# EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

| PROJECT | |
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| **Participant:** | INSTITOYTO KOINONIKIS KAINOTOMIAS KAI SYNOXIS |
| **PIC number:** | 928680717 |
| **Project name and acronym:** | Citizens Councils for European Integration, AI in Future Identity, and Human-Centred Digital Citizenship – FUTURENTITY |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION | | | |
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| **Event number:** | 2 | | |
| **Event name:** | Seminar-Lab Circle I – AI & Identity on Citizens' Knowledge | | |
| **Type:** | Workshop | | |
| **In situ/online:** | in-situ | | |
| **Location:** | Greece, Thessaloniki | | |
| **Date(s):** | 23-25 August 2026 | | |
| **Website(s) (if any):** | https://futurentity.eu/activities/ | | |
| **Participants** | | | |
| Female: | 71 | | |
| Male: | 12 | | |
| Non-binary: | 1 | | |
| From country 1 [Romania]: | 3 | | |
| From country 2 [Greece]: | 63 | | |
| From country 3 [Netherlands]: | 3 | | |
| From country 4 [Finland]: | 3 | | |
| From country 5 [Slovenia]: | 3 | | |
| From country 6 [Denmark]: | 3 | | |
| From country 7 [France]: | 3 | | |
| From country 8 [Italy]: | 3 | | |
| Total number of participants: | 84 | From total number of countries: | 8 |
| **Description** | | | |

*Provide a short description of the event and its activities.*

The **FUTURENTITY WP2 – Seminar-Lab Circle I** took place in **Thessaloniki, Greece**, from 23 to 25 of August 2026, bringing together 84 citizens, young people, civil society representatives, local stakeholders, and participants from the FUTURENTITY partner countries to explore the relationship between artificial intelligence, digital identity, European belonging, and civic participation. The event was organized by Fifty-Fifty as part of the project's first thematic pillar, *Digital Identity & Belonging*, which aims to help citizens understand how digital transformation affects their rights, identity, belonging, and participation in European society.

The Seminar-Lab was designed as an interactive and participatory space where participants could move beyond theoretical discussions and reflect on how AI and digital technologies are increasingly influencing everyday life and the way people understand themselves and their place within society. Particular attention was given to the question **"What Does It Mean to Belong in Europe?"**, encouraging participants to connect European identity and citizenship with the rapidly changing digital environment.

Throughout the project, participants explored the opportunities, challenges, and risks associated with artificial intelligence and digital transformation. Discussions focused on the relationship between technology, personal identity, inclusion, rights, and civic participation, allowing participants to exchange personal experiences and perspectives on how digital technologies are shaping contemporary European society.

A particularly strong element of the Seminar Lab was the quality and openness of the dialogue among participants. Rather than approaching artificial intelligence only from a technological perspective, participants discussed how AI is already influencing the way people communicate, access information, express themselves, form opinions, and understand their identity. The conversations were characterised by openness and curiosity, with participants bringing different experiences and perspectives into the discussion. This allowed the lab to move from abstract questions about technology towards a more personal reflection on what digital transformation means for individuals and communities.

The discussions around identity and belonging generated particularly rich exchanges. Participants reflected on whether our sense of identity is changing as more aspects of everyday life move into digital spaces, and whether technology can strengthen or weaken people's connection with their communities. Questions about authenticity, online representation, cultural identity, privacy, and the influence of algorithms encouraged participants to consider how AI may affect not only individual choices but also the way people relate to one another and participate in society.

The dialogue also highlighted the importance of ensuring that the digital transition does not create new forms of exclusion. Participants shared reflections on the different levels of digital access, confidence, literacy, and representation experienced by different groups in society. The conversation reinforced the idea that an inclusive digital Europe must place people at its center and ensure that technological progress is accompanied by equal opportunities to participate, access information, express opinions, and exercise rights.

Another important outcome of the lab was the intergenerational and intercultural character of the discussions. Different experiences and perspectives complemented each other, allowing participants to understand that questions surrounding AI and digital identity cannot be addressed through a single perspective. The exchange between citizens with different backgrounds contributed to a more nuanced discussion of European identity and demonstrated the value of creating spaces where people can listen to and learn from one another.

**Agenda**

**Sessions Day 1**

15.00 – 18.30 Participants' Arrival in Thessaloniki

18.30 – 19.30 Welcome Greetings & Introductory Remarks

20.00 Welcome Dinner

**Sessions Day 2**

10.00 – 10.30 Registrations

10.30 – 11.00 Opening Session of Day 2

11.00 – 12.00 What Does It Mean to Belong in Europe?

• *European identity today*

• *Citizenship in the digital era*

• *AI and democratic participation*

• *Q&A*

12.00 – 12.15 Coffee Break

12.15 – 13.00 Session 1 : Understanding AI, Digital Identity & Civic Right

• *Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence*

• *Digital identity and online participation*

• *Opportunities and risks*

• *Protecting citizens' rights*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 Workshop 1: Identity Lab

Collaborative exercises using:

• *Visual mapping*

• *AI case studies*

• *Group reflection*

• *European values mapping*

15.00 – 16.00 Workshop 2 Exploring Identity in a Digital Europe

Small-group discussions on:

• Identity

• Diversity

**Sessions Day 3**

11.00 – 12.15 Citizen Voice Roundtable Interactive dialogue on:

• *AI and democracy*

• *Digital inclusion*

• *European values*

• *Recommendations for policymakers*

12.15 – 13.00 Evaluation and Closing Ceremony

**Dissemination Activities**

The FUTURENTITY WP2 Seminar-Lab Circle I was supported by a range of dissemination and visibility activities aimed at ensuring broad awareness of the event, its themes, and the wider objectives of the project. Information about the activity was communicated through the official FUTURENTITY website (https ://futurentity.eu/activities/) and through partners' social media, where updates, visual content, photographs, and highlights from the Seminar-Lab were shared with the wider public.

During the event, the FUTURENTITY project banner was prominently displayed at the venue, ensuring clear visibility of the project and its European dimension throughout the project. The visual identity of the project, together with the EU emblem and funding acknowledgement, was consistently used in the communication and event materials.

In addition to the digital and on-site visibility measures, all participants received a FUTURENTITY branded tote bag and mug featuring the FUTURENTITY and EU logos as a small commemorative gift. These materials supported the visibility of the project beyond the event itself and provided participants with tangible reminders of their involvement in the initiative.

The dissemination activities also highlighted the active participation of citizens and the rich exchanges generated during the Seminar-Lab. Photographs, key moments, participant contributions, and the main themes emerging from the discussions were used to communicate the event's outcomes and demonstrate the importance of citizen dialogue on AI, digital identity, belonging, and the future of Europe.

Through the combination of online communication, social media outreach, the FUTURENTITY

website, on-site project visibility, and branded promotional materials, the activity achieved a strong level of project recognition while extending the reach of the discussions beyond the participants directly attending the Seminar-Lab.

**Indicative Social Media Links:**

https://www.facebook.com/100064552277992/posts/1546093704219024/?app=fbl

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DcbJTq0so7n/?igsi=YW5mZndtamh5OHcx

**Conclusions**

The FUTURENTITY WP2 Seminar-Lab Circle I successfully created a meaningful and inclusive space for citizens to explore the relationship between AI, digital identity, belonging, and civic participation. The open discussions, personal experiences, creative activities, and citizen exchanges demonstrated that digital transformation is not only a technological issue but also one that directly affects people's rights, identity, relationships, and sense of belonging in Europe. Participants were encouraged to move from reflection to active contribution, sharing their concerns, experiences, and visions for the future of a digital Europe. The event strengthened awareness of the need for human-centred, rights-based, and inclusive digital citizenship, while generating valuable citizen perspectives and narratives that will feed into the subsequent activities and policy-oriented work of FUTURENTITY.

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