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ONLINE WORKSHOP 2 - MINUTES

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Attendees:

- 4 Researchers from the coordination team. University of Barcelona: Main researcher, KMC coordinator, and 2 researchers.
- 3 Researchers from partner institutions: 2 from EPA, 1 from OUXF,
- 1 stakeholder representing Women lawyers association.
- 1 stakeholder representing Roma women in higher education
- 1 stakeholder representing a feminist women association

Content of the meeting:

The KMC Coordinator welcomes everybody and coordinates the meeting. She then gives the floor to the researcher leading Work Package 6.

The Researcher introduces Report 6: “Fostering citizen participation in science through awareness-raising action on the social impact of research: evidence for policy”, and says that the goal of the meeting is to get feedback from KAPI members for the report. He explains that Report 6 is composed by the analyses from the literature review, the Social Media Analytics, the Social Media Communicative Observations and the post-test focus groups conducted in previous work packages.

He explains that the consortium has identified more than 20 awareness-raising actions, out of which 6 have been replicated with vulnerable communities, including young women, members of the LGBTQI+ group, parents from low SEC neighborhoods, etc. He highlights that the implemented actions have achieved great social impact. As an example he explains the social and political impact of Dialogic Scientific Gatherings (DSG), the action implemented by the UB team. DSG are one of the Successful Educational Actions which were identified by INCLUD-ED (an FP6 research project led by ALLINTERACT’s PI) due to their impact in promoting students’ academic success and social cohesion in different European countries. These Successful Educational Actions have and are still achieving great scientific, political and social impact, such as more than 23 policies to promote and implement them have been identified at local, regional, national and international levels, and more than 10.000 Successful Educational Actions being implemented worldwide, with findings reported in several scientific articles in JCR-indexed journals. The WP6 leader highlights that Dialogic Scientific Gatherings provide



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an example of how to scale up the impact of other actions into policy.

Moreover, the WP6 leader points out that Report 6 also collects some elements which facilitate and hinder the replicability of those actions to new contexts and their translation into policy. Some of the facilitators that have been identified when implementing the actions include co-creation with diverse groups (especially vulnerable groups, which are often underrepresented or even excluded in science), orienting the actions towards achieving social impact, or having evidence of the social impact of the actions to present them to new groups in different contexts, among others.

The KMC Coordinator provides some examples of the impact that ALLINTERACT has had at the policy level. One of them is that in Month 5 of the project, many regional Spanish governments were making campaigns against love, based on a hoax that says that love promotes gender violence. However, ALLINTERACT collaborated in the co-creation of [Sappho](#), a non-populist participatory platform for anyone to distinguish scientific evidence from hoax on gender. One of the posts on the platform categorized as scientific evidence stated that Love does not kill, in which diverse people have engaged in an egalitarian dialogue providing scientific evidence and personal experiences. In February 2022 only 3 of the 80 regional governments did a campaign against love, and in February 2023 no government has done it, and even some governments have done campaigns of love to prevent violence. This is another example of the policy impact of citizens' involvement in science that ALLINTERACT is achieving.

In addition, the Principal Investigator highlights that we now have a lot of evidence that we did not have before. Much of these impacts will be shared in ALLINTERACT's Final Conference, to be held on March 27th 2023. Several panels in the conference will focus on the political impact the project has already achieved and future political impacts that will soon take place. For instance, one of the impacts which will be presented at the Final Conference is the launch of a videogame which was co-created between children and diverse adults for all children to distinguish scientific evidence from hoax on bullying.

Another political impact of ALLINTERACT includes a report commissioned by the European Commission's Network of Experts working on the Social dimension of Education and Training (NESET), for which ALLINTERACT's PI and other consortium members were hired. The report, titled "[Achieving student well-being for all: educational contexts free of violence](#)", presents a scientific review of the impact of violence against children (VAC) and the educational actions and programmes which present evidence of social impact in preventing and overcoming VAC.

As another example of the many impacts already achieved, the Principal Investigator announces that the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) have decided to use scientific evidence of



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social impact in the gender field as a key resource for their worldwide strategy for the elimination of sexual abuse of children and adults. Such evidence is being employed to inform protocols, policies, and training programmes that are and will be applied in different types of Jesuit works, including formal and informal education and the training of Jesuits, all over the five continents. In some of this training, the Sappho scientific platform is being employed. The Jesuits have hired one member of UB-CREA to train them on this scientific evidence of social impact. He asks KAPI members whether we should explain this at the Final Conference.

In addition, the Principal Investigator (CREA UB) explains that ALLINTERACT conducted a meeting with a “sister” project, a Horizon 2020 project called REFUGE-ED, led by a researcher member of CREA. Now members of ALLINTERACT and REFUGE-ED are presenting a new proposal for a research project on topics along the line of ALLINTERACT.

The KMC Coordinator states that all these examples show us that when we involve citizens in science we achieve much social and political impact. She explains that ALLINTERACT is documenting all this impact, and this can be scaled up from here. She reiterates that it is very important to continue working in this direction, especially with vulnerable communities, as ALLINTERACT has done. For example, many Romani women have participated in Dialogic Scientific Gatherings, and it is important to explain this to dismantle the hoax that Roma women do not care about education and science.

Feedback from KAPI members:

- The KAPI members highlight how important it is to involve people from vulnerable groups in future projects in order to achieve social and political impact.
- They highlight that there are many initiatives which are meant to involve people from vulnerable groups, such as migrant families or children, but that they often do not achieve an actual engagement of those groups in science.
- Regarding Principal Investigator (CREA UB)'s question about whether we should mention the fact that the Jesuits have hired one UB-CREA member to train and provide them scientific evidence of social impact to tackle sexual abuse of children and adults, several KAPI members state that it would be very positive to explain it at the Final Conference. Several members of the KAPI contribute encouraging CREA-UB to do so, as it is an impact that will reach and is already reaching the whole globe. In fact, after knowing that the Jesuits have taken the initiative to tackle violence against children in their own organization, other



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organizations might decide to do the same in theirs.

- Regarding the impact that the KMC Coordinator (CREA UB) has mentioned about Romani women participating in Dialogic Scientific Gatherings, one of the KAPI members, the Researcher (CREA UB) representing Roma women in higher education, who is a Roma woman, explains that she has participated in several Dialogic Scientific and Dialogic Feminist Gatherings with other Roma women. As an example of one of the many social impacts of DSG, she highlights that many Roma women start dreaming with pursuing education, both for themselves and for their children and everyone in their community.
- After talking about the many social and political impacts ALLINTERACT has achieved, KAPI members agree that pointing out the project's social impact also contributes to enhancing its political impact.