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Partners meeting before summer holidays

This meeting focused on wrapping up ongoing tasks, ensuring all partners are on track with their deliverables, and preparing for the project's dissemination and next steps after the summer break.

The HerStory project team held their last online meeting before the summer break on July 10, 2024. Key discussions included the progress on the Treasure Hunt activities, with most nearing completion. The updated HerStory platform, featuring the new interface and logo, has linked all treasure hunts, and user testing was mostly successful.

Video content is being uploaded to the HerStory YouTube channel, where each partner will prepare five short videos, related to HerStory project. Promotion of the project and its activities are promoted via different social media (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram).









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Pre-piloting in partners country

The pre-piloting phase of the HerStory project's online map was successfully conducted across various partner countries, providing valuable insights into local women's historical contributions.

Martinique



The pilot excursion in Fort-de-France (Martinique) was executed with 20 participants, including both young individuals and members of women's rights organizations. The tour, lasting an hour and a half, covered five locations, each associated with a notable woman in history.

The group was highly engaged, asking many questions, which highlighted the need for further exploration of women's roles in Martinique's male-cantered society.



Lithuania



The pilot in Vilnius involved 19 students from a local school. The students participated in a treasure hunt, visiting six monuments dedicated to women, most of whom were previously unknown to them.

The accessible and comfortable tour fostered discussions and successfully educated the students about significant women in Lithuanian history.



The students enjoyed the experience, and there was interest in repeating the tour with other classes.



Cyprus



In Nicosia, pre-piloting tours were organized by SYKESO and CSI Cyprus. Participants engaged in a one-hour excursion that introduced them to six historical sites in the city, learning about notable Cypriot women and their contributions to education, voting rights, employment, and the arts.

The tour was enriched by a discussion with Thekla Kyritsi, the directress of the Centre for Gender Equality and History.





Bulgaria

In Sofia, two pilot tours took place with 24 participants, including international youths, Bulgarian students, and educators. The tours provided new insights into Bulgarian women's history, with participants actively engaging and asking questions.

The tours were successful, highlighting the importance of these historical figures and the significance of the neighborhoods where many of these women lived and worked.

The first tour even inspired journalism students to interview the guide about the specifics of Bulgarian women's contributions to science, social activism, education, and the arts.



Overall, the pre-piloting phase was successful, strong participant with engagement positive feedback, and underscoring the *importance* of highlighting women's historical contributions.



Next steps in HerStory project

This part of the project pertains to the execution of physical explorations of the HerStory Map with the participants.

After developing the HerStory online platform and Mobile App, partners did the piloting with the participants. The purpose of piloting tours of the map using the creative and entertaining methods provided in the HerStory online platform and Mobile App was to identify any mistakes or weaknesses.

Making the needed adjustments, consortium will move to the second phase which will be the actual implementation of the HerStory Map Tour with a number of 160 participants coming from the direct target groups at each partner city.







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