



MORE CITIZENSHIP NETWORK

More Citizenship Network's First Livestream



On 21st of May, 5 organizations from across Europe came together in an attempt to organize a live broadcast. The livestream was dedicated to Cultural Diversity Day and it included a 10-min segment of the **perspective of each organization when it comes to the different elements that constitute cultural diversity**. The organizations that participated in the event were Associação Mais Cidadania from Portugal, Babel e.V. from Germany, Compagnon Bâisseurs from France, Youth Center Kotlovnic from Slovenia and TACC from Spain. However, the participants' ethnical and cultural backgrounds as well as that of the people who were involved in the preparatory procedure varied a lot more than the extend of these 5 countries.

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The Slovenian Perspective



Youth center Kotlovnica was the dedicated host of the first livestream of the More Citizenship Network, in charge of handling the technical part as well as the flow of conversation throughout the whole live.

Hosts Iztok Zver and Gašper Selko talked about their experience, saying that:

*"The preparatory online meetings with all cooperating partners were very productive and it was wonderful to see how initial ideas (drafts :) were developing step by step and, ultimately, led to the production of what felt like a truly joyous as well as **informative experience of a culturally diverse Livestream show**".*

The Portuguese Perspective



First guest to open the live was Portugal. Bernardete Camota and Inês Santos, creators of an anti-racism campaign titled "There is only one race - the Human Race", participated in the live with Paula Mendes, as their translator, and Niki Avgitidou, as the technical support, and represented Associação Mais Cidadania.

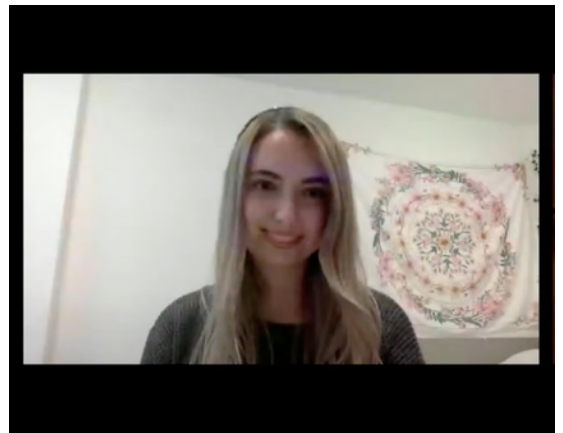
During the livestream, they talked about their view of **cultural diversity as an important tool into combating stereotypes** and, eventually, becoming a more open minded person who feels respect towards people, regardless of their ethnicity and their external characteristics.



The Spanish Perspective

Next guest of the first MCN's broadcast was Spain, represented by TACC. The team of TACC exhibited all the items they identified as "culture" in a 5min-video with a song as background.

Key point of their segment was to highlight the **diverse culture as a whole and a common thing**, as they found themselves as citizens of the world (Bolivia, Uruguay, Spain as well as N. Ireland).



Raquel, broadcasting from Belfast, represented TACC. She talked about the relation of Cultural Diversity and introduced the idea behind the video, leaving the audience with the message that **we can find Cultural Diversity everywhere, since we are citizens of the world and it's so enriching living together.**



The French Perspective

Compagnons Bâisseurs followed TACC with their contribution to this experience through the participation of two European Solidarity Corps volunteers, Habiba and Alessandra.

Habiba, from Tunisia (ANCB), presented the French movement Compagnons Bâisseurs and a video related to the **international promotion of volunteers 2020-2021**. She also talked about her experience with cultural diversity during her year of volunteering in France.

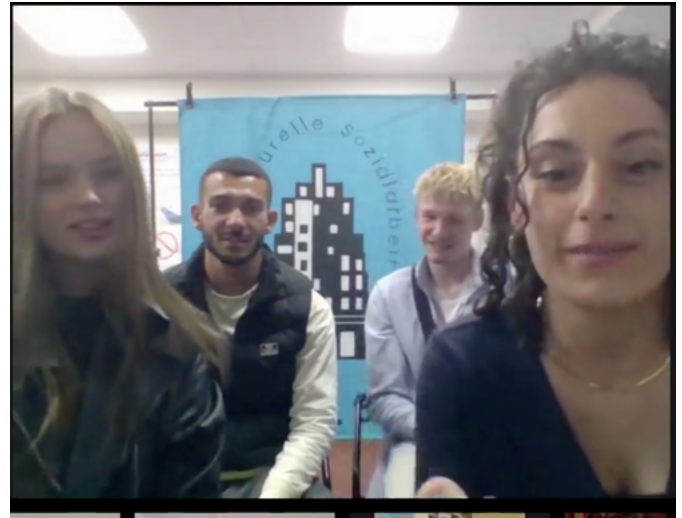


Alessandra, Italian volunteer in the regional association in Brittany, spoke about her choice of studies of intercultural communication and her experience with cultural diversity during her short term volunteering in France.

The German Perspective

Babel e.V. closed the first live with its intervention and performance.

Three participants, all from different backgrounds (Italian, Polish and Roma), introduced their creations with the help of youth worker Miriam Simone (German).



Natalia Taramina, 18 y.o., created a short video depicting the creation of a beautiful work of art with black, yellow and red water colors, symbolizing the German flag.

Meanwhile, Stefan Straus and Adrian Rech performed live a rap song they composed both the music and the lyrics called “International”. Wanting to communicate the **need of debugging stereotypes** and living all as one, they talked about their personal experiences of discrimination while they also committed to **spread a message of love and mutual understanding**.

If we take out elements of ourselves, of the behavior patterns, the language, it's really curious who we are.

-Iztok

It's really very important to be open to know people from different cultures. Because I feel like this kind of attitudes, for instance racism, it has to do a lot with lack of knowledge.

- Bernardete

It's also a mission for me not only to discover other cultures or other countries, but also to make people discover mine. We are ambassadors of our countries.

-Habiba

There is cultural diversity everywhere. Nowadays, that people travel all around the world, you can find cultures from all parts of the world everywhere.

-Rachel

Through many aspects we can assimilate with another country, but, on the other hand, this assimilation process is very difficult for many people. So, I think it's very important to normalize it.

-Natalia

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