) and Greece (The Balguns)	31st January 2020, Skopje, North Macedonia at the Youth Cultural Center	More than 300 young people and different stakeholders – decision makers, NGO activists, diplomats, and journalists from both countries.	Addresses from notable state officials such as the President of North Macedonia, the Greek Ambassador in North Macedonia and the US and German Ambassadors in North Macedonia. Through cultural exchange programs increased interaction and creation of contacts between the youth from North Macedonia and Greece.
3. Launch meeting	Creation of youth informative contact points in Thessaloniki and Skopje	February 2020, Skopje and Thessaloniki	8 participants, C4CF team; Mayor of Valandovo and his cabinet.	Pinpointed Valandovo in North Macedonia and Thessaloniki in Greece as ideal geographic positions for creation of Youth Info Points , which will act as a resource centers for education, student advising and exchange.
4. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative to national governmental institutions, municipalities, and relevant international organizations	April 2020, Hybrid due to Covid – 19	C4CF team; decision-makers, municipality representatives, youth organizations and CSOs comprising around 20 people.	Emphasized the importance of the C4CF initiative and its long-term impact for improving bilateral youth cooperation and building bridges between the two countries. Advocacy campaigns for key decision-makers and stakeholders.
5. Facilitatory meeting	Final geographical pinpoint for creating the youth info point offices	April 2020, Valandovo and Thessaloniki	12 participants C4CF team, Municipality of Valandovo, UNESCO YCT, Municipality of Thermi, decision-makers from the Thessaloniki region.	Finalized the location of Valandovo as the most suitable geographical place for creating the Youth Info Point office in North Macedonia, and Thessaloniki in Greece.
6. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative to national governmental bodies, municipalities, CSOs, and International Organizations	May 2020, Online consultations	Youth Alliance Krusevo; decision-makers, municipality representatives, youth organizations comprising around 20 people.	Discussions raised for the creation of the Bilateral Youth Cooperation Offices were prolonged due to unfavorable Covid-19 conditions.
7. Study visits	Exchanges, study visits and projects in Germany, France and Poland	June 2020, Podgorica, Montenegro and online	C4CF team, Mr. Tobias Bütow, German Secretary General of the Franco-German Youth Office in Podgorica, Montenegro, Ms.Florence Gabbe.	Established the structure of the offices and concluded an agreement for online training, through two online meetings with OFAJ.

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8. Capacity building meetings	Empowering the volunteers with the necessary skills for streamlined functioning of the info points	July – August 2020, Online	The selected 4 volunteers for the contact info point offices.	Equipped the volunteers who will lead the activities with the skills, knowledge and resources for adequate implementation of the events, during 4 online training sessions.
9. Presentation	Engaging with national governmental institutions, municipalities and relevant international organizations to present the idea of Bilateral Youth Cooperation Offices	September – October 2020, Online	C4CF team and key stakeholders such as: CSOs, Municipalities, Associations, Business Organizations, Universities, Youth Clubs comprising around 15 people.	Implemented more than 15 virtual presentations focusing on productivity and consultations for the project initiative and emphasizing the importance of the C4CF initiative to new key stakeholders.
10. Research activity	Estimating the current opinions of young people for bilateral cooperation	November 2020, Hybrid method (Online and In-person)	608 full answers on an online questionnaire (138 from Greece, 470 from North Macedonia); more than 14 stakeholders and 32 young people from 4 focus groups.	Established connections of relevant representatives of municipalities who have already established cooperation, chambers of commerce, associations, and foundations. Raised discussions of youth cooperation, their values, and their perspectives on what should be done and what can be done.
11. Facilitatory meetings	Explaining the technical aspects of the info points and planning the implementation of grassroot activities	December 2020, Online	8 participants - the C4CF team and the volunteers from the info points.	Facilitated 10 online meeting sessions with the volunteers, explaining guidelines, relevant information and encouragement to implement grassroot activities; Implemented 28 grassroot activities have been together with the volunteers.
12. Research activity	Estimating the current perceptions of young people for bilateral cooperation	January 2021, Hybrid	More than 700 young people, 20 stakeholders (CSO, public, cultural and educational institutions).	Created the research report – "New hope for cooperation? Perceptions of young people from North Macedonia and Greece".
13. Contact making conference	"Let's Connect the Connectors"	25.02 - 26.02.2021, Online	Over 100 experts, academics, young people and governmental representatives from Greece and North Macedonia.	Created possibilities for exchanging good practices; cultural exchange between young people of both countries; educational/study opportunities that the youth have in both countries; presented the research report "New hope for cooperation? Perceptions of young people from North Macedonia and Greece". Created and disseminated a policy brief among key stakeholders titled – "Beyond the Bare Minimum: How We Can Ensure Meaningful Youth Cooperation between Greece and North Macedonia".
14. Planning and strategizing activity	Bottom-up creation of Bilateral Youth Cooperation Offices	March 2021, Valandovo, Thessaloniki, Florina, Athens	9 young volunteers from the info points.	Established a monthly plan of activities for the info points as well as an action plan for the following period.

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15. Workshops	Language learning for the activists of the info points	Online (once per two weeks)	9 young activists from the Valandovo, Thessaloniki and Athens.	Reducing the language barrier among young people from the two neighboring countries and familiarizing the youth with the language of the other country.
16. Poetry reading	Poetry exchange among students from both countries	13.04.2021, Bitola, North Macedonia	23 students from the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki and Students from the Faulty of Pedagogy in Bitola.	Raised awareness regarding the different specificities of the neighbor's culture and increased interaction between young people from Greece and North Macedonia.
17. Movie screening	Bilateral Debate Cinema: Saving our commons	28.04.2021, Online	Two groups of 18 young people, one at the info point in Valandovo, the other in Athens.	Increased interaction and exchange of opinions and values among the youth from North Macedonia and Greece.
18. Panel discussion	Agenda 2030 and the SDG: A Discussion on Progress and Challenges in Greece and North Macedonia	13.05.2021, Online	Two groups of 12 young people, one in the info point in Valandovo, the other in Thessaloniki; 36 members of youth organizations, CSOs and academia.	Raised discussions among the youth from both countries regarding the progress and challenges of the SDGs in both societies as well as raising awareness about the progress and challenges with Agenda 2030 in both societies.
19. Panel discussion	The 2016 Refugee Crisis at the Borders: A Civil Society Approach	26.05.2021, Online	6 relevant experts from CSO, academia; 44 young people.	Raised fruitful discussions and awareness among the young people regarding the migration crisis in both societies.
20. Educational meeting	Active Citizens – European Citizens	June 2021, Florina, Greece	20 pupils from the 3rd General High School in Florina.	Informing the high school students of Florina regarding the C4CF cooperation possibilities and emphasizing the importance of bilateral youth cooperation.
21. Educational visit	Educational exchange with two high schools in Florina	June 2021, Florina, Greece	25 pupils from the two high schools from Northwestern Macedonia, Greece	Informed the youth about youth cooperation and how to shape our common future; emphasized the importance of bilateral youth cooperation.
22. Ceremony	Winning the Youth Civic Engagement Award	04.06.2021 , Skopje, North Macedonia	17 key stakeholders (CSOs, Academia, NGOs, International Organizations, Governmental Organizations) and more than 50 people participated in the ceremony.	Raised awareness among key stakeholders regarding youth support and recognition of the C4CF initiative; 1 video product of the ceremony.

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23. Panel discussion	"Why study abroad in your neighboring country"	28.06.2021, Hybrid event Valandovo, North Macedonia; Florina, Greece	32 young people and 2 representatives from the University of Western Macedonia and UKLO.	New partnership created between UKLO and the University of Western Macedonia, facilitating educational exchanges.
24. Presentation	Presentation of the contact info point in Valandovo	29.06.2021, Valandovo, North Macedonia	40 young people; 7 official representatives of the Municipality of Valandovo and the Mayor of Trbovlje.	Raised importance of the topic of town-twinning in front of the delegation and the Mayor of Trbovlje about the opportunities for bilateral youth cooperation.
25. Panel discussion	Youth discussion on common challenges between the youth from North Macedonia and Greece	23.07.2021, Strumica, North Macedonia	23 young people from both countries.	Raised stimulating conversations regarding sensitive topics such as prejudices, stereotypes, unemployment, brain-drain etc. which proved to be opportunities for bilateral youth cooperation.
26. Panel discussion	"An Era of Uncertainty: Fake news in a pandemic world"	30.07.2021, Hybrid event	57 young people and 2 experts from both countries.	Facilitated important conclusions on one of the most pressing issues of today such as fake news and populism, especially pertaining to the context of the youth.
27. Networking and cooperation activities	Enhancing networking and preparation for adequate implementation of the project's activities	March - September, 2021	18 key stakeholders from North Macedonia (CSOs, Academia, Governmental Organizations, International Organizations).	Raised important discussions and awareness of the C4CF initiative among various key stakeholders in both countries, of which 76% expressed interest in further collaboration.
28. Podcast	Episode 1 "Cooperation under a common rainbow"	20.08.2021	5 stakeholders, Antonio Mihajlov, Subversive Front & Apostolis Karampairis, organizer of Thessaloniki Pride.	Raised discussions regarding the importance of human rights and their infringement in the LGBTQ+ community.
29. Conference	2nd Balkan Dialogue for North Macedonia and Greece	26.08.2021 – 29.08.2021, Khalkidhiki, Greece	45 young people from both countries.	Exchanged experiences for building bridges, raised fruitful discussions and awareness about the topic of human rights and encouraged stakeholders who did not cooperate previously.
30. Dialogue	Virtual dialogue with students	Florina, Greece	13 students from the 3rd High School of Florina.	Raised discussions for opportunities, feelings, and beliefs for bilateral cooperation between Greece and North Macedonia.

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31. Town – twining event	"Building Europe at Home"	09.09.2021 – 10.09.2021, Municipality of Amyntaio, Greece	100 key stakeholders from both municipalities, representatives of cultural institutions, educational institutions, businesses, CSOs, scientific associations; 80 young people.	Exchanged best practices regarding civic participation and engagement in the process of establishing the youth cooperation offices in front of an audience of 5000, thus amplifying the importance of the C4CF initiative.
32. Outdoor Festival	"Experiencing cooperation"	18.09.2021, Municipality of Amyntaio, Greece	120 young people from both countries.	Highlighted cultural aspects of bilateral cooperation through diverse cultural activities such as treasure hunting, hiking tour, pomegranate tour, planting session, street food festival etc.
33. Conference	"Neighbors talk about the Environment, Climate Change and Regional Development"	27.09.2021, Hybrid	100 participants, MEPs from Greece, MPs from North Macedonia, regional government officials, officials of the Committee of Regions; 58 young people.	Raised discussions in the fields of environment, climate change, and regional development, exploring news transitions for a greener future; Attraction of local and regional media and raised awareness regarding EU.
34. Conference	International Youth Conference	October 2021, Krusevo, North Macedonia	60 participants from SEE countries; Eleni Vasdoka, Aegli Sakellari, Anna Bampili, Alexandros Pavlou.	Mobilized the youth leaders from SEE countries to proactive regional cooperation and raise their decision-making and advocacy skills.
35. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative	31.10. 2021, Valandovo, Thessaloniki, Florina	The C4CF team, 3 key stakeholders (SEE in Action, C4CF team, University of Macedonia), and 27 students.	Emphasized the importance of opening the bilateral youth cooperation offices for facilitating the next steps of bilateral youth cooperation among both countries.
36. Cultural exchange	Learning the language of your neighbor	November 2021	15 young people from both countries.	Established a series of learning sessions of the language of the neighbor as a cultural practice and exchange of culture in the spirit of bilateral cooperation.
37. Panel discussion	"Erasmus+ Opportunities for Bilateral Youth Cooperation"	November 2021, Online	45 young people from both countries and 2 national Erasmus+ representatives from both countries.	Discussing the Erasmus+ opportunities for bilateral youth cooperation in sectors such as education, training, youth and sport.

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38. Podcast	Episode 2 "Outside and Inside Student Life in Greece"	November 2021, Online	3 participants, Rula Chalamani, student in Thessaloniki and Bitola, moderated by Alexandros Pavlou & Anelija Mitrova.	Sharing of experiences between the educational institutions in North Macedonia and Greece, the difference in programs, exchange opportunities and student standards.
39. Networking forum I	"Youth Strength through cooperation and networking"	26.11.2021-28.11.2021, Skopje, North Macedonia	Over 50 stakeholders (Think tanks, Foundations, CSOs, Academia, International Organizations, Governmental Agencies) from North Macedonia and Greece, including the Ambassadors of Germany and Greece.	Stakeholders agreed to jointly invest in establishing an institutional mechanism for youth activities and exchanges between North Macedonia and Greece. This includes advocating for bilateral youth cooperation offices, promoting inclusive youth dialogue, and strengthening mayoral cooperation between Skopje and Thessaloniki. Emphasis was placed on empowering marginalized groups, supporting educational and cultural exchanges, combating fake news and discrimination, and advancing green jobs. The results also highlight the importance of fostering local ownership, building regional partnerships, and encouraging joint action on environmental and technological issues.
40. Presentation	C4CF presentation at the University American College Skopje	28.11.2021, Skopje, North Macedonia	4 members of the C4CF team, 87 students from the UACS and 5 professors.	Presented the opportunities for bilateral cooperation to students, educational exchanges, possibilities for Macedonian students to have practice in Greece.
41. Cultural exchange activity	Learning the language of your neighbor	14.12.2021, Online	24 young people from both countries + partners from the Pelagonia Association.	Facilitated cultural youth cooperation through learning the language of the neighbor.
42. Presentation	C4CF presentation at the Faculty of Law – Bitola (UKLO)	December 2021, Online	The C4CF team, lecturers from UKLO and Dr. Angelos Kaskanis, Terrorism and Security Expert.	Explored the possibilities of future bilateral youth cooperation in the context of security and international law.
43. Cultural exchange activity	Cooking Together for Christmas	18.12.2021 – 19.12.2021, Online	2 chefs – Mladen Micevski, North Macedonia; Nikos Papachristodoulou, Greece and 10 young people.	Elicited increased youth participation and interaction from both countries by utilizing cooking as a shared cultural activity.
44. Open discussion	Young People Perspective – In and Out the Border	20.12.2021, Info point 'Paperclip' Valandovo	15 young people and activists from Valandovo, representatives from CSOs, American Ambassador H.E. Madam Kate Marie Byrnes.	Exchanged opinions, experiences and perspectives of young people and their ways of deepening bilateral cooperation and developing solutions through bilateral youth cooperation.

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45. Presentation	C4CF presentation in High Schools in Florina	December 2021, Florina, Greece	The C4CF team, Active Youths OENEF, 15 high school students from Florina.	Increased the importance of sustainable cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece through formation of a small focus group.
46. Management capacity activity	Open Call for Young Ambassadors	December 2021 – February 2022	C4CF Team and 3 young ambassadors.	Recruitment of 3 young ambassadors (Regional, Communications, Networking) for a 12-month term. The tasks encompass developing the activities of the C4CF team, increasing visibility, bringing new ideas for projects, encouraging active participation and commitment of young people.
47. Presentation	C4CF presentation at the Panteion University, Athens	19.01.2022, Athens, Greece	35 undergraduate and master students.	Demonstrated interest in future actions of bilateral cooperation and raised importance for realizing the C4CF initiative.
48. Presentation	C4CF presentation at the Democritus University; University of Peloponnese	12.02.2022, Komotini and Peloponnese	45 undergraduate and master students.	Expanded interest among the students for further cooperation in the activities of the initiative.
49. Virtual workshop	Virtual Dialogue with High Schoolers from Florina	February 2022, Online	2 members of the team of Active Youth of Florina and 13 High Schoolers from the 3rd High School Florina.	Raised discussions regarding bilateral youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece; Working in small focus groups regarding the establishment of youth cooperation offices.
50. Podcast	Episode 3 – Women in Culture: Secret ingredient for good neighborly relations	February 2022, Online	4 participants: Anelija Mitrova; Alexandros Pavlou; Kornelija Koneska; Vasiliki Maltasoglou.	Raised discussions regarding innovative ways of utilizing art and culture for building bilateral cooperation.
51. Virtual discussion	Empowering Young Women at Work	24.02.2022, Online	23 participants: C4CF team; Pinelopi Theodorakakou (Women on Top); Vaska Leshoska (Reactor); young people from both countries.	Showcased and raised importance of the challenges young women face in the labor market; Provided advice on how to resolve sexist questions at work and fruitful discussions.

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52.Preparatory sessions	Announcement for the selection of the young ambassadors & first preparatory meeting	01.03.2022, Online 17.03.2022, Online	3 members of C4CF team and 6 Young Ambassadors.	Facilitated the role of the young ambassadors, as well as building capacities for communication, cooperation, presentation and working on the C4CF initiative.
53. Virtual discussion	Gender Equality (The need to overcome difficulties and challenges)	03.03.2022, Online	C4CF team; Mrs. Mina Kaouni – human rights lawyer in Athens, Greece; 35 young people.	Raised important discussions regarding crucial topics such as the Istanbul Convention against violence against women; gender equality in the Greek society; international pressure from organizations such as the CoE or UN to reverse the gender inequality in the Macedonian and Greek societies; the role of NGOs and CSOs and their influence for change in both societies.
54. Roundtable discussion	How the Community can support Bilateral Youth Cooperation	18.03.2022, Valandovo, North Macedonia	30 participants including C4CF team; stakeholders and 5 council members from the city of Valandovo.	Exploring the notion of self-sustainability of the info point; expressed willingness to develop a mechanism for action and youth cooperation.
55. Research activity	Which topic do you consider relevant for youth cooperation – social media poll	March 2022, Through social media	100+ young people answered on social media (Facebook and Instagram).	Estimated the opinions of the youth on which topic is the most important for them (Town-Twinning activity 33.3%; Fake news 28%; National brands 28%; Poverty 9.5%).
56. Networking Forum II	The Networking Forum Semi-Annual Meeting – Thessaloniki Reunion 2022	15.04.2022 – 17.04.2022, Thessaloniki, Greece	58 representatives from different sectors, institutions, organizations and structures, youth workers, students, professors, cultural workers, policy makers, coordinators (C4CF team, SEE in Action, University of Macedonia, UKLO, UACS, IASIS | At Work, Hestia Technology Solutions).	Official establishment of a collaborative interconnected network of relevant associates that will promote and raise awareness for the Macedonian-Greek youth collaboration; Focus on building social resilience through media literacy and critical thinking, while tackling youth apathy by involving young people in policymaking and creating youth councils. Promoting cultural ties and cooperation in key areas like education, human rights, sustainability, media, and mobility, and supports youth-led projects through dedicated funding channels. The forum concluded with a joint "Declaration for Collaboration".
57. Partnership project	Strengthening bonds between alienated neighbors	06.05.2022 – 08.05.2022, Thessaloniki, Skopje, Sofia	60+ young people; SEE in Action, C4CF Team, Step Forward Team .	Trilateral project between North Macedonia, Bulgaria, and Greece, where stronger ties were established between the youth from these countries; established a Digital Cooperation for youth employability – an interactive digital platform for cross-border collaboration between North Macedonia, Greece and Bulgaria.
58. Presentation	Strengthening bonds between alienated neighbors	06.05.2022 – 08.05.2022, Thessaloniki, Greece	9 young people from North Macedonia and Greece.	Highlighted the benefits of engaging hard-to-reach youth populations in local communities.

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59. Episode	"Slobodoumni" show by Radio Free Europe – Young Ambassadors vs Old Prejudices	May 2022, Online	Rula Chalamani; Marija Bandulova; Angeliki Devreli; Bojana Vaskov (Young Ambassadors).	Heightened the importance of the role of young ambassadors in changing the prejudices of the youth toward the neighboring country.
60. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative at the Gymnasium Josip Broz Tito in Bitola, North Macedonia	May 2022, Bitola, North Macedonia	25 young people.	Familiarized the future generations of young ambassadors with the initiative and the options they have for collaborating with their neighbors.
61. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative at the high-school 'Goce Delchev' in Bitola	10.06.2022, Bitola, North Macedonia	24 young people.	Established a grassroot interest among the students for further cooperation in the activities of the initiative.
62. Discussion	Focus group with young people from Strumica and info point Valandovo	21.06.2022, Strumica, North Macedonia	12 young people.	Exchanged best practices and ideas for future activities for youth cooperation between the two countries.
63. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	27.06.2022, Thessaloniki, Greece	25 students.	Raised important discussion among the students regarding the C4CF initiative and the importance of bilateral youth cooperation.
64. Interview	Discussion regarding bilateral cooperation	04.07.2022, Bitola, North Macedonia	1 young ambassador and 1 student.	Estimated the attitudes among high school students regarding youth cooperation and emphasized the importance of the C4CF initiative.
65. Research activity	A comparative analysis of brain-drain in Greece and North Macedonia	June, 2022	420 respondents from Greece and 414 respondents from North Macedonia (Total: 834)	This research activity involved a comprehensive comparative analysis aimed at examining the phenomenon of brain drain in Greece and North Macedonia. By engaging 834 respondents across both countries, the study provided valuable insights into the contextual factors, motivations, and implications surrounding youth migration. The findings contributed to a deeper understanding of the challenges and potential policy responses related to brain drain in both national contexts.
66. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative during the Youth Panel of the Prespa Forum	16.07.2022 – 18.07.2022, Ohrid, North Macedonia	100 young people and 50 stakeholders (CSOs, Academia, International Organizations).	Showcased the importance of the C4CF initiative on a more institutional forum and on a national level.
67. Virtual discussion	Interactive Q&A session with the young ambassador - Bojana Vaskov	July 2022, Online	5 members of the C4CF team and 1 young ambassador.	Raised and answered important questions regarding the C4CF initiative and its long-term impact on improving bilateral relations.

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68. Podcast	Episode 4: Diverse state of mind	08.08.2022, Online (Spotify)	Angeliki Devreli (young ambassador).	Introduced the young ambassador Angeliki Devreli who emphasized the importance of the C4CF initiative, activities and the podcasts.
69. Youth Exchange	Unique opportunities for experiencing cooperation	29.08.2022-04.09.2022, Valandovo	26 young people from North Macedonia and Greece.	Enhanced bilateral cooperation on a cultural level through exciting events such as treasure hunt, the Secrets of my land (geography, tourism), Let's get loud and creative (art), Hips don't lie (music, dancing); Meeting with the mayor of Valandovo, discussing opportunities, activities and commitments for further cooperation.
70. Meeting with local decision-makers	Meeting with the Mayor of Municipality of Valandovo	31.08.2022, Valandovo, North Macedonia	50 young people and Mr. Pero Kostadinov, Mayor of Municipality of Valandovo.	Presented and emphasized the importance of the C4CF initiative to local decision-makers for creating a sustainable future.
71. Youth Festival	Experiencing Cooperation	03.09.2022, Valandovo, North Macedonia	YAK and SEE in Action team; more than 100 young people from North Macedonia and Greece.	Established a tradition of youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece, through activities such as a comic book workshop, street food festival, and musical performances.
72. Capacity-building activity	Pact towards peace: European path for the Balkans	02.10.2022, Krusevo, North Macedonia	58 young people (12 from North Macedonia and Greece).	Introduced the young people in the process of development of the Prespa Agreement.
73. Presentation	C4CF presentation during the festival 'Balkan Beyond Borders'	26.10.2022, Bitola, North Macedonia	25 young people participated on the presentation.	Showcased the importance of the C4CF initiative at the festival and raised awareness for an increased youth bilateral cooperation.
74. Interview	Understanding the impact of youth exchanges from someone with high experience in the field	28.10.2022, Bitola, North Macedonia	C4CF team and Ms. Sonja Jankulovska.	Highlighted the importance of youth exchanges between North Macedonia and Greece in an interview with Ms. Sonja Jankulovska, teacher at high school 'Dame Gruev'.
75. Capacity building project	Road Map of Social Enterprises	24.11.2022 – 29.11.2022, Krusevo, North Macedonia	35 Young people from North Macedonia and Greece.	Presentation of possibilities of digital collaboration between young people from North Macedonia and Greece through the developed digital map of social enterprises for the youth of the region.
76. Training course	Learn to deliver a High-Quality Digital Experience	14.12.2022 – 19.12.2022, Krusevo, North Macedonia	4 partnership organizations from: Greece, Serbia, Croatia, Czech Republic.	Created an opportunity for the youth of North Macedonia and Greece to actively contribute to the development of digital content and digital platforms, with a focus on youth information, engagement, training, and networking.

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77. Workshop	Interreg IPA Programs: What's in there for youth?	23.01.2023, Skopje, North Macedonia	Cooperation and Development Institute, Anelija Mitrova (YAK), Vladimir Lazov (Municipality of Valandovo); 30 people.	Presented the results of the C4CF initiative in front of youth, young stakeholders, local and national organizations working on youth policies.
78. Kickoff meeting	Creation of the info point "Paperclip" in Vevchani, North Macedonia	08.02.2023, Vevchani, North Macedonia	7 young people from Vevchani.	Established a core youth group that will be engaged with the activities within the info point. Conducted informative meetings with the group regarding future activities.
79. Round table discussion	Discussion with young people on the topic of bilateral youth cooperation	15.02.2023, Skopje, North Macedonia	14 young people from C4CF's pool of volunteers.	Raised discussions and possible opportunities regarding perspectives of bilateral youth cooperation.
80. Presentation	C4CF presentation in front of the students of the Democritus University of Thrace	18.02.2023, Komotini, Greece	42 students from the University of Thrace.	Raised importance of the C4CF initiative at the Democritus University of Thrace and created opportunities for further student participation in the activities of the project.
81. Cultural exchange event	Cooking night with a bilateral twist	07.03.2023, Valandovo, North Macedonia	12 young people from both countries.	Utilized cooking as a cultural exchange for the youth from both countries and incorporated bilateral cooperation through the activity.
82. Presentation	C4CF presentation in front of the students of University of Macedonia	16.03.2023, Thessaloniki, Greece	38 students from the University.	Informed the students regarding the C4CF initiative, which resulted in further increased interest among the students in future participation in the activities.
83. Presentation	C4CF presentation in the local high school 'Goce Delchev', Valandovo, North Macedonia	17.03.2023, Valandovo, North Macedonia	30 young people from the high school.	Informed the pupils about the background of the initiative, the history of bilateral cooperation, and its current impact. Presented the info point "Paperclip" as a source of opportunities for the active involvement of youth from Valandovo in bilateral events.
84. Kickoff meeting	Information event at the info point Paperclip Athens, Greece	29.03.2023, Athens, Greece	52 young people.	Showcased the importance of the info points in the C4CF initiative and its wider long-term impact in building bridges and increasing youth interaction.
85. Roundtable discussions with key stakeholders	Interactive discussion with stakeholders in Vevcani	30.03.2023, Vevcani, North Macedonia	24 attendees from educational institutions, business sector and the municipality.	Raised discussions regarding opportunities and possibilities of work of the info point in Vevcani for advancing the bilateral youth cooperation.

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86. Dissemination event	Sharing good practices for bilateral youth cooperation offices for future steps and actions	30.03.2023, Krusevo, North Macedonia	48 young people.	Disseminated the project, its background and its impact to a broader youth public with discussions on further development.
87. Conference and Presentation	Bad time is to blame: biopolitics, descriptions, upheavals in the lives of young people, before and after the economic crisis in Greece	27.04.2023, Thessaloniki, Greece	30-40 academics and students.	Presented the C4CF initiative by the SEE in Action NGO; Raised discussions regarding the role of youth in the changing future, national weaknesses, as well as the future work of the project.
88. Presentation	Presentation of the C4CF initiative in front of young people and youth workers from Strumica	05.05.2023, Strumica, North Macedonia	17 young people and activists.	Emphasized the importance of the info point Paperclip (Valandovo) as a source of opportunities for young people from the Southeastern region to actively participate in various youth bilateral activities such as workshops, film evenings, youth exchanges, podcasts and round tables.
89. Open sharing discussion	Opportunities for employment and self-employment for young people, 30km from the border	19.05.2023, Valandovo, North Macedonia	38 young people and stakeholders attended the discussion.	Raised important discussions on the topics: "Advantages offered by the Southeast region - Do young people have enough opportunities for employment and self-employment?"; "Local economic development - Does the Municipality of Valandovo offer opportunities and support for employment and self-employment of young people?" and "Opportunities for internships at the local business in Valandovo".
90. Presentation	Presentation of the C4CF initiative in front of the tutors and participants of the Young Leaders Accelerator	20.05.2023, Thessaloniki, Greece	10 tutors and participants.	Increased capacities and empowered the young people in Greece and North Macedonia who aspire to start their own business.
91. Presentation	Unlocking the Potential of Youth: Challenges and Opportunities on the EU Accession Process of the Western Balkans	01.06.2023, Virtual Event	30 people from the region.	Highlighted the importance of the C4CF initiative as well as presented a document on the comparative analysis on brain drain in Greece and North Macedonia. Established a connection between the lack of bilateral youth cooperation ties and increased brain drain in both countries.
92. Presentation	Presenting the results and challenges of C4CF during the Prespa Forum for Dialogue	16.06.2023, Struga, North Macedonia	100 young people and stakeholders from the WB6 region.	Presented the C4CF results and challenges during the Youth Panel Discussion "Modalities for the Enhancement of Good-Neighborly Relations and Regional Cooperation"; advocated for an institutional approach toward the initiative.
93. Presentation	Cooperation for a Common Future: 5 Years of the Prespa Agreement – Embracing Youth Efforts	17.06.2023, Struga, North Macedonia	C4CF team and 36 participants from six countries.	Highlighted the importance of the C4CF initiative, empowered young people to exchange ideas, share experiences and cooperate together to achieve a better future.

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94. Podcast	Episode 5: Student Standard in Both Neighboring Countries	20.06.2023, Online event	Ms. Viktorija Postolovska (Student Union UKIM); Konstantina Zografi (Student, Greece).	Raised crucial discussions regarding the student standard in both countries, similarities and challenges in education in both countries.
95. Dissemination and outreach activity	Physical kiosk of the C4CF initiative during the program of Young Leaders Accelerator	01.07 2023, Thessaloniki, Greece	60+ young people and 4 members of C4CF team	Showcased cross-border employment opportunities and explained how the initiative contributes to creating such prospects for youth.
96. Networking event	International Networking Event – Finding and Supporting Young Cooperation	14.07.2023-16.07.2023, Krusevo, North Macedonia	YAK and SEE in Action; 30 different stakeholders; governmental representatives.	Emphasized the urgent need to operationalize the youth bilateral cooperation offices and accentuate the importance of establishing a youth-led network to support cross-border collaboration. Highlighted the value of informal interactions such as "meet and greets" to break down misunderstandings, the recognition of shared challenges that require joint solutions, and the necessity of planning initiatives with clear follow-ups to ensure lasting impact.
97. Workshop	Creative workshop during the Summer Art Colony	26.07.2023, Valandovo, North Macedonia	35 young artists from North Macedonia and Greece.	Utilized art as a cultural exchange and created a visual portrayal of the youth cooperation initiative as preparation for the upcoming bilateral youth festival in Valandovo.
98. Dissemination and outreach activity	6 pop-up activities in 6 cities (Dojran, Valandovo, Strumica, Thessaloniki, Komotini, Athens)	19.08.2023, Dojran, Valandovo, Strumica, Thessaloniki, Komotini, Athens	12 volunteers; approximately 500 people were engaged.	Distributed flyers and established informational booths with interactive sessions to disseminate and attract as many young people as possible and raise awareness of the youth cooperation initiative.
99. Youth Festival	Bilateral youth outdoor festival "Experiencing Cooperation"	02.09.2023, Valandovo, North Macedonia	C4CF team, Minister of Culture of North Macedonia (Bisera Kostadinovska Stojcevska), Mayor of Valandovo (Pero Kostadinov); 150 young people.	Official addresses from the C4CF team and decision-makers; created cultural exchange and youth interaction with fun and engaging sporting activities and games, poetry workshop, traditional dances session, open mic session and musical performances from "Fiction" and "Flicker Motel".
100. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative on the "Connected we stand Festival"	September 2023, Thessaloniki, Greece	More than 950 members.	Engaged with a wider community, discussed and disseminated the initiative's goals and achievements.
101. Cultural event	Cultural Youth Exchange	October 2023, Valandovo, North Macedonia	22 young people	Raised discussions after a Greek movie screening in a form of cultural exchange.

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102. Presentation	New "DIGICOOP" Platform Presentation	04.12.2023, Skopje, North Macedonia	140 young people from North Macedonia, Greece, Bulgaria.	Presenting the opportunities for bilateral virtual cooperation through the digital platform DIGICOOP.NET for taking part in mobility, getting education, or developing their career in one of the three countries.
103. Networking event	International Networking Event	08.12.2023 – 10.12.2023, Thessaloniki, Greece	30 stakeholders: CSOs, NGOs, academic institutions, international organizations, national governmental bodies.	Through dialogue, participants tackled challenges, shared success stories, and brainstormed solutions to enhance youth mobility and cooperation, as well as strategic initiatives to empower youth; Presented the new DIGICOOP platform at the networking forum; key findings focused on cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece, evaluation of the cooperation, barriers for cooperation.
104. Social experiment	Artistic showcase	18.12.2023, Skopje, North Macedonia	12 members.	Utilized art as a cultural exchange in estimating the attitudes of the youth for bilateral youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.
105. Coordinative meeting	Coordinative partner meeting	24.02.2024, Thessaloniki, Greece	8 Core project members from C4CF and SEE in Action teams.	Established further steps of the initiative and developed a joint strategy within the project teams.
106. Online disseminatio n activity	"Prikazna" episode regarding the everyday student experience presented by a C4CF young ambassador	26.02.2024, YouTube video	Rula Chalamani – young ambassador.	Key challenges highlighted by the young ambassador regarding the everyday student experience, student meal, inequality in the students' dormitories, delay of student scholarships in Skopje, and the strong student fight against the new draft law on higher education in Greece.
107. Research activity	Comparative analysis of good practices in youth institutions in both countries	March – November 2024, Desk Work	4 researchers from the partnering organizations of the project.	Examined the functioning of the youth institutions in both countries focusing on diversity, inclusion and governance models.
108. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative at the Europe House Skopje	21.03.2024, Skopje, North Macedonia	50+ young people and stakeholders and 3 members of the C4CF team (Anelija Mitrova, Biljana Stojcheska, Nina Jovanovska).	Highlighted the importance of the C4CF initiative at the Youth Talks episode "Berlin process: Road to 10th jubilee" organized by RYCO, in front of the Deputy Ambassadors of France and Germany.
109. Presentation	Celebrating the National day of the Hellenic Republic	25.03.2024, Skopje, North Macedonia	2 members of the C4CF team	Presented the progress, importance and impact of the C4CF initiative among decision-makers and key stakeholders from the Greek Embassy coupled with cultural activities and concert of Greek music.

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110. Workshop	Learning Language for Cooperation	29.04.2024, Skopje, North Macedonia	10 Students from the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje and 3 professors	Highlighted the opportunities for learning the Greek language at the faculty and its impact on cooperation with young people from the neighboring country.
111. Social Experiment	Collaboration on a canvas for two	30.04.2024, North Macedonia	12 young people.	Employed art as a cultural exchange activity for estimating attitudes toward bilateral youth cooperation. 1 video product
112. Research and Disseminatio n activity	Youth Interviews on inclusive representation	May – December 2024	15 young people with diverse backgrounds.	Represented the voices of the youth from marginalized communities and backgrounds.
113. Panel discussion	Establishing balanced focus group and panel of young people	31.05.2024, Valandovo, North Macedonia	18 participants (representatives from local businesses, educational institutions, youth organizations and young people) and 4 members of C4CF team	Provided a platform for dialogue on the impact of the bilateral youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece; Addressed the multifaceted challenges and opportunities arising from the initiative itself. Raised key discussion points regarding: 1. Lack of comprehensive information about the neighboring country (need for information sharing). 2. The importance of cross-border business cooperation, especially in agriculture and joint ventures. 3. Strong emphasis on the need for educational collaborations (potential partnerships, student exchange programs and joint initiative.
114. Research article	Balkan Cross-Border Cooperation: The case of Greece & North Macedonia	07.06.2024	Ms. Maria Parthena Moula, Young Ambassador.	Showcased the impact and importance of the C4CF initiative in increasing bilateral youth cooperation, building bridges, and fostering meaningful relationships among the youth from both countries.
115. Workshops	Systems Thinking and Action Network Mapping workshop series	24.06.2024, Thessaloniki, Greece; 17.07.2024, Florina, Greece; 13.12.2024, Krusevo, North Macedonia; 13.02.2025, Skopje, North Macedonia	120 including more than 100 young people, civil society actors, educators, and institutional representatives.	Identified interconnections, challenges, and leverage points in the youth cooperation ecosystem in five fields: Education, Business, CSO, Media and Culture.
116. Panel discussion	Youth Dialogue for Bilateral Cooperation	27.06.2024, Thessaloniki, Greece	25 students from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.	Raised awareness of the C4CF initiative among the students and its importance of building bridges among the youth. Emphasized the importance of cultural exchanges, trust-building initiatives and joint youth-led projects for solidifying cooperation.
117. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative at the University of Macedonia	June 2024, Thessaloniki, Greece	C4CF team and SEE in Action team; 20 undergraduate students	Emphasized the usefulness and importance of cross-border cooperation to students who study borders and border regions.

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118. Discussion forum	Civil Society and Think Tank Forum 2024 as part of the Berlin Process	09.07.2024 – 11.07.2024, Skopje, North Macedonia	C4CF representative – Biljana Stojcheska; 18 relevant representatives of CSO field	Incorporated the C4CF initiative and its importance in one of the key recommendations in the topic of 'Enhancing EU Integration: The Berlin Process as a Key Driver of Regional Cohesion and Progress'; Emphasized importance of RYCO as a medium for resolving WB6 and WB6-EU issues.
119. Youth Exchange	Social Stereotypes Unveiled	15.07.2024 – 23.07.2024, Prespa, Florina, Greece	30 young people from North Macedonia, Greece and Germany.	Achieved several interconnected goals, fostered personal growth, societal awareness and cultural exchange; Shared unique perspectives and traditions, promoted inclusivity and respect; Presented the C4CF initiative in front of active young people from North Macedonia, Greece and Germany.
120. Presentation	C4CF at the Youth Day in Strumica	12.08.2024, Strumica, North Macedonia	50 young people.	Presented the C4CF initiative and its opportunities for further involvement at the Youth Festival – Strumica.
121. Training course	Medi(a)tation	19.08.2024 – 30.08.2024, Stratoni, Khalkidiki, Greece	24 young people from the region.	Increased media literacy among the youth in key spheres such as approaching news sources, expanding critical thinking, spotting fake news, organizing online and offline campaigns as well as teamwork; Presented the C4CF initiative as well as opportunities to become part of it.
122. Panel discussion	Moment of Truth	29.09.2024, Krusevo, North Macedonia	More than 26 participants from North Macedonia and Greece.	Raised fruitful discussions of shared complexities and proposed solutions for face-to-face dialogues and examining historical and cultural challenges between the two countries. Encouraged the youth to move beyond assumptions and prejudices.
123. Institutional developmen t meetings	Facilitation of working meetings with project partners, youth representatives, and institutional stakeholders	October 2024 – March 2025, Skopje, North Macedonia; Thessaloniki, Greece	10 representatives from different institutions.	Defined the roles, responsibilities, and mandates of the Governing Board of Youth Cooperation Offices. Identified key governance competencies, established inclusive eligibility and selection criteria, and drafted provisions for transparency, accountability, and decision-making.
124. Networking activity	System mapping of the existing cooperation practices	November 2024 – July 2025, Desk Work	5 researchers from the C4CF team; 257 stakeholders.	Directly outreached all 257 identified stakeholders through interviews and telephone conversations in order to create a knowledge tool of the existing cooperation practices.
125. Presentation	Presentation of the C4CF initiative and Paperclip info point	28.11.2024, Valandovo, North Macedonia	4 members of C4CF team and 15 young people.	Highlighted the importance of the C4CF initiative and the stellar work done by the most successful info point "Paperclip" in Valandovo.

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126. Training activity	Capacity-Building for Young Ambassadors	10.12.2024 – 13.12.2024, Krusevo, North Macedonia	C4CF team; 8 young ambassadors (4 from Greece and 4 from North Macedonia).	Equipped the young ambassadors with essential skills to work at the grassroot youth level, fostering trust, mutual understanding, and collaboration in their communities.
127. Multi-stakeholder panel discussion	Youth Connect: A Dialogue for Peace and Security	11.12.2024 – 13.12.2024, Krusevo, North Macedonia	30 young people from both North Macedonia and Greece; C4CF team; RYCO; NYCM.	Fostered meaningful dialogues on bilateral issues, historical tensions, and stereotypes; provided a platform for youth to share experiences, challenge assumptions, and build mutual understanding. Created noticeable improvements in relationships, trust, and openness among participants, demonstrating the powerful role of cross-border dialogue in easing tensions and creating lasting, positive change.
128. Institutional collaboration event	Collaboration with the Yunus Center on Social Entrepreneurship	December 2024, Skopje, North Macedonia	50 young people.	Highlighted the potential of social entrepreneurship for addressing pressing challenges in North Macedonia and Greece and promoting cross-border collaboration.
129. Coordination meeting	Event management and coordination for the hybrid event	December 2024 – January 2025	Biljana Stojceska, Nina Jovanovska, Anna Bampili, Nikos Bakirtzis, Nikola Jovanovski.	Conducted technical and logistical preparations: venue arrangements, audio-visual setup, and support materials.
130. Podcast	Cooperation as a desire above all else!	30.12.2024, Skopje, North Macedonia	4 young individuals (2 from each country).	Emphasized the importance of dialogue and shared understanding as platforms for bilateral youth cooperation.
131. Social Experiment	Perception Swap – Breaking Stereotypes	January – March 2025, Skopje, North Macedonia	20 young participants from North Macedonia and Greece and a team of 5 psychologists.	Fostered critical reflection, empathy, and intercultural understanding, and aimed to break prejudices and stereotypes among the youth from both countries.
132. Presentation and dissemination	My Journey with C4CF: Experiences That Shaped Me	10.03.2025	Martin Donev – High School Student from Sveti Nikole.	Highlighted the tangible impact of the C4CF initiative and emphasized the importance of its activities.
133. Focus group	Youth Voices for the future of the Balkans	08.02.2025, Thessaloniki, Greece	15 young participants from the region of Macedonia (Thessaloniki).	Raised important discussions regarding the role of youth in the future of the Balkans and pressing challenges pertaining to them.

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134. Design competency framework	Development of the Board Competency Matrix	March 2025 – July 2025, Desk Work	2 researchers from the partnering organizations of the project.	Defined essential knowledge, skills, experience, and values for effective and inclusive governance with the Youth Cooperation Offices. Included key areas in the Matrix Board, such as youth policy, advocacy, diversity, inclusion, intercultural dialogue, and financial oversight.
135. Mentoring program	Creation of Mentoring Program for potential board members	March – July 2025, Desk Work	2 researchers from the partnering organizations of the project.	Developed key skills among the mentors, such as structured mentoring, peer learning, and shadowing opportunities, closely aligned with the values of the Youth Cooperation Offices.
136. Social Media dissemination activity	Youth Ambassadors Vlog	13.03.2025	2 young ambassadors: Bojan Shishkov and Thanasis Skoufias.	Explored the characteristics of the Greek educational system and vibrant culture and raised importance as to why bringing young people from North Macedonia and Greece together is key for fostering bilateral youth cooperation.
137. Podcast	Episode 5: Our Lives, Our Safety	23.04.2025, Skopje North Macedonia	C4CF team (Nina Jovanovska); Dimitrios Papadopoulos and Blendi Hodai.	Shared perspectives on youth safety and well-being in North Macedonia and Greece.
138. Presentation	Presentation of the C4CF initiative at the National Student Forum 2.0	09.05.2025 – 10.05.2025, Skopje, North Macedonia	60 students from North Macedonia.	Raised discussions for the importance of student activism in the regional context by building both regional and bilateral cooperation.
139. Presentation	Presenting the C4CF initiative at the Career Day at the University of Macedonia	19.05.2025, Thessaloniki, Greece	Eleni Vasdoka from the SEE in Action team and 25 students	Provided a retrospect of the achievements of the C4CF initiative, the already accomplished work and the importance for the events ahead.
140. Presentation	Presenting the finalized Impact Report from all four phases of the project	11.07.2025, Skopje, North Macedonia	50 stakeholders from both countries (CSOs, Academia, Business, International Organizations, Governmental Institutions).	Presented a comprehensive and concise report of all the outcomes and results that have been created, as well as the lasting impact of the initiative on bilateral youth cooperation.
141. Youth Exchange	Cooperation For a Common Future	21.07.2025 – 28.07.2025, Krusevo, North Macedonia	25 young people from North Macedonia and Greece.	Raised fruitful discussions regarding key attitudes among the youth from both countries regarding stereotypes and prejudices; established cultural exchange activities through workshops and exchange of ideas; increased youth interaction.

Outputs and Outcomes

The following section provides a comprehensive overview of the key outputs and outcomes achieved throughout the implementation of the "Cooperation for a Common Future" initiative (2019–2025). Each table is organized by thematic pillars and captures both tangible results (outputs) such as events, tools, and documents produced, as well as the broader changes and impact (outcomes) observed among youth, stakeholders, and institutions.

The information reflects the scale, scope, and effectiveness of the initiative in fostering sustainable youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.

Youth Engagement and Dialogue

Outputs	Period of achievement
Created 8 Tandems of Cooperation (Youth Organization – Decision Maker) for increasing youth bilateral cooperation between the young people from North Macedonia and Greece for successful and sustainable results in the future.	November 2019 – February 2021
The research study "New Hope for Cooperation" (680 responses) was conducted to assess youth perceptions of bilateral relations; the findings revealed that 76% of youth had traveled to the neighboring country, 54% formed friendships, 83% recognized cooperation as key to overcoming stereotypes, 67.3% felt personally responsible for improving bilateral ties, and 53.9% expressed willingness to join future C4CF activities.	August 2020

Outputs and Outcomes

Youth Engagement and Dialogue

Outputs	Period of achievement
Implemented 4 focus groups and 20 deep interviews for analyzing the perceptions of young people regarding bilateral cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	November 2019 – February 2021
Facilitated more than 30 events (in-person, online, hybrid), on varied topics pertaining to the youth bilateral cooperation in three crucial fields – education, culture, and citizen engagement.	November 2019 – February 2021
15 language courses implemented in the spirit of familiarizing more than 120 youth with the neighbor's language and eliciting cultural exchange.	March 2021 – April 2022
Creation of a group of young people from North Macedonia and Greece for encouraging civic engagement, encompassing 17 young people which are representatives of info points, student unions from North Macedonia and Greece and young activists (9 from Greece and 8 from North Macedonia, 11 females, and 6 males).	July – August 2021
18 coordination meetings were implemented with the volunteers from the three contact info points in Valandovo, Athens, and Florina.	December 2021 – April 2022

Outputs and outcomes

Youth Engagement and Dialogue

Outputs	Period of achievement
8 Young Ambassadors (Regional, Networking, Communications) were recruited through the open call for young ambassadors.	January – February 2022
Digital Cooperation for Youth Employability – created an interactive digital platform for cross-border collaboration between North Macedonia, Greece, and Bulgaria.	May 2022
Implemented 6 physical events in both North Macedonia and Greece, with 80% of them conducted in a productive, good-neighborly spirit.	August – October 2022
Implemented 8 physical and 3 virtual bilateral events between North Macedonia and Greece, with 78% of the events conducted in a productive, good-neighborly spirit. Additionally, 2 new project ideas for bilateral youth cooperation were developed.	January – March 2023
Organized 16 physical and 5 virtual bilateral events engaging youth from North Macedonia and Greece.	April – June 2023
Organized 18 youth activities and one bilateral youth festival under the motto “Experiencing Cooperation,” fostering cross-border engagement and cultural exchange among young people.	June – September 2023

Outputs and outcomes

Youth Engagement and Dialogue

Outputs	Period of achievement
More than 80 young people from both North Macedonia and Greece were meaningfully engaged through a series of structured 4 focus groups and 2 panel discussions.	December 2023 – September 2024
Successfully fostered inclusive and youth-led cooperation through more than 15 grassroots-level activities, increasing trust, cultural understanding, and shared initiatives between youth from both countries.	May - September 2024
4 interactive workshops were held in North Macedonia and Greece, engaging 120 participants in systems thinking to map stakeholders, challenges, and opportunities across 5 sectors.	June 2024 – February 2025
Implemented 8 youth-focused activities via the info points in both countries, engaging over 250 youth and generating ideas for cultural exchange, media literacy, entrepreneurship, and advocacy.	June 2024 – February 2025
Organized 9 virtual ideation sessions that served as collaborative platforms for participants from North Macedonia and Greece, discussing future activities at the info points, focusing on youth engagement, cultural exchange and educational initiatives.	October – December 2024
Implemented 4 Systems Thinking Workshops on a grassroots level in Greece and North Macedonia to create a final transformative map and engage diverse stakeholders.	January – May 2025

Outputs and Outcomes

Youth Engagement and Dialogue

Outcomes	Period of achievement
75% of the young participants in the Cultural Kick-Off Event met a peer from the neighboring country for the first time, engaging in both formal and informal communication and exchange.	January 2020
More than 200 young people—including artists, activists, students, and youth leaders—actively participated in diverse cultural and educational activities such as debates, discussions, movie nights, presentations, poetry readings, open mic sessions, and language learning, with over 50% reporting a positive experience and recognizing the meaningful impact of their involvement.	November 2019 – February 2021
90% of the 657 young people participated in the bilateral youth events for the first time; 65% of them had a positive feedback regarding the events and 34% of them are eager for future collaboration as committed citizens for bilateral relations; 76% of them stated that the topics of the events pertained to their interest.	March 2021 – December 2021
79% of 739 directly involved young people from both countries stated that they had the opportunity to meet peers from the neighboring country for the first time; 64% highlighted that they have gained an increased knowledge of the context of their neighboring country, enhanced critical thinking, problem-solving, communication and cooperation.	December 2021 – April 2022

Outputs and Outcomes

Youth Engagement and Dialogue

Outcomes	Period of achievement
91% of the activities were implemented with great productivity and 73% of the young people involved in the activities had positive feedback regarding their implementation.	May – July 2022
96% of the young people participating in the events experienced bilateral youth cooperation for the first time, of which 95% were 'hard-to-reach' and 75% emphasized willingness to be part of the next actions of the initiative.	May – July 2022
69% of participating youth gave positive feedback; 63% attended a bilateral event for the first time, and 35% felt inspired to become future multipliers of the initiative.	August – October 2022
83% of participating youth were involved in such youth bilateral events for the first time; 74% gave positive feedback, and 51% felt inspired to become future multipliers of the initiative.	January – March 2023
72% of participants took part in bilateral cooperation for the first time; 83% reported positive experiences, 54% gave favorable feedback, and 51% felt motivated to become future multipliers—demonstrating strong engagement and good-neighborly interaction.	April – June 2023

Outputs and Outcomes

Youth Engagement and Dialogue

Outcomes	Period of achievement
92% of the young participants who participated in the events experienced bilateral youth cooperation for the first time, with 87.5% reporting a positive and productive experience in a good-neighborly mode; 48% expressed eagerness to be future multipliers of the program's outcomes, and 6 new project ideas for bilateral cooperation were developed.	June – September 2023
89% of young people involved in the activities showed interest in fostering cross-border cooperation (CBC), 67% demonstrated innovation and creativity in identifying potential cooperation areas; 78% confirmed event productivity and amicable atmosphere, 91% gave positive event feedback.	October – December 2023
60 participants of the International Youth Conference "European Values for the Future of SEE Countries" became acquainted with the goals, activities, and impact of the C4CF initiative.	October 2023

Outputs and Outcomes

Network Building and Institutional Support

Outputs	Period of achievement
Created list with more than 30 contacts, partners, collaborators and stakeholders, as well as good practices of cooperation.	September – October 2020
Implemented 14 networking meetings with stakeholders from North Macedonia and 7 meetings with stakeholders from Greece, along with meetings involving 8 national and 2 international institutions.	March – June 2021
YAK, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia, has organized the Youth Forum "Grassroots Youth Voices for Bringing the Region Closer Together" as part of the Prespa Forum Dialogue.	July 2021
Implemented 15 networking meetings with 12 stakeholders from both countries, of which (58%) expressed interest in collaboration with the activities.	July – September 2021
Conference on the "Future of Europe" with more than 100 participants, key stakeholders, academics, experts, youth activists, leaders; Key discussions raised on topics pertaining to green transition, environmental issues and climate change.	September 2021

Outputs and Outcomes

Network Building and Institutional Support

Outputs	Period of achievement
1 Networking forum which explored various topics with 78 representatives of different stakeholders from both countries and gave conclusions on the present conditions and the future aspects of improving bilateral youth relations.	November 2021
3 networking meetings implemented with 3 stakeholders from cultural industries from both countries, of which all 3 expressed positive interest in being involved in the future activities of the initiative.	August – October 2022
1 networking meeting with 5 stakeholders from the Academic sector.	June 2022
More than 13 institutions and representatives of more than 5 CSOs were directly involved in the activities for youth engagement and dialogue.	August – October 2022

Outputs and Outcomes

Network Building and Institutional Support

Outputs	Period of achievement
52 meetings with relevant stakeholders have taken place, thus solidifying the aims and impact of the initiative and creating new partnerships for future activities.	April – June 2023
Networking meeting with 3 stakeholders from the business field and the Chamber of Commerce in North Macedonia.	October 2022
Conducted study visits in 4 different bilateral offices (German-Polish Youth Office, German-French Youth Office, German-Israeli Youth Office, German-Greek Youth Office) with 15 relevant experts from the field for mapping strengths and assets of the network for the activation of the strategic action plan.	October 2022
4 networking sessions were held with 62 stakeholders from both countries, with 52% (32 out of 62) expressing interest in supporting and participating in the initiative's development.	January – March 2023

Outputs and Outcomes

Network Building and Institutional Support

Outputs	Period of achievement
Implemented 16 networking sessions with stakeholders from both countries.	April – June 2023
Facilitated 45 meetings to strengthen the bilateral cooperation network, with 56% (42/75) of stakeholders expressing interest in supporting and participating in the initiative's further development, and 6 stakeholders providing positive feedback on youth support for collaboration.	April – June 2023
63 meetings with relevant stakeholders and 1 International Networking Forum.	June – September 2023
3 consultative debates were held to ensure an inclusive process for creating strategic documents for establishing bilateral youth cooperation offices.	May 2024 – September 2024
Established a diverse and sustainable cross-sectoral network with over 180 active stakeholders across civil society, media, education, business, and culture.	October 2024 – July 2025
Created an interactive geolocation network map which includes an initial list of 150 resources such as youth organizations, government bodies, educational institutions, cultural centers, and peace initiatives from North Macedonia and Greece relevant for the youth cooperation ecosystem, identifying leverage points for joint action and policy support.	April 2024 – July 2025

Outputs and Outcomes

Network Building and Institutional Support

Outcomes	Period of achievement
Established direct communication with different international organizations (DG EAC, European Commission, European Parliament, European Youth Forum, Regional Council for Cooperation, German Marshall Fund) for future support and priorities of Bilateral Youth Cooperation.	November 2020
75% of the engaged stakeholders expressed initiative and interest in participating in future activities of the initiative.	March – June 2021
56/78 (72%) stakeholders reported positive conclusions that new contacts created made them more eager to spread awareness regarding the importance of bilateral youth cooperation.	December 2021 – April 2022
26/34 (76%) representatives of educational institutions, business, and municipalities expressed interest in collaboration for supporting youth cooperation from both countries.	December 2021 – April 2022
3/5 (60%) of stakeholders visited expressed interest in being involved in the future activities of the initiative.	June – July 2022

Outputs and Outcomes

Network Building and Institutional Support

Outcomes	Period of achievement
The initiative's network expanded to include over 35 organizations, 5 universities, 7 regional business unions, and 2 municipalities, all of which are now aware of and supportive of the initiative.	January – March 2023
Expanded the network of stakeholders to more than 52 organizations, 5 Universities, 7 Regional Business Unions, 2 Municipalities, 2 youth networks, and 1 Business Hub.	April – June 2023
The initiative's network significantly expanded to include over 65 organizations, 9 universities, 5 municipalities, 5 youth networks, and 12 high schools—all of which became aware of and expressed support for the C4CF initiative.	June – September 2023
63/102 (62%) stakeholders involved in the networking meetings/sessions expressed interest in participating in the forthcoming events of the initiative.	June – September 2023
68% of involved stakeholders in the consultative debates expressed high satisfaction and emphasized the importance of establishing bilateral youth cooperation offices.	May 2024 – September 2024

Outputs and Outcomes

Policy and Governance Structure

Outputs	Period of achievement
Developed an ACTION PLAN for the activities of the entire initiative 'Cooperation for a Common Future' in 4 phases.	November 2019
Created a STRATEGIC PLAN for eliminating stereotypes and encouraging youth interaction and cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	January 2020
Drafted an ACTION PLAN for establishing a Youth Contact Info Point on a local level between North Macedonia and Greece.	February 2020
Prepared an ACTION PLAN for deepening bilateral youth cooperation in line with the Prespa Agreement.	June – September 2023
Creation of a WORKING PLAN for establishing the Bilateral Youth Cooperation Offices between North Macedonia and Greece.	May 2020
Creation of FOUNDING DOCUMENTS for the Info Points containing general information, aims of the Info Points, location, activities with which the Info Points will engage, main tasks of the Info Points, and tasks of the volunteers at the Info Points.	May 2020 – December 2020

Outputs and Outcomes

Policy and Governance Structure

Outputs	Period of achievement
MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION between the Municipality of Valandovo and Youth Alliance – Krusevo for timely and effective cooperation toward establishing a Youth Cooperation Office(s).	May 2020
Implemented 3 large-scale and 15 small-scale bilateral events, resulting in 19 presentations, 25 videos, and 1 Policy Brief.	May 2020 – February 2021
POLICY BRIEF "Beyond the Bare Minimum: How We Can Ensure Meaningful Youth Cooperation between Greece and North Macedonia" with more than 30 conclusions and recommendations for future actions and initiatives for strengthening bilateral youth cooperation.	February 2021
Issued a JOINT DECLARATION for establishing Youth Cooperation Offices between North Macedonia and Greece.	July 2021
Endorsed a DECLARATION OF COOPERATION between individuals, institutions and entities that pledged to work together toward expanding and deepening youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	March 2022
Developed a methodology based on bilateral research and a CASE STUDY on European bilateral youth offices, resulting in a new strategy for the development of the offices' structure and implementation of its strategic plan.	January – March 2023

Outputs and Outcomes

Policy and Governance Structure

Outputs	Period of achievement
POLICY PAPER “Strengthening bonds between alienated neighbors in the region: Greece, Bulgaria, North Macedonia”.	February 2023
Developed a STRATEGIC PLAN, Three-Year Action Plan, and 2024 Annual Program for the Youth Cooperation Offices between North Macedonia and Greece.	June - September 2023
Organized 8 ideation sessions with key stakeholders, youth representatives, community leaders, and educational partners from North Macedonia and Greece, resulting in the generation of unique ideas on community-building, cross-cultural exchange, educational workshops, and digital engagement.	July – September 2024
Strategic digital tool TRANSFORMATIVE MAP to visualize the cooperation ecosystem, offering a resource for decision-makers and youth actors to navigate opportunities and synergies across the region.	June 2024 – February 2025
Developed CORE GOVERNENCE TOOLS such as the Diversity and Inclusive Board Policy and Charter, Board Competency Matrix, and Mentoring Program.	December 2023 – July 2025
IMPACT REPORT from the C4CF initiative (2020-2025) based on official evaluation data gathered throughout all phases of the initiative.	July 2025

Outputs and Outcomes

Policy and Governance Structure

Outcomes	Period of achievement
Youth Diplomacy: marked a milestone in recognizing youth as key actors in implementing the Prespa Agreement and strengthening bilateral ties.	November 2019 – February 2021
80+ decision-makers engaged through project activities, showcasing their support for youth-led bilateral cooperation.	February 2021
The Declaration of Cooperation was endorsed by 100+ individuals and institutions committed to deepening youth cooperation.	June – September 2023
Bilateral research and a European case study led to a new strategy for establishing and implementing Youth Cooperation Offices.	March 2023
A successful advocacy action influenced the integration of good-neighborly relations into North Macedonia's National Youth Strategy (2023–2027).	April – June 2023

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
Produced the VIDEO “Meet a Musician from My Country” to promote cultural exchange and youth storytelling through music.	January 2020
Produced the VIDEO “Gastronomy Routes of Neighbours,” showcasing young people from both countries engaging in cross-border cooking experiences to celebrate culinary heritage and foster intercultural connection.	January 2020
Produced the VIDEO “Open Mic: Voices of Youth,” featuring young people from both countries sharing music, poetry, and personal stories as a platform for creative expression and cultural dialogue.	January 2020
Produced the VIDEO “Debate: Youth Participation in Decision-Making,” highlighting young voices from both countries discussing challenges and opportunities for meaningful engagement in policymaking processes.	January 2020
Creation of Virtual Youth Hub during the pandemic crisis for implementing online activities such as meetings, discussions, and podcasts for youth cross-border mobilization.	June 2020

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
Developed a visual identity (BRANDING BOOK) and a communication strategy.	July 2020
Developed and launched the WEBSITE www.c4cf.org to promote the results, achievements, and ongoing activities of the "Cooperation for a Common Future" initiative.	July 2020
Branded the Info Point in Valandovo with the C4CF logo and key slogans to enhance visibility, identity, and local recognition of the initiative.	October 2020
Featured in a MEDIA APPERANCE on Radio Slobodna Evropa with the segment titled "Does Anybody Ask the Young People About Good-Neighbourly Relations?", promoting youth perspectives and the goals of the C4CF initiative.	November 2020
Produced the VIDEO from the storytelling evening "Youth Mobilities: Opening Horizons," capturing personal experiences and reflections of young people on cross-border mobility and intercultural learning.	December 2020
VIDEO "Youth Cooperation in the Spotlight," showcasing success stories, key messages, and joint actions of young people promoting bilateral cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	February 2021

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
VIDEO “Civil Society Actions: A Pathway to New Hope,” highlighting grassroots initiatives and the vital role of youth-led civil society in advancing cooperation and positive change across borders.	February 2021
VIDEO “Cross-Border Education Opportunities: A Way Towards Reconciliation,” illustrating how the collaboration between educational institutions from neighboring countries can contribute to mutual understanding and long-term reconciliation.	February 2021
MEDIA INTERVIEW titled “The New Generations in the Balkans Should Not Be Prisoners of the Past,” emphasizing the youth perspective on reconciliation, regional cooperation, and moving beyond historical divisions.	March 2021

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
Received the Youth Civic Engagement Award 2021 in recognition of the C4CF initiative's outstanding contribution in promoting youth participation, cross-border cooperation, and civic activism in the region.	May 2021
VIDEO from the discussion "Study in Your Neighboring Country: Procedures and Benefits," providing practical guidance and first-hand insights to inform and encourage youth academic mobility between North Macedonia and Greece.	June 2021
VIDEO from the discussion "An Era of Uncertainty – Fake News in a Pandemic World," featuring two communication experts from North Macedonia and Greece discussing the impact of disinformation during crises and the importance of cross-border media literacy.	July 2021
PODCAST Episode #1 titled "Cooperation Under a Common Rainbow," exploring cross-border LGBTQ+ activism and inclusive youth cooperation.	August 2021
Produced a highlights VIDEO from the festival "Experiencing Cooperation," capturing key moments, youth interactions, and cross-border initiatives that showcased the spirit of bilateral collaboration.	September 2021

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
Published 5 issues of the electronic monthly newsletter “Experiencing Cooperation,” providing regular updates on activities, youth stories, and milestones of the C4CF initiative.	June - December 2021
VIDEO from the discussion “Erasmus+ is a Program with 1,000,000 Possibilities,” highlighting how the program fosters bridge-building and youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	November 2021
PODCAST Episode #2 titled “Outside and Inside Student Life in Greece and North Macedonia,” offering personal insights into cross-border academic experiences.	November 2021
Featured a media appearance on 98.3 FM (Athina 984)	November 2021
MEDIA INTERVIEW, Radio Slobodna Evropa titled “Macedonian and Greek Youth in One Network: No Reconciliation Without Youth,” emphasizing the crucial role of young people in building cross-border cooperation and fostering reconciliation through the C4CF initiative.	December 2021
Produced and disseminated 1,000 Christmas postcards featuring messages of support and wishes for strengthened youth cooperation in 2022, as part of the C4CF initiative’s visibility and outreach efforts.	December 2021

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
PODCAST Episode #3 titled “Women in Culture: The Secret Ingredient for Good Neighborly Relations,” exploring the role of women in fostering cross-border cultural cooperation and strengthening regional ties.	February 2022
Published 11 issues of the electronic monthly newsletter “Experiencing Cooperation,” providing regular updates on activities, youth stories, and milestones of the C4CF initiative.	February 2022 - January 2023
VIDEO from the discussion “Empowering Young Women at Work,” focusing on gender equality, inclusive work environments, and cross-border cooperation opportunities for young women.	February, 2022
MEDIA appearance on Radio Slobodna Evropa ‘Young Ambassadors vs Old Prejudices’, highlighting the role of youth in challenging stereotypes and promoting reconciliation through cross-border cooperation.	May 2022
INFOGRAPHIC “C4CF Impact 2020–2021,” visually presenting key achievements, outreach figures, and milestones of the initiative to enhance stakeholder visibility and communication.	July 2022
Highlights VIDEO from the youth exchange “Experiencing Cooperation,” showcasing key moments, shared experiences, and the spirit of collaboration between young participants from North Macedonia and Greece.	September 2022

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
Published 12 issues of the electronic monthly newsletter “Experiencing Cooperation,” providing regular updates on activities, youth stories, and milestones of the C4CF initiative.	February 2023 - January 2024
Branded the Info Point in Vevcani with the C4CF logo and key slogans to enhance visibility, identity, and local recognition of the initiative.	March, 2023
PODCAST Episode#4 titled “Student Standards in North Macedonia and Greece,” to highlight the differences and commonalities in student life across the two countries.	June, 2023
MEDIA appearance on DION TV, promoting the goals, activities, and impact of the C4CF initiative while highlighting youth voices and cross-border cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	July 2023
Produced and disseminated 500 informational LEAFLETS for the festival in Valandovo, aiming to promote the event, increase local visibility, and engage the community in the C4CF initiative.	August 2023
MEDIA appearance on ALFA TV, promoting the goals, activities, and impact of the C4CF initiative while highlighting youth voices and cross-border cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	August 2023

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
Produced a highlights VIDEO from the festival “Experiencing Cooperation,” capturing key moments, youth interactions, and cross-border initiatives that showcased the spirit of bilateral collaboration.	November 2023
Published 15 issues of the electronic monthly newsletter “Experiencing Cooperation,” providing regular updates on activities, youth stories, and milestones of the C4CF initiative.	February 2024 - May 2025
Delivered an interactive PRESENTATION tailored for a diverse group of young people, using engaging methods to introduce the goals, activities, and impact of the C4CF initiative.	July, 2024
Received public acknowledgment from the Municipality of Valandovo for the contribution of the C4CF initiative for fostering youth cooperation, recognizing the Info Point “Paperclip” as a key focal point for building cross-border trust, friendships, and shared opportunities between young people from North Macedonia and Greece.	November 2024
Highlights VIDEO from the event “Book Builds Friendships,” capturing key moments of cross-border youth interaction, dialogue, and cultural exchange inspired by literature.	February 2025

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outputs	Period of achievement
Produced a VIDEO VLOG by the Young Ambassadors, showcasing their journey through the Greek educational system, cultural experiences, and academic milestones.	March 2025
Published the BROCHURE “Bridging Heritage,” authored by C4CF Youth Ambassador Jovana Ristevska, celebrating the shared cultural roots and historical connections that underpin youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	May 2025
PODCAST Episode #5 titled “Our Lives, Our Safety,” highlighting youth perspectives on safety, trust, and well-being, and offering bold ideas and proposals for change in the context of cross-border cooperation.	June 2025

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outcomes	Period of achievement
Increased intercultural understanding and empathy among 256 viewers via videos such as “Meet a Musician from My Country”, “Open Mic: Voices of Youth”, and “Gastronomy Routes of Neighbours”.	January 2020 – February 2021
Sustained youth engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic through the creation of the Virtual Youth Hub, enabling cross-border collaboration and dialogue in a time of physical separation.	January 2020 – March 2021
Improved recognition and visibility of the C4CF initiative at the local and national levels through: Branding of the Info Point in Valandovo; Development of a visual identity and communication strategy; Launch of the official website www.c4cf.org.	January 2020 – March 2021
The initiative reached over 50,000 people in 2020 through coordinated media efforts, online visibility, and public events, significantly increasing public awareness, youth engagement, and recognition of the goals of bilateral youth cooperation between North Macedonia and Greece.	January 2020 – January 2021

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outcomes	Period of achievement
Promoted inclusive narratives and reconciliation, via interviews and podcasts addressing identity, inclusion, and the importance of youth in overcoming historic divisions (e.g., "The New Generations Should Not Be Prisoners of the Past").	January 2021 – February 2022
Built lasting communication channels, by publishing 5 editions of the "Experiencing Cooperation" newsletter, reinforcing sustained visibility and keeping stakeholders informed and engaged.	January 2021 – March 2022
Strengthened partnerships and recognition, including receiving the Youth Civic Engagement Award 2021, which validated the initiative's regional impact on youth participation and cooperation.	May 2021
Strengthened youth engagement in civic discourse, with podcast episodes and interviews amplifying the voices of young people from North Macedonia and Greece on topics like LGBTQ+ inclusion, student mobility, and regional cooperation.	March 2021 – January 2022
Enhanced public awareness on cross-border youth cooperation, with over 150,000 people reached through podcasts, media appearances, videos, and newsletters.	January 2021 – January 2022

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outcomes	Period of achievement
Sustained stakeholder engagement and transparency, achieved through the publication of 11 issues of the "Experiencing Cooperation" electronic newsletter, which kept over 1,000 stakeholders regularly informed and connected to project developments and youth success stories.	February 2022 – February 2023
Improved outreach and recognition of results, through the publication of the "C4CF Impact 2020–2021" infographic, which consolidated achievements into a user-friendly format for partners, donors, and media outlets — reinforcing the credibility and impact of the initiative.	July 2022
Enhanced public awareness on cross-border youth cooperation, with over 100,000 people reached through podcasts, media appearances, videos, and newsletters.	January 2022 – January 2023
Strengthened Community Engagement and Local Ownership through local outreach tools such as the branding of the Info Point in Vevcani and distribution of 500 informational leaflets for the Valandovo festival, the initiative strengthened grassroots visibility, fostered local ownership, and deepened community engagement in promoting cross-border dialogue and collaboration.	January 2023 – January 2024
Enhanced public awareness on cross-border youth cooperation, with over 150,000 people reached through podcasts, media appearances, videos, and newsletters.	January 2023 – January 2024

Outputs and Outcomes

Visibility and Media Action

Outcomes	Period of achievement
Through events like the Book Builds Friendships video, the youth festival Experiencing Cooperation, and the public acknowledgment by the Municipality of Valandovo, the initiative strengthened interpersonal trust, friendship, and collaboration between young people from North Macedonia and Greece—contributing to long-term relationship building at the grassroots level.	January 2024 – July 2025
Enhanced public awareness on cross-border youth cooperation, with over 130,000 people reached through podcasts, media appearances, videos, and newsletters.	January 2024 – July 2025

Impact and Value

The impact of the *Cooperation For a Common Future (C4CF)* project extends beyond simple raw numbers. While reaching thousands of young people across five successful years of activities, the project's true value lies in the tangible and positive changes it fostered within the societies of North Macedonia and Greece.

C4CF did not aim to produce statistics, but rather to create meaningful relationships based on trust, positive attitudes, and cross-border cooperation. Therefore, the project's impact can be best understood across three interconnected spheres: young people, stakeholders, and society, each reinforcing the other to advance sustainable bilateral cooperation.



Impact and Value

Young People

The paramount field of impact of the *(C4CF)* project was impacting the young people from North Macedonia and Greece, fostering lasting and transformative relations that will result in creating a sustainable community for bilateral cooperation rooted in dialogue instead of stereotypes and prejudices.

Between 2020 and 2025, **9,968 young people** were reached across **141 activities** implemented in four phases. Notably, **more than 90% of the participating young people attended a bilateral youth event for the first time,** directly addressing the project's aim of **engaging less-informed youth to experience cooperation and actively challenge stereotypes.**

More than 5,000 young people physically crossed the border for the first time through the project to participate in a bilateral youth event, with **80%** meeting with their cross-border peers for the first time, and **over 75%** reporting positive experiences and eagerness for further bilateral youth cooperation – an unprecedented achievement for the region.

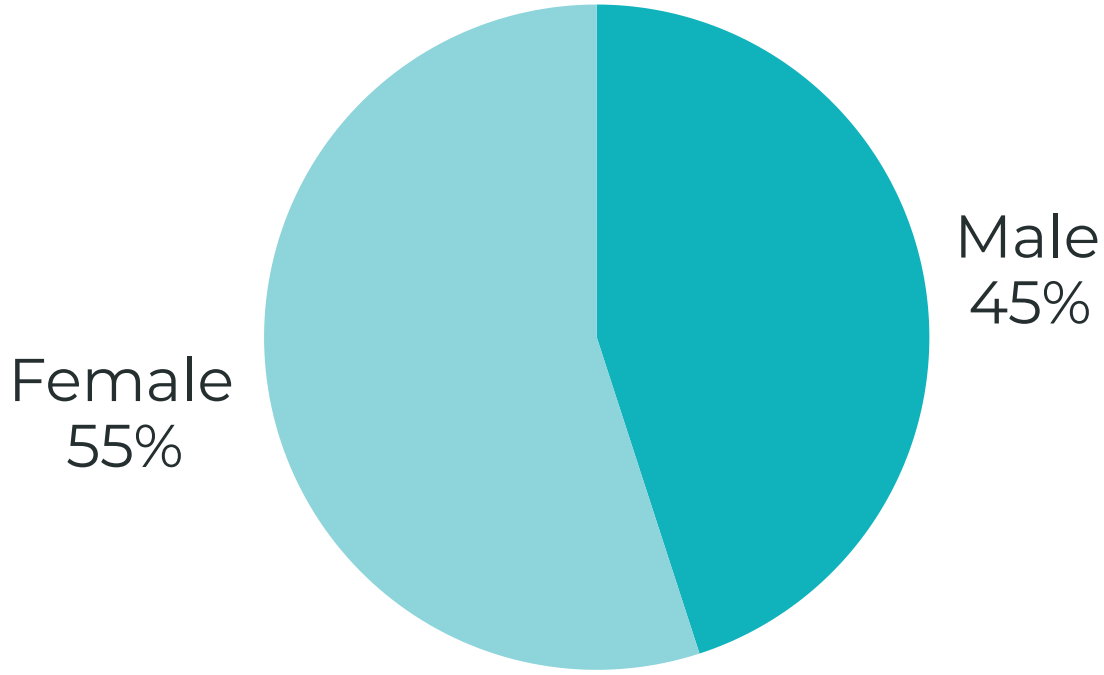
Parallel to introducing the young people to bilateral cooperation, the *C4CF* project aimed to shift and challenge existing narratives and demystify incorrect perceptions regarding bilateral cooperation.

By leveraging the youth info points, the DIGICOOP platform, and their realized activities, **more than 7,500 young people (75%)** have reported easier access to accurate information regarding their cross-border neighbor, opportunities for collaboration, education, and mobility.

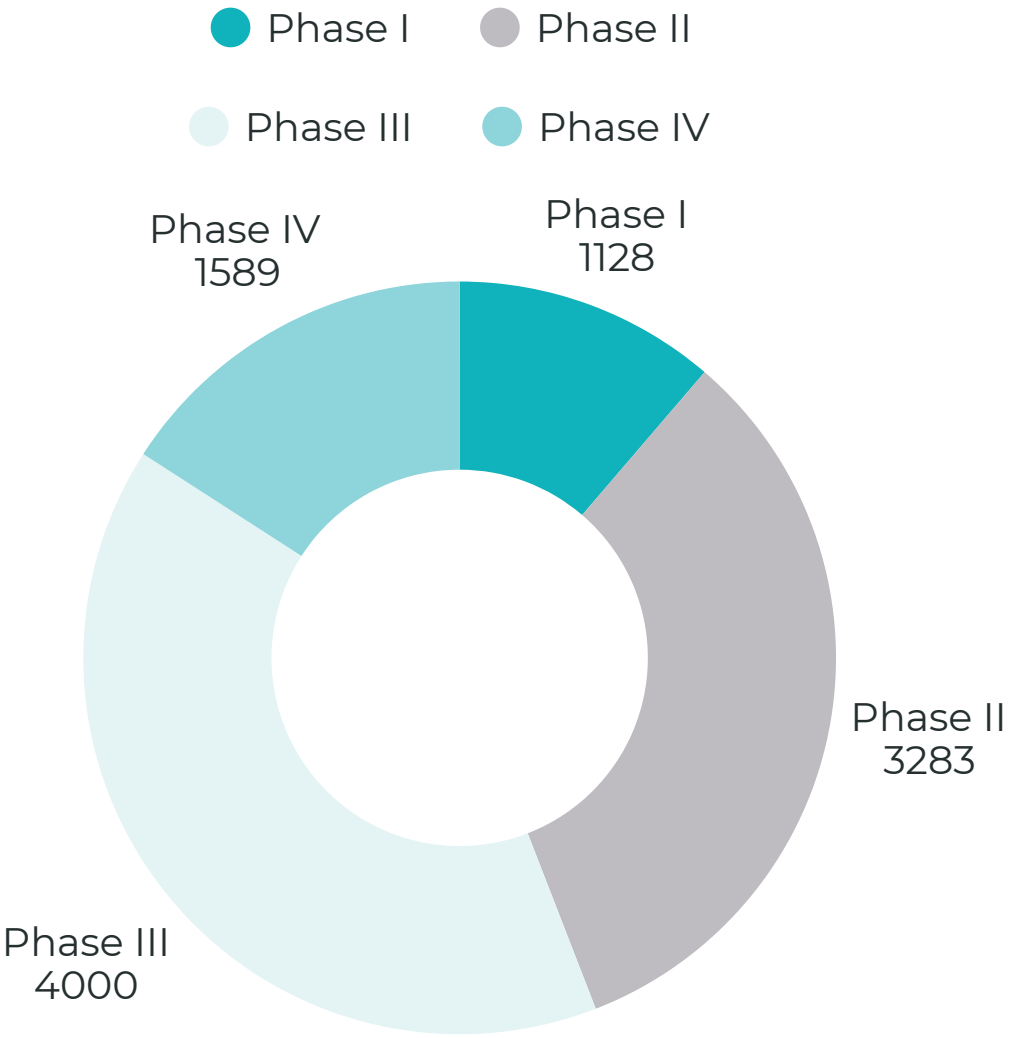
More than 40% of the young participants continued their engagement beyond the initial events, thereby spearheading a multiplication effect of the initiative and contributing to the creation of bilateral good practices. In order to reach key groups of young people and position the *C4CF* as the vanguard for developing bilateral youth cooperation, the **Young Ambassadors** from the info points played a pivotal role by placing themselves as the bridge between both societies. **More than 2,000** young people have been introduced to bilateral youth cooperation through events organized and held by the Ambassadors, and **more than 10,000** have been reached.

Overall, the project impacted a significant number of the young population and transformed their positions and attitudes from **passive observers** to **active changemakers**, thereby solidifying good neighborly relations through dialogue, trust, cooperation, and youth-led action.

Gender Balance



Engaged young people per phase



Impact and Value

Stakeholders

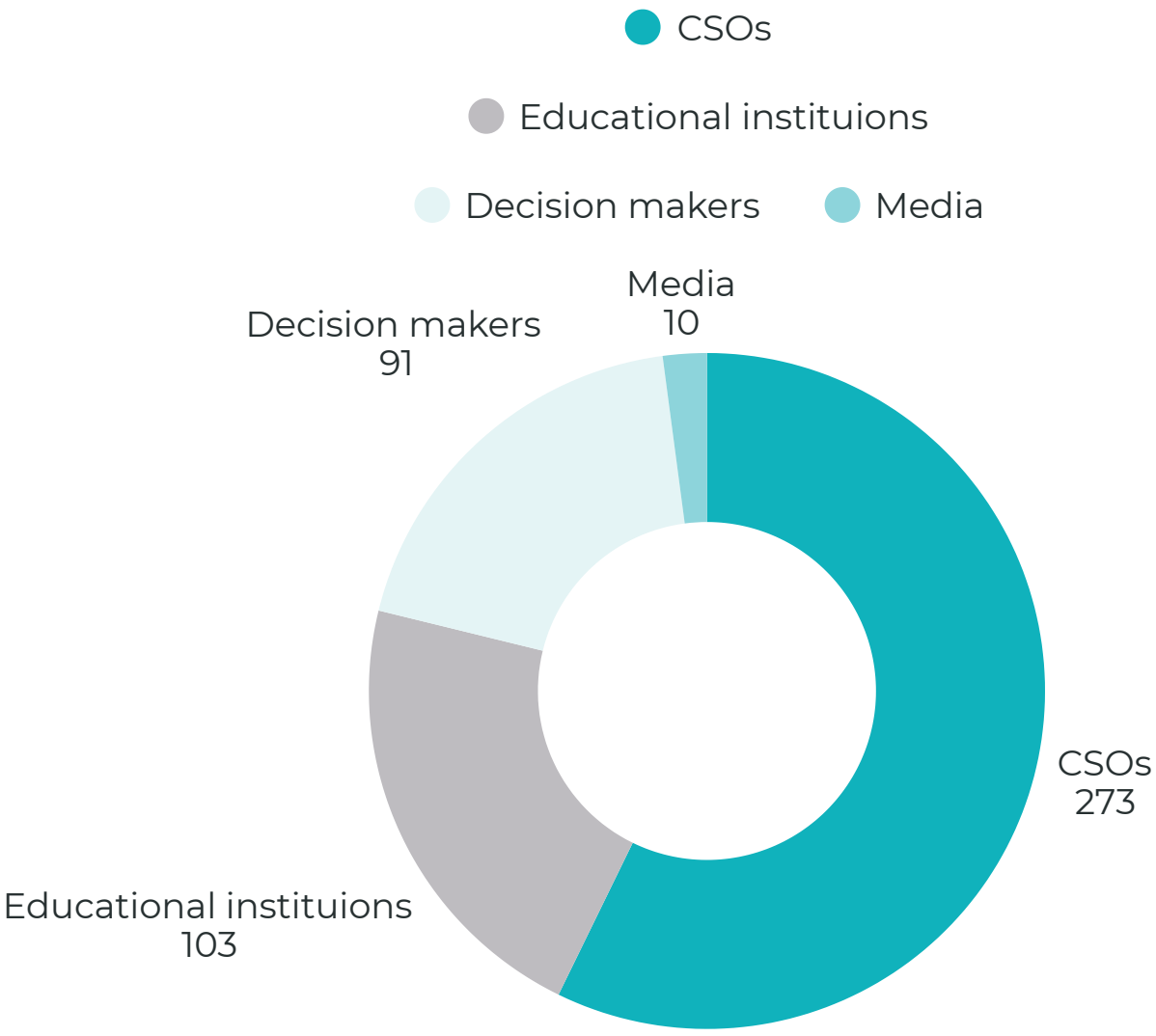
Alongside its youth-centered impact, the C4CF project impacted stakeholders in North Macedonia and Greece, building an expanded network of partners, collaborators, civil society organizations, academic institutions, international organizations, and national governing bodies and representatives. Throughout the five-year initiative, **more than 680 stakeholders** from diverse sectors were engaged, collaborated with, or partnered with, ensuring a sustainable long-term impact of the project.

The project mobilized high-level international institutions and national governing bodies and representatives, advocating for youth cooperation, institutionalization of the bilateral youth cooperation offices, and expanding partnerships with key institutions. The project aimed at forming partnerships at a multi-sectorial level, from municipal memoranda of cooperation, then direct university-to-university educational exchanges to positioning youth cooperation in the strategy of the Joint Council of Youth at the Council of Europe.

Crucially, the multiplication impact should not be understated in the stakeholder sphere, with **over 15** new partnerships formed beyond the initial events and outputs, **6 new** initiatives launched that entice stakeholder engagement with long-term sustainability, and **over 15** key individuals engaged to advance stakeholder-driven implementation. Moreover, **more than 50%** of the stakeholders involved expressed interest in further collaboration in activities, events, and projects pertaining to youth bilateral cooperation, beyond the initial events.

Stakeholders are **indispensable** for the adequate implementation of the *C4CF* project by ensuring sustainability and ownership of the cooperation activities, facilitating access to youth across regions, and building an institutionalized framework for bilateral youth cooperation.

Total number of engaged stakeholders in the project per sector



Impact and Value

Society

In the societal sphere, the impact is interconnected between the youth, the stakeholders, and the society, each creating lasting and positive changes in the other spheres. The impact in this sphere cuts through the societal layers in both countries, by **countering nationalistic narratives, eliminating xenophobic remarks, and raising awareness across diverse and marginalized communities** about the importance of bilateral cooperation.

Aiding these objectives are the **Common Learning Spaces,** designed as youth-friendly ecosystems, where intergenerational knowledge, values, and expertise in fostering good neighborly relations are transferred first to the young people and stakeholders, who then carry those values to their respective communities and societies.

Significantly, the project achieved a **1:7 social reinvestment ratio,** multiplying the value of the initial funding across follow-up actions, including *Virtual Exchange for Balkan Youth, Youth DigiZone – Our Common Ground,* and *Future Ready Youth Work*, accentuating the project's catalytic role in fostering **long-term bilateral cooperation.**

It is important to underscore the fact that the *C4CF* project aimed to **strengthen the societal fabric in both countries by promoting dialogue, exchange of ideas and experiences, mutual understanding, and commitment to bilateral cooperation,** rather than single-handedly repairing the bilateral relations between North Macedonia and Greece. Guided by the **Theory of Change,** the project sought to initiate lasting and sustainable bilateral cooperation through youth-led practices.

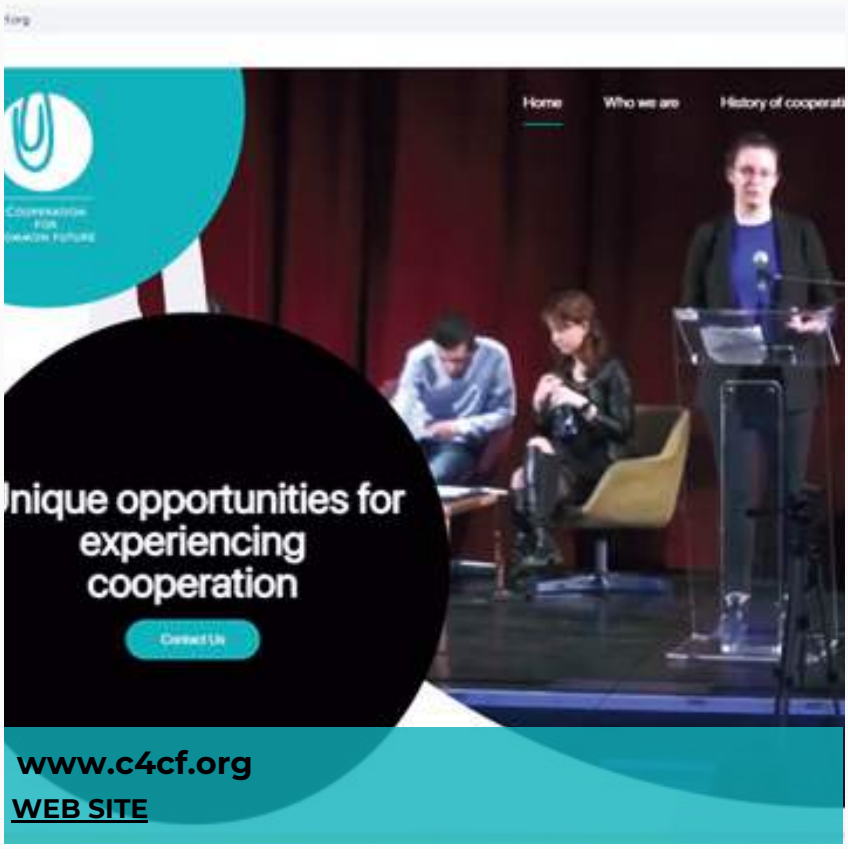
To support the theory of change, the *C4CF* project **empowered young participants** with crucial skills in order to influence policy, such as writing a professional policy brief and paper and connecting them directly with policy and decision makers. In this way, the **triangular impact** is visible in which the **youth cooperate with key stakeholders and bring tangible changes and influences in their respective societies in the form of youth policies and cooperation frameworks.**

Visibility and Outreach

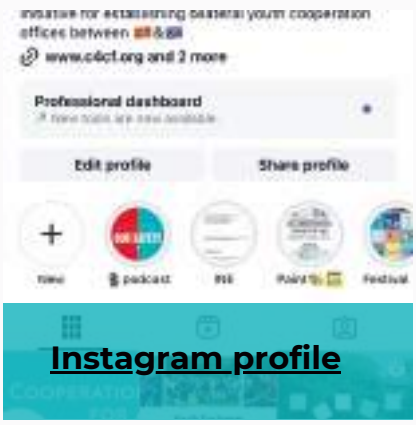
Main Communication Channels

Visibility and Outreach are key aspects of the *C4CF* project in order to raise awareness, engage with as many young people as possible, and promote the project activities and outputs across local, regional, and national levels in both societies.

In such a digitalized society, having an adequate presence on social media is crucial for transmitting the messages of bilateral youth cooperation to the youth. Therefore, the *C4CF* project was present on various social media platforms, as well as traditional media such as TV presentations of the initiative.

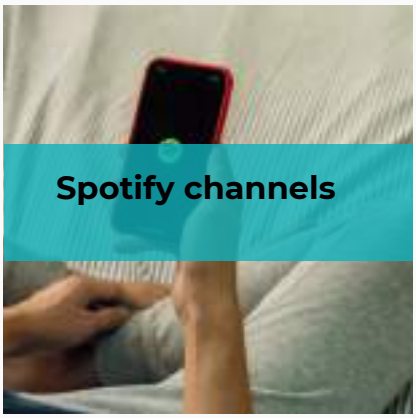






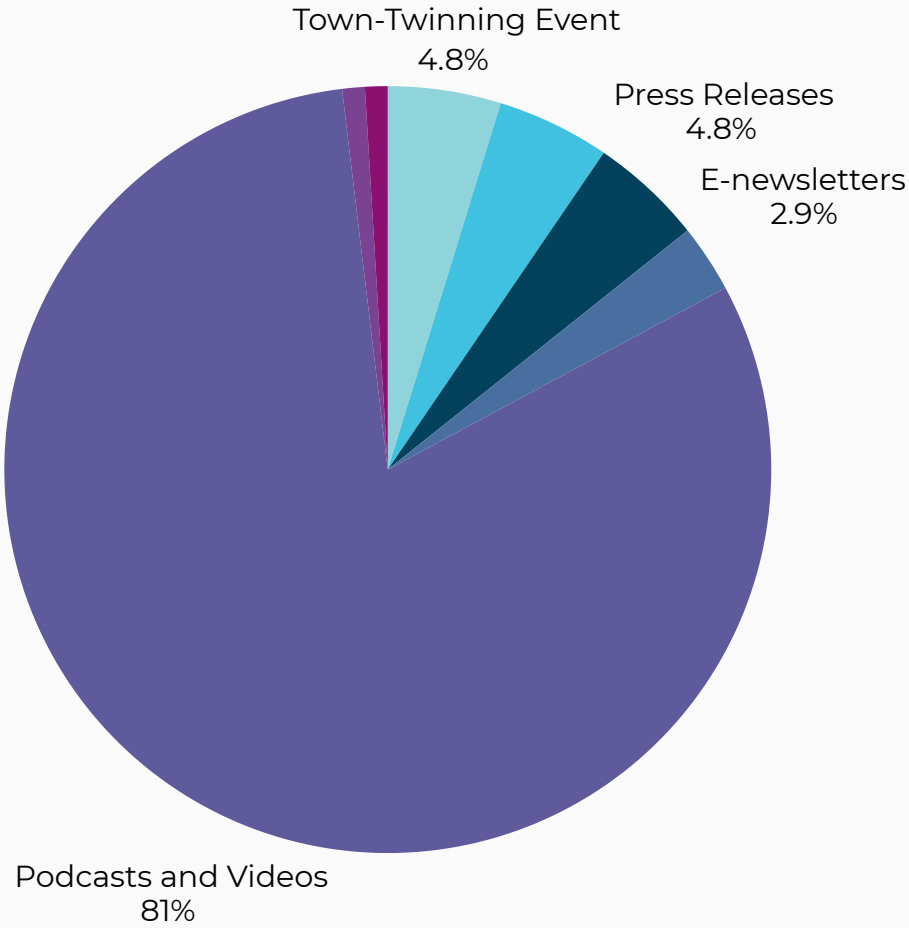




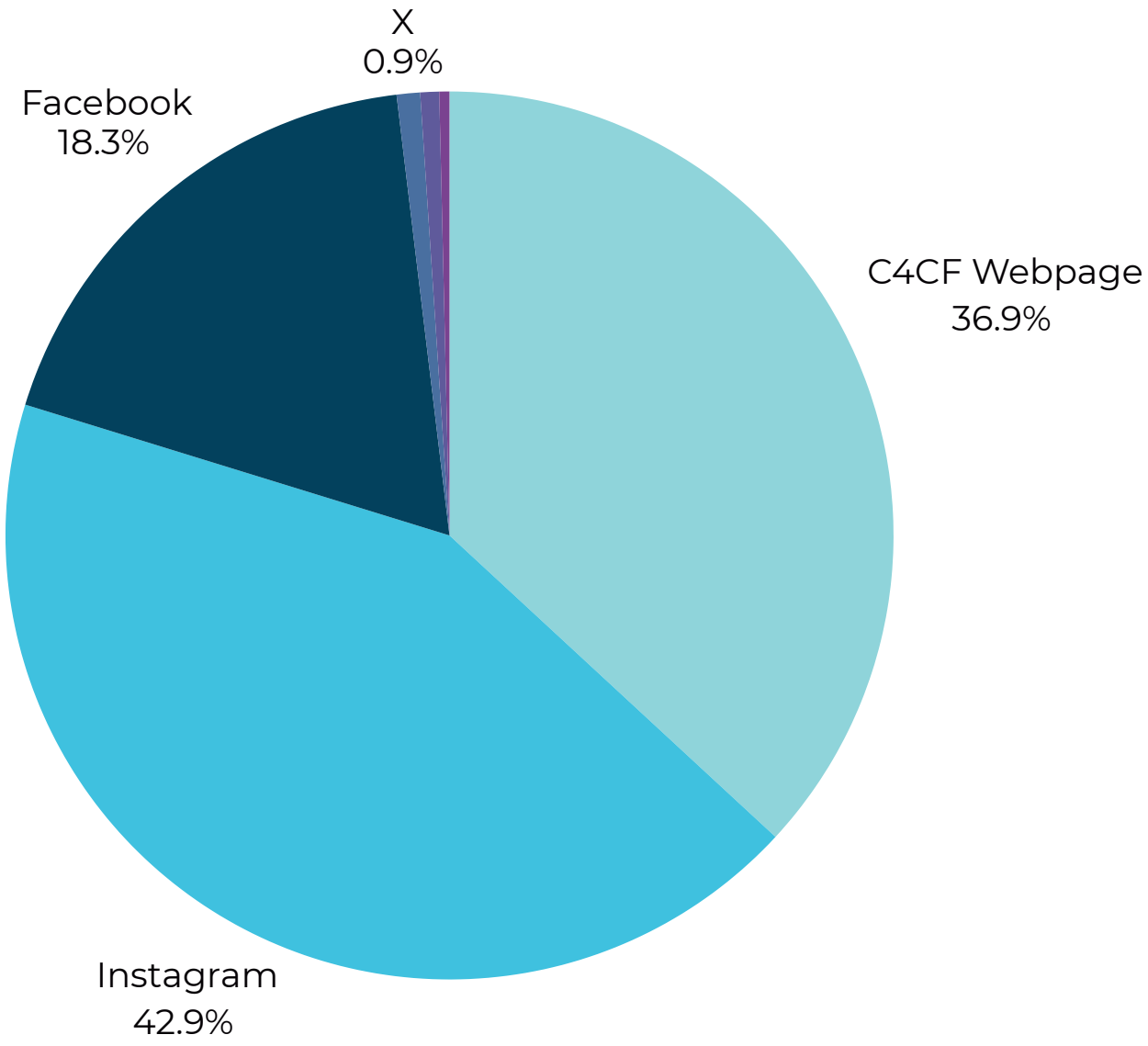


Visibility and Outreach

Visibility and Outreach Category	Key Results
Project Presentations	35 presentations at universities, high schools, and high-level stakeholder meetings, engaging 1,000+ young people.
Youth Festivals & Exchanges	5 youth festivals and 3 youth exchanges outreaching over 1,000 young people.
Podcast episodes & Video Products	6 podcast episodes and 15 video products reaching 85,000+ people.
E-newsletters	29 e-newsletters disseminated among 3,000 subscribers.
Press Releases & Media Briefings	122 press releases, 4 media briefings and 1 media report reaching 250 000+ people.
TV Appearances	4 appearances on national TVs in North Macedonia and Greece reaching an audience of 155,000 viewers.
Town-Twinning Event	Reached an audience of 5,000+ people presenting the C4CF project.



Social Media Presence and Visibility	Key Results
C4CF webpage (https://www.c4cf.org/)	35,000 users reached
Instagram (@cooperation_4_common_future and @youth_alliance_krusevo)	12 video reels, 21 creative products, 150 stories and 61 posts reaching 39,000+ users, 1300+ likes, 200+ shares, 200+ followers
Facebook (Cooperation for a Common Future)	45 video reels, 92 creative products and 223 posts reaching 1,000+ followers, 15,000+ views, 1300+ likes, 100+ shares
X (@CooperationFor)	156 posts, 134 photos, 52 creative products, 11 videos reaching 760 users engaged, 42 likes, 6 shares
LinkedIn (Cooperation for a Common Future)	156 followers, 160+ visitors, 140+ connections, 50+ likes
YouTube (Youth Alliance – Krusevo)	25 videos, 650+ views



Most Engaging News



NEWS 1

Building Europe at Home

Likes	**68**
Comments	**5**
Shares	**10**
Reach	**6,789**



NEWS 2

Outdoor Youth Festival

Likes	**79**
Comments	**10**
Shares	**19**
Reach	**8,945**



NEWS 3

Pop-up activities

Likes	**96**
Comments	**10**
Shares	**7**
Reach	**67,890**



NEWS 4

TV apperancess

Views	**1890**
Comments	**12**
Shares	**0**
Reach	**87,000**



NEWS 5

Podcast 'New Year - Old Wishes'

Views	**2589**
Comments	**5**
Shares	**8**
Reach	**85,000**



NEWS 6

Networking Forum

Likes	**45**
Comments	**0**
Shares	**6**
Reach	**27,000**

Main Communication Messages

The youth as the link for reconciliation of bilateral relations

Experiencing Cooperation

Building good neighborly relations through sustainable youth actions

Shifting narratives through youth-led actions

The youth is not the future, it's the present

Trust in youth cooperation

Sustainability & Next Steps

The sustainability of the *C4CF* initiative is of the utmost importance since, without the proper follow-up and further action, all of the produced outputs and the impact will be redundant. Therefore, the aspect of sustainability is divided into four main parts: financial, environmental, institutional, and policy.



Financial Sustainability

Financial sustainability for the *C4CF* initiative has been ensured through funding diversification and partnership-building, with bilateral youth cooperation integrated as a horizontal priority by Youth Alliance – Krushevo and SEE in Action. This approach has allowed the initiative to attract support from various donors, many of whom are key stakeholders who have been mobilized through strategic outreach.

The Ministry of Culture of North Macedonia, the Municipality of Valandovo, the German Embassy in Skopje, FNF Greece, and many others were key to adequately diversifying the finances and recognizing the value of lasting youth cooperation for regional stability.

This has ensured a continuous implementation of the youth cooperation activities, not contingent on a single source of financing. The financial resilience was demonstrated in early 2025, when despite the reduction of grants from the US Embassy in Skopje, the activities continued seamlessly due to the diversified funding streams.

In addition, the project invested in establishing the financial management capacities of its partner organizations, thus ensuring they are equipped to manage diversified funding streams in the future and implement their activities pertaining to bilateral youth cooperation. In this way, one of the most important aspects of fulfilling the goals of the *C4CF* initiative was sustainably accomplished and ensuring that the project did not rely only on a single financing mechanism.

Through such measures, the project fostered a sense of ownership among the various donors and partnership organizations who invested in building lasting bilateral youth cooperation.



Enviormental Sustainability

Environmental sustainability for the *C4CF* initiative was embedded across all four phases of the project. This included conducting the events in an environmentally sustainable manner, minimizing the usage of paper products, carpooling for the various youth exchanges, conducting hybrid and online events to reduce travel emissions, and emphasizing the importance of bilateral youth cooperation with respect to protecting the environment.

Moreover, beyond operational practices, among the various panel discussions and conferences, the topics of climate change and environmental protection were prominent, thereby the project promoted environmental awareness among the young participants and encouraged them to address shared ecological challenges.

The already established Youth Info Points played a critical role in advancing environmental sustainability, mainly through advocacy campaigns and integrating green practices such as tree planting, local clean-up initiatives, and environmental literacy workshops into their daily operations. Overall, the project ensured that environmental sustainability became a lasting part of bilateral youth cooperation.



Instituional Sustainability

The institutional sustainability of the *C4CF* project is anchored in developed institutional structures to support long-term youth cooperation. With the establishment of the youth info points, youth-friendly learning spaces, and cooperating with national governmental bodies, international institutions, academic institutions, and civil society organizations, the initiative created platforms for youth and stakeholder exchange of knowledge and fostering dialogue for further impact and development.

Moreover, through such entrenched institutional sustainability, the project gained increased visibility and importance as a pertinent way of establishing sustainable youth bilateral relations. Through intersectoral partnerships and integrating the project into local, national, and international frameworks, the initiative has secured a pathway for lasting institutional support and ensured that bilateral youth cooperation remains a priority within institutions beyond the project.



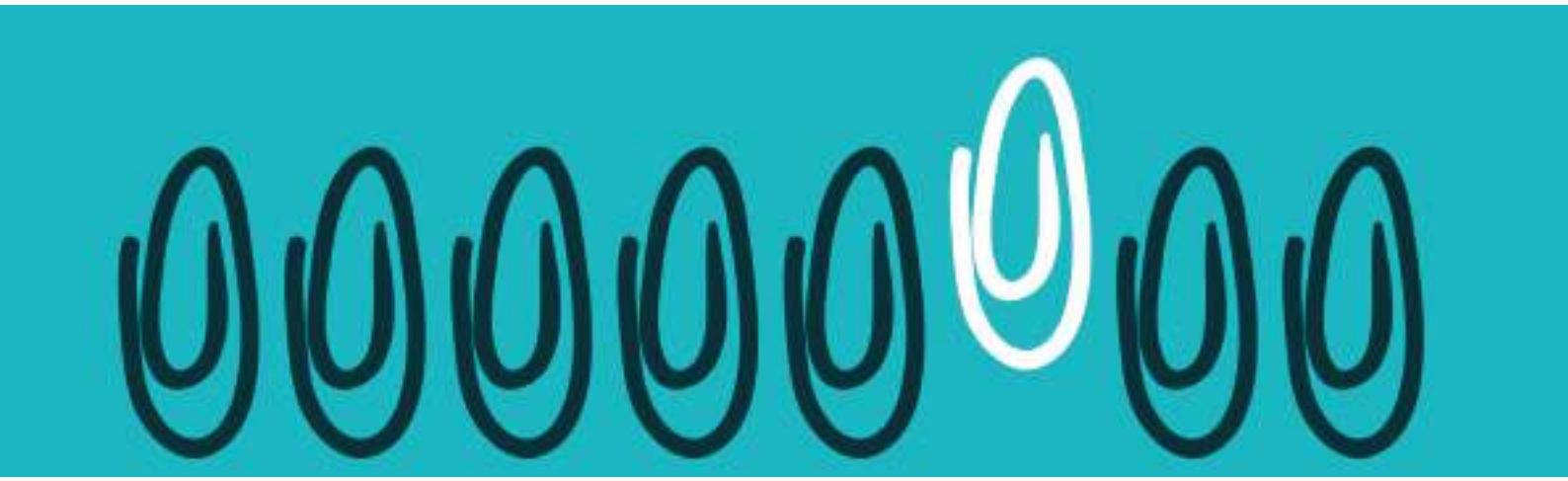
Policy Sustainability

The policy sustainability aspect of the *C4CF* initiative ensured that bilateral youth cooperation is not only practiced during the duration of the project but rather entrenched in national and international policy frameworks. Nationally, a significant achievement was the integration of bilateral youth cooperation in the National Youth Strategy (2023 – 2027).

Beyond this, the various declarations for cooperation, action plans, policy briefs, papers, and research reports have played a key role in influencing youth-oriented policies at a national level and putting bilateral youth cooperation to the fore. Internationally, the importance of the *C4CF* project has been recognized by the Council of Europe, and specifically by its Joint Council of Youth, which has included the initiative in its work and its annual report.

Additionally, the project focused on including and encouraging young people in creating and influencing youth policies mainly through advocacy efforts, working groups, and strategic meetings. The young people participated in creating policy briefs and papers, which were then presented to decision-makers, emphasizing the role of youth in creating amicable neighbourly relations.

Through these efforts, the *C4CF* project transformed bilateral youth cooperation by ensuring that the structures, networks, and policy outcomes remain active and relevant and further enable the youth to play the pivotal role in building sustainable bilateral practices, beyond the initiatives of the project.



Personal & Community Reflections

Thanasis Skoufias, Young Ambassador

"Participating in C4CF has been a truly enriching experience. The activities were meaningful and well-organized, creating a space for genuine dialogue, reflection, and connection across borders. Through the program, I gained new insights into peacebuilding, regional cooperation, and the importance of youth engagement in shaping our common future. I also developed soft skills such as intercultural communication and teamwork. Most importantly, I formed valuable friendships and networks that I believe will lead to future collaborations beyond this project. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this inspiring journey."

Dragana Zanova, Activist at Info Point

"Participating in the activities between North Macedonia and Greece allowed me to overcome borders, not only geographical but also mental. Through collaborations and encounters, I gained new friendships, a broader perspective, and a deep sense of community. As a young person from Valandovo, I am proud that my voice and energy were part of this transformative story."

Mladen Micevski, Profesor at High School

"My participation in the activities contributed to a deeper engagement in the already established cooperation between Greece and North Macedonia through the project itself. The areas that we worked on during the forum strengthened my views regarding the necessary cooperation in all social fields, especially in the direction of the youth who are truly tomorrow's leaders. Sharing practical cultural skills from the gastronomy of the Macedonian and Greek traditions resulted in rapprochement and understanding of the mutual similarities and differences. However, perhaps, the greatest benefit that I gained was actually networking. Networking has contributed to building contacts and friendships that are

Dimitris Papadopoulos, Infinity Greece

"Working with Youth Alliance Krusevo through the 'Cooperation for a Common Future' initiative was a truly inspiring experience. The team created an open and collaborative environment where every voice was heard and valued. I had the chance to connect with passionate young people from across North Macedonia and Greece, exchange ideas, and co-create meaningful proposals for a better future. This experience reminded me of the power of youth in shaping policy and driving change. I'm grateful to have been part of such a dynamic and purpose-driven community."

Personal & Community Reflections

Andrej Stojkoski, Facilitator of Youth Exchange

"As a young person from North Macedonia, being involved in the initiative "Cooperation for a Common Future" was one of the most meaningful experiences in my personal and professional development. Having participated in several events, both as participant and facilitator, was an eye-opening experience that revealed many similarities between the youth from both countries, especially that we share the same values and a common vision for the future of our societies. One of the many things that I would point out was the "open floor" for ideas, conversations, teamwork, and cultural exchange, as well as the drive for building mutual trust, through the values of cooperation, understanding, and acceptance. This experience has shaped my vision and the importance of regional cooperation – that the future and prosperity of this region is rooted in the good–neighborly relations and cooperation between the young people from both countries as future decision–makers, society, business, and academia of the region."

Bojan Shishkovski, Young Ambassador

"As an ambassador of the 'Cooperation for a Common Future' project, I gained meaningful and inspiring experience that contributed greatly to my personal and professional development. The project provided me with the opportunity to connect with young people from diverse cultural backgrounds, exchange ideas, and broaden my knowledge in the field of youth cooperation and civic engagement. Through active involvement in the activities, I strengthened my communication and organizational skills and grew into a more responsible, aware, and professional individual. C4CF is a platform that leaves a lasting impact – one that motivates not only individuals but entire communities to collaborate, learn, and grow together."

Igor Stojkov, Activist

"I truly enjoyed participating in the Thessaloniki meetings in the summer of 2023, it was a highlight of the project for me. I had the chance to meet inspiring people, connect with peers from Greece, and deepen my understanding of the entrepreneurial culture in both North Macedonia and Greece. Kudos to the team for being so open and inclusive, inviting me and our organization to actively take part in various events meant a lot. It's a very well-organized and meaningful project with real impact, and I sincerely hope it continues to grow."

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