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C-CYCLE Training Activity Successfully Completed in The Hague, the Netherlands

The third training activity of the European project **C-CYCLE – Cooperation on Cultural Yield through Coaching and Learning Evolution** (2024-1-EL01-KA220-VET-000257519), co-funded by the **Erasmus+ Programme**, was successfully completed in July 2026 in The Hague, the Netherlands. The training event, entitled **“Strengthening Cultural Resilience and Local Capacity in Remote Communities”**, was organised by **The Hague Academy for Local Governance and the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG)**.

The two-day programme brought together **21 practitioners from Greece, Portugal and the Netherlands**, including representatives of local authorities from remote Dutch municipalities, cultural organisations and project partners. The training focused on cultural policy, EU funding opportunities, cultural education and participation, as well as action planning for sustainable cultural development in remote and local communities.

Participants exchanged experiences from Madeira, Greece and the Netherlands, discussed challenges in local cultural policy development, and explored good practices for strengthening cultural ecosystems. Special attention was given to how municipalities and cultural organisations can work together to support participation, social cohesion, and sustainable local development.

A key part of the programme was the study visit to CultuurSchakel, where participants gained practical insights into how culture education and participation are promoted in The Hague. The visit offered concrete examples of how local cultural infrastructure can support access to culture and strengthen community engagement.

Through interactive workshops facilitated by The Hague Academy for Local Governance, participants translated lessons from the training into practical ideas for their own local

contexts. The contributions of partners and experts from APCA – Agência de Promoção da Cultura Atlântica, the University of Madeira, EETAA - Hellenic Agency for Local Development and Local Government, and The Hague Academy enriched the exchange and strengthened the transnational learning character of the project.

The successful completion of the training in The Hague further confirms the importance of European cooperation in strengthening cultural resilience, particularly in remote and local communities. By combining peer exchange, practical examples and action-oriented learning, the C-CYCLE project continues to build a European network of local authorities, cultural organisations and training institutions committed to more participatory and sustainable cultural policies.

The C-CYCLE project continues with its next activities of cultural events in all partner countries, further supporting cultural professionals and local governance practitioners in developing the skills, partnerships and tools needed to strengthen local cultural ecosystems across Europe.

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