

TECHNICAL REPORT (PART B)**COVER PAGE**

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PROJECT	
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1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRESS

1.1 Summary of work performed and achievements, results and impacts


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Work performed and main achievements

Short summary of progress towards the project objectives. Highlight significant activities and achievements. Provide clear and measurable details.

Analyse the outcome of the project (so far) and its (actual and expected) impact (on target groups, change, innovation etc.), including a description of the European dimension and added value. For the Final Report, include the conclusions of the action.

Report on objectives not fully achieved or not on schedule.

 *Do not simply cut and paste the project summary (filled in online on the Summary for Publication screen). Contrary to the summary, this section is for reporting to the EU and will not be published.*

The SOuSeEU project (“L’Europa vista dal sud: gli isolani e il continente”) was successfully implemented during the reporting period and fully achieved its objectives under the CERV Town Twinning Programme. The project strengthened cooperation among Mediterranean island communities, promoted civic participation, encouraged the exchange of good practices, and reinforced awareness of European values and EU citizenship among local communities.

The action was implemented through two main international twinning events organised in Malta and Italy, involving local authorities, civil society organisations, youth representatives, women leaders, academics, cultural stakeholders, tourism operators, and citizens from Malta, Sardinia, and Sicily.

The first event took place in Valletta, Malta, from 1 to 3 October 2025. It represented the official launch of the project and included institutional meetings, thematic conferences, workshops, networking activities, and participatory discussions. Topics addressed included sustainable food systems, youth participation, sustainable tourism, renewable energy, digital innovation, governance cooperation, and ELoGE-related capacity building activities. The event involved 82 participants from Italy and Malta and fostered dialogue between local authorities and citizens.

The second event took place in Cagliari, Sardinia, from 19 to 21 March 2026. The meeting focused on local governance in island regions, management of EU funds, women’s political participation, sustainable tourism, biodiversity, traditional agriculture, stakeholder cooperation, and insularity policies. The event gathered 84 participants from Italy and Malta and reinforced cooperation between island communities.

Both events promoted active citizen participation and encouraged exchanges between local administrations and civil society actors. The project successfully strengthened institutional relations between Maltese and Italian island territories while promoting inclusive and sustainable governance models.

The project generated important short-term and long-term impacts:

- Increased awareness of EU policies and opportunities among local stakeholders;
- Strengthened transnational cooperation between island communities;
- Improved dialogue between local authorities, youth representatives, women leaders, and civil society;
- Increased visibility of the CERV Programme and EU values;
- Promotion of sustainable local development models;
- Reinforcement of civic participation and democratic engagement;
- Creation of the foundations for future cooperation initiatives and potential future “Networks of Towns” proposals.

The European added value of the project was particularly evident through the exchange of experiences between Mediterranean islands facing common territorial, demographic, environmental, and governance challenges. The project demonstrated how EU cooperation can support local communities in addressing shared problems through dialogue, solidarity, and collaborative policymaking.

All planned activities were implemented successfully and according to schedule. No major objectives remained unachieved.

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1.2 Consortium set-up

Participants

Report on changes in the consortium composition (including structural, legal or management changes, if any).

See Technical Report (Part A).

Consortium cooperation and division of roles (if applicable)

Report on changes in the way the participants work together (Beneficiaries, Affiliated Entities, Associated Partners, etc.).

No changes occurred in the consortium composition during the implementation period.

The project was implemented by:

AICCRE – Associazione Italiana per il Consiglio dei Comuni e delle Regioni d'Europa (Coordinator);

Local Councils Association Malta (Associated Partner).

The cooperation between the partners remained effective throughout the project implementation. AICCRE coordinated the overall management of the project and ensured institutional relations and dissemination activities in Italy, while the Local Councils Association Malta coordinated local stakeholder involvement and activities in Malta.

Additional support was provided by AICCRE Sardegna, Focus Europe ETS, local municipalities, regional stakeholders, and institutional actors involved in the thematic sessions.

1.3 Project teams, staff and experts

Project teams and staff

Report and explain deviations from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement regarding the organisation of staff or project teams. Provide CVs of key actors that had to be replaced (if required).

The project teams operated according to the structure foreseen in Annex I of the Grant Agreement.

No substantial deviations occurred regarding staff organisation or management structure. The project benefited from the participation of numerous experts, institutional representatives, academics, local administrators, youth representatives, tourism professionals, and civil society stakeholders who contributed to the thematic discussions and roundtables.

1.4 Consortium management and decision-making

Consortium management and decision-making (if applicable)

Report on important changes in the management or decision-making mechanisms.

No significant changes occurred in the management structure or decision-making mechanisms.

The consortium maintained regular coordination through online meetings, email exchanges, operational planning sessions, and direct coordination between AICCRE and LCA Malta.

Decision-making processes remained collaborative and ensured the effective implementation of all activities.

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1.5 Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy

Report on changes to the overall project management concept, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy (if any).

No significant changes occurred in Project Management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy.

The overall project management structure remained fully consistent with the original proposal submitted under the CERV Programme. Throughout the implementation period, the project was continuously monitored through regular coordination meetings between the partners, participant registration and attendance monitoring systems, stakeholder consultations, feedback questionnaires, and internal reporting procedures. These monitoring tools allowed the consortium to ensure the effective implementation of activities, timely coordination among partners, and the achievement of the project objectives.

Quality assurance measures played an important role in guaranteeing the smooth organisation of both international events and in ensuring the quality and consistency of dissemination and communication materials produced during the project. The feedback collected from participants confirmed a very high level of satisfaction, particularly regarding the relevance of the thematic topics addressed, the quality of the institutional dialogue, the networking opportunities created through the project, the participatory methodology adopted during discussions and workshops, and the high level of expertise of speakers and institutional representatives involved in the activities.

Particular attention was also dedicated to inclusiveness and gender balance throughout the implementation of the project. Women representatives actively participated both as speakers and participants in institutional sessions, thematic panels, and roundtable discussions, contributing to a more inclusive and balanced exchange of perspectives and experiences.

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1.6 Cost effectiveness and financial management

Cost effectiveness and financial management *(n/a for Lump Sum Grants)*

Inform about significant budget overruns or important changes in the financial management (if any).

n/a

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1.7 Risk management

Critical risks and risk management strategy

Report on the state of play concerning the risks and risk mitigation measures (if any).

See Technical Report (Part A).

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1.8 Impact

Impact

Report on changes in your impact analysis/strategy (if any) and the effects on the project/need for adaptations.

No significant changes occurred in Impact.

The project generated positive impacts on participants, local authorities, and civil society stakeholders.

The project also reinforced dialogue on gender equality and women's participation in local governance, particularly during the dedicated sessions held in Cagliari.

The action contributed to strengthening the European dimension of local governance and promoted a stronger sense of belonging to the European Union among participants.

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1.9 Communication, dissemination and visibility

Communication, dissemination and visibility of funding

Report on the communication and dissemination activities undertaken (to whom, which format, how many, etc.).

Describe how the visibility of EU funding was ensured.

If you described your project on your website(s) and/or social media accounts, please provide the links.

Communication and dissemination activities played a central role throughout the project implementation. The consortium used multiple communication channels including:

- institutional websites;
- online media articles;
- social media posts;
- project agendas and event programmes;
- local and regional press coverage;
- dissemination through stakeholder networks.

The visibility of EU funding was ensured through:

- display of EU logos and CERV Programme references in all communication materials;
- acknowledgement of EU funding during public events;
- inclusion of EU visibility elements in agendas, posters, banners, and online publications.

Project communication reached local authorities, citizens, youth organisations, tourism stakeholders, NGOs, and institutional actors in Malta and Italy.

Relevant dissemination links include:

<https://www.aiccre.it/souseeu-leuropa-vista-dal-sud-gli-isolani-e-il-continente/>

<https://www.lca.org.mt/projects/souseeu/>

<https://www.lca.org.mt/social-services/valletta-hosts-european-twinning-event-to-strengthen-island-cooperation/>

<https://www.aiccre.it/evento-di-gemellaggio-in-italia-cagliari-progetto-souseeu-19-21-marzo-2026/>

<https://www.aiccre.it/gemellaggi/>

Additional dissemination activities were carried out by Focus Europe ETS and local media platforms in Sardinia and Malta.

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1.10 Sustainability and continuation

Sustainability, long-term impact and continuation

Report on *changes* in your sustainability analysis/strategy (if any).

For the Final Report, describe the follow-up of the project after the end of the EU grant. How will the results be used or further developed. Describe the strategy to ensure sustainability of results and long-term impact. Comment on possible synergies/complementarities with other (EU funded) activities (if any).

No significant changes occurred in sustainability and continuation.

The project established a strong basis for long-term cooperation between island communities and local authorities.

The consortium intends to continue cooperation beyond the end of the project through:

- future European project proposals;
- potential development of a wider “Network of Towns” initiative;
- continuation of institutional exchanges;
- dissemination of project results through partner networks;
- future cooperation activities on sustainability, governance, tourism, and social inclusion.

The project also contributed to strengthening long-term institutional relations between AICCRE, LCA Malta, Sardinian local authorities, Sicilian municipalities, and civil society stakeholders.

The exchange of experiences and good practices generated valuable resources that can be replicated in other island and peripheral territories across Europe.

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1.11 Follow-up to EU recommendations

Follow-up to EU recommendations

Highlight corrective actions taken as a result of EU monitoring activities (including follow-up to EU project reviews, if any). List each recommendation/comment and explain how they have been followed up.

No specific corrective actions or formal recommendations were received during the implementation period. The project was implemented in full compliance with EU visibility, reporting, and implementation requirements under the CERV Programme.

Throughout the project, the partnership between AICCRE, the Local Councils Association Malta, AICCRE Sardegna, and the involved local authorities remained strong and highly collaborative. The continuous cooperation between Maltese and Sardinian stakeholders contributed significantly to the successful implementation of the activities and to the achievement of the project objectives.

The project also strengthened institutional dialogue and created the basis for future cooperation initiatives between Malta, Sardinia, Sicily, and other potential island territories. Partners expressed their willingness to continue collaborating on future European initiatives focused on sustainability, local governance, civic participation, tourism, and social inclusion, further reinforcing the long-term European added value of the SOuSeEU project.

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2. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING

2.1 Work packages, activities, resources and timing

WORK PACKAGES

Work Package 1

Work Package 1: Twinning Event in Malta – Valletta

Activities

Report on the implementation status of the activities that were to be implemented during the reporting period and explain deviations from Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement. In case an activity was not implemented or a deliverable not produced, please explain why.

Task No (continuous numbering linked to WP)	Task Name	Implemented? (Yes/No/Partially)	Justification (explain what was done and by whom; explain what was not done and why not; indicate how you intend to handle the situation and new timing; indicate if it was a one-off issue or how you intend to avoid similar issues in the future)
T1.1	Project launch and institutional opening	Yes	Successfully implemented at the University of Malta Valletta Campus with participation of Maltese and Italian institutional representatives, AICCRE, LCA Malta, local authorities, and stakeholders.
T1.2	Presentation of SOuSeEU and CERV Programme	Yes	The project objectives and CERV opportunities were presented to participants by AICCRE and Focus Europe ETS.
T1.3	Thematic conference and workshops	Yes	Sessions on sustainable food systems, youth participation, tourism, renewable energy, governance, and cooperation networks were implemented successfully.
T1.4	Brokerage and networking activities	Yes	Networking meetings and project idea exchanges fostered cooperation among participating territories.

T1.5	ELoGE training and working sessions	Yes	Capacity building and governance-related working sessions were successfully organised.
T1.6	Dissemination and communication activities	Yes	Online dissemination, institutional communication, and social media visibility activities were implemented throughout the event.
Other issues <i>Mention and explain unexpected events and adjustments that had to be made. Explain impact on other tasks, available resources and planning/timing.</i>		No major implementation issues occurred during the organisation of the Malta event.	
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)			
See Technical Report (Part A).			

Budget implementation — Use of resources (deviations) (n/a for Lump Sum Grants) (n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report) <i>Explain <u>deviations</u> from the budget planning (i.e. differences between actual and planned use of resources, especially for personnel). Include explanations on transfers of cost categories in the estimated budget (if applicable). If needed, add explanations linked to the report on the use of resources filled in online. Ensure consistency with that report.</i>	
n/a	
Other issues	n/a

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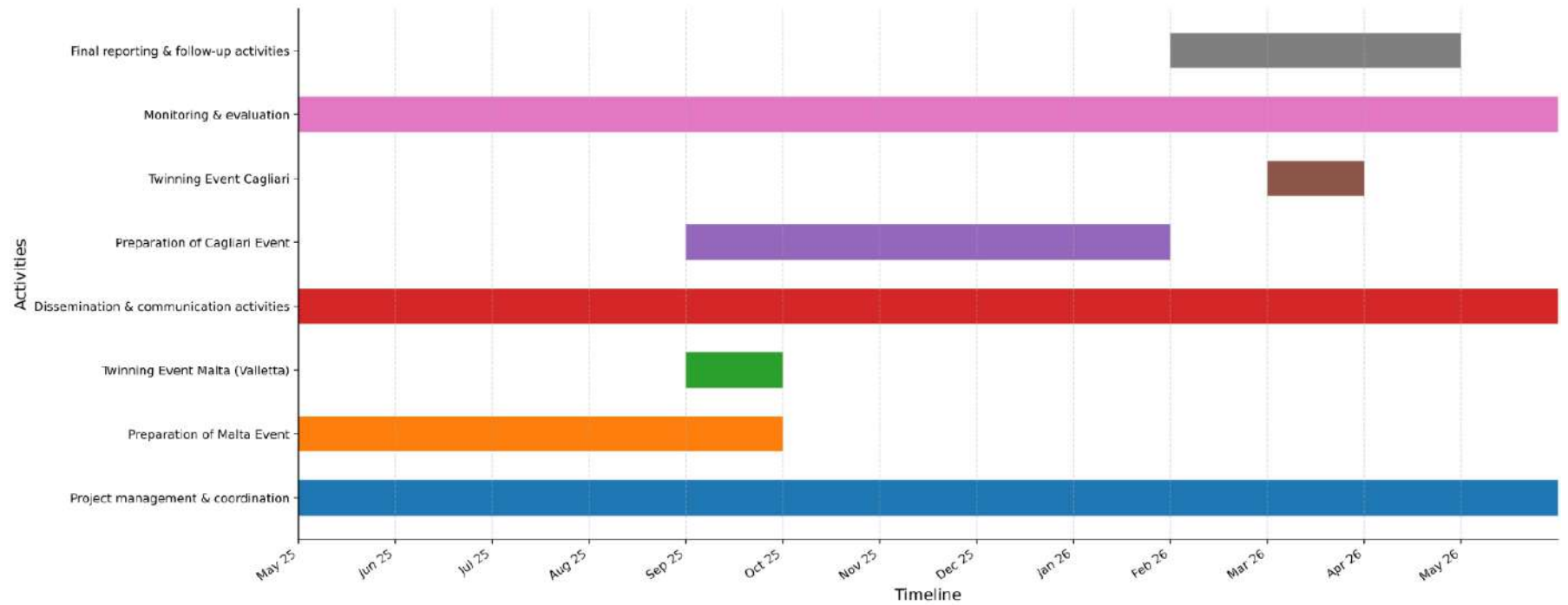
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T2.1	Institutional opening and high-level panels	Yes	The event included institutional participation from regional authorities, local governments, AICCRE representatives, Malta delegations, and civil society actors.
T2.2	Governance and EU funding discussions	Yes	Sessions addressed island governance, EU project management, public funds, and local administration challenges.
T2.3	Women’s political participation session	Yes	Dedicated discussions promoted gender equality and women’s participation in local governance.
T2.4	Thematic roundtables	Yes	Roundtables addressed biodiversity, traditional agriculture, sustainable tourism, local economies, and inter-island cooperation.
T2.5	Cultural and networking activities	Yes	Networking dinner, cultural events, and heritage visits strengthened intercultural dialogue and institutional relations.
T2.6	Communication and dissemination	Yes	Dissemination activities included institutional communication, online articles, and local media engagement.
Other issues <i>Mention and explain unexpected events and adjustments that had to be made. Explain impact on other tasks, available resources and planning/timing.</i>		No major implementation issues occurred during the organisation of the Malta event.	
Milestones and deliverables (outputs/outcomes)			
See Technical Report (Part A).			

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n/a	
Other issues	n/a

Timetable

SOuSeEU Project - Gantt Chart
Implementation Timeline (01/05/2025 - 30/05/2026)



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3. OTHER

3.1 Ethics and EU values

Ethics and EU values	
<i>Report on any <u>changes</u> to ethics and values issues identified in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement (if any).</i>	
<p>No significant changes occurred in Ethics and EU Values.</p> <p>All activities promoted respectful dialogue, intercultural understanding, and active citizenship.</p> <p>The project ensured inclusive participation and encouraged the involvement of women, youth representatives, and civil society stakeholders.</p> <p>No ethical issues emerged during the implementation period.</p>	

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3.2 Security

Security
Not applicable.

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4. DECLARATIONS

[OPTION 1 by default (all except OG):

Double funding	
Information concerning other EU grants for this project	YES/NO
<p> Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions).</p>	
<p>We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it benefit/have benefitted from any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies (e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc)). If NO, explain and provide details</p>	Yes
<p>We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it are (nor will be) submitted for any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies (e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc)). If NO, explain and provide details.</p>	Yes

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[OPTION 2 for Operating Grants:

Rate of use for the action (n/a for Lump Sum Grants) (n/a for Additional Prefinancing Report)	
<p>Declare if there were any <u>changes</u> to the rate of use for the action (i.e. the percentage of your organisation's activities which is eligible under this grant, meaning the percentage of activities that comply with the policy objectives of the call, is inside the geographic area of eligibility, etc as compared to the percentage of activities that are ineligible).</p>	
Rate of use for the action:	n/a

Double funding	
Information concerning other EU operating grants ⚠️ Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions).	YES/NO
We confirm that to our best knowledge we do not benefit/have not benefitted from any other EU operating grant for the same period. If NO, explain and provide details.	Yes
We confirm that we have not requested any other EU operating grant for the same period. If NO, explain and provide details.	Yes

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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).