

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Impact Hub Labs MKO - IHA
PIC number:	942826518
Project name and acronym:	Elephant Talk — Elephant Talk

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	4
Event name:	WP4 - ELEPHANT TALK: WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE TELL US ABOUT GENDER-BASED HATE SPEECH ONLINE
Type:	PUBLIC EVENT DAY
In situ/online:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in-situ
Location:	GREECE, ATHENS
Date(s):	16/09/2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://athens.impacthub.net/news/elephant-talk-what-young-people-tell-us-about-gender-based-hate-speech-online/?lang=en
Participants	
Female:	35
Male:	12
Non-binary:	1
Other	5
From country 1 [Greece]:	49
From country 2 [UK]:	2
From country 3 [Other]:	2
Total number of participants:	53
	From total number of countries:
	3
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The national dissemination event of the *Elephant Talk* project in Greece gathered over 51 participants — young people, activists, educators, artists, and members of the public — for a full-day interactive programme focused on addressing gender-based hate speech online.

The event opened with a **focus group session** (12:30–14:30), bringing together 8 youth, educators, community representatives, and stakeholders to reflect on the project's transnational research results and co-create insights to feed into public dialogue. This was followed by a **networking lunch** that allowed participants to engage informally, share feedback and experiences, and connect with partners and youth involved in the project, leading up to the public event.

The **public event** (17:00–20:00) began with a short presentation of the *Elephant Talk* project and its EU-wide objectives, followed by a visual and analytical presentation of the research results collected from 700+ young people across 7 European countries. The focus was placed on the Greek findings, which highlighted the frequency and mental health impact of body shaming, as well as prevalent gendered attitudes and victim-blaming narratives and the consensus for a need to address the issue on a collective and institutional level.

The heart of the event was a **panel discussion** (17:50–19:20), featuring voices from journalism, gender rights organizations, the LGBTQI+ community, and youth performance. The panel was moderated by a journalist and data expert (a young person who participated in earlier stages of the programme as well) and included a psychologist, writer, and blind content creator (disabled person), a young performer, a Drag Queen and performer, the Communications Officer of a Female Rights and Victim support organisation and a documentarian and researcher from a renown Independent research Institute in Greece.

Together, they unpacked the real-life impact of online gender-based hate, bringing in personal stories, intersectional perspectives, and suggestions for systemic and cultural change.

The event concluded with **reflections from young participants**, who shared not only their experiences within the project but also their perspectives on the **policy recommendations** that will be presented at the European Parliament in October 2025. This was followed by an **open dialogue with the audience**, which fostered a heartwarming and collective atmosphere — one of solidarity, empathy, and mutual recognition.

The discussion emphasized that **online gender-based hate speech is not just a cultural issue, but one that touches upon fundamental values and rights**, including **dignity, equality, and non-discrimination**. As such, the event served as a powerful example of the kind of civic engagement and youth participation.

Outcomes

- Increased awareness on how gender-based online hate speech is experienced by young people in Greece and across the EU.
- Amplified youth voices in public discourse on hate speech, through testimonials and facilitated dialogue.
- Strong cross-sector participation, bridging journalism, activism, youth work, and civil society.
- Valuable input gathered for the final *Elephant Talk* policy recommendations, to be presented in Brussels in October 2025.

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