

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Vernante
PIC number:	876633815
Project name and acronym:	Biot and Vernante: Reinforcing Intercultural Dialogue, Gender Equality, and Engagement – B.R.I.D.G.E.

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	1		
Event name:	Town-twinning event in Vernante		
Type:	Event presentation and workshops		
In situ/online:	<i>In-situ</i>		
Location:	Italy, Vernante		
Date(s):	19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> of September 2025		
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://www.comune.vernante.cn.it/DettaglioNews?IDNews=357792">https://www.comune.vernante.cn.it/DettaglioNews?IDNews=357792</a> <a href="https://www.biot.fr/projet-bridge-jumelage-entre-biot-et-vernante">https://www.biot.fr/projet-bridge-jumelage-entre-biot-et-vernante</a>		
Participants			
Female:	37		
Male:	33		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 France:	44		
From country 2 Italy:	26		
From country 3 [name]:	-		
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Total number of participants:	70	From total number of countries:	2
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The first twinning event was held in the <b>Municipality of Vernante</b> , in the Province of Cuneo, on <b>19, 20 and 21 September 2025</b> .			
The French delegation from <b>Biot</b> took part in the activities, comprising <b>44 participants</b> in total: 26			

students from the **Collège L'Eganaude** in Biot, 3 teachers, 8 adult citizens, and 7 representatives of the Municipality of Biot.

Students, teachers, local administrators, and families from Vernante were actively involved as well, bringing together around **30 local participants** and more than **100 spectators** during the public activities. Registrations were collected through the cooperation of schools and teachers, and through promotion on social media and the municipal website.

The event unfolded over three days, featuring a rich programme of activities that enabled meaningful **encounters and exchanges between the two communities**. All project information and event details were published on the [official website of the Municipality of Vernante](#) (here the post event [report](#)) and on the [official website of the Municipality of Biot](#) and promoted via the municipality's social media channels (@Vernante\_vivo on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)). Moreover, the event information was shared on the [CERV Italian Contact Point website](#), increasing project visibility.

A **brochure** with the detailed programme and emergency contact numbers was distributed to all Italian and French students. Particular attention was given to **child protection and safety**: all operators involved were trained and informed about the *Child Protection Policy* before the start of activities.

To foster intercultural encounters and exchanges, a **host family accommodation model** was adopted: French students stayed with families in Vernante, experiencing authentic daily life and discovering local products and traditions. Adult citizens and administrators were hosted in a local accommodation facility.

Throughout the implementation of the event, special attention was devoted to **accessibility, inclusion, and gender equality**, using neutral and inclusive language and ensuring the participation of diverse groups.

#### Day 1 – Friday 19 September 2025

The event opened alongside **Imaginé – the small Alpine storytelling festival through illustration**, an annual event attracting hundreds of visitors and significantly increasing the project's visibility.

Following the **official institutional welcome** of the French delegation and the presentation of the BRIDGE project, the students from Biot visited the **local school** and the **Visitor Centre of the Maritime Alps Protected Areas**, where they explored local culture and traditions through multimedia tools and VR experiences.

The adult delegation and administrators visited the **SIBELCO quarries and former glass plant**, deepening their understanding of the **glassmaking tradition**, a cultural element shared by Biot and Vernante.

In the evening, a **public debate on European citizenship** was held with **Franco Chittolina**, Vice-President of APICEuropa and former EU official in Brussels for 25 years. The event, hosted at the theatre of the former Confraternity of Santa Croce, was actively attended by the Vernante community and the French delegation. To avoid language barriers, the debate was conducted in Italian with live French translation by one of the Biot teachers. It was a true dialogue focusing on contemporary issues of exchange and conflict, with particular attention to **European citizenship and borders**.

#### Day 2 – Saturday 20 September 2025

The second day was entirely dedicated to **artistic and creative workshops**, strengthening connections among the youth from both communities.

Students participated in two main activities:

- **Mural creation** on the theme of cultural exchange, led by artist **Claudio Giordano**, known for his collaborative murals with schools and communities;
- **A musical workshop** using body percussion and shared traditional rhythms, led by the local association **Prismadanza**.

In parallel, adult citizens and administrators joined **guided tours** of Vernante's open-air mural trail, the **Visitor Centre**, and the **Attilio Mussino Museum**. In the afternoon, the entire Biot delegation took part in **Imaginé festival workshops**, choosing among illustration sessions focused on different themes (e.g. wild creatures, intuitive drawing, creative techniques).

Students attended specific workshops on **gender equality**, using illustrated books to stimulate reflection and discussion on everyday inequalities and gender identity.

In the evening, the Biot delegation and Vernante community attended a **concert by the students of Prismadanza**, followed by a **community Pasta Party**. Afterwards, at the theatre, the results of the artistic and musical workshops were presented, with active participation of the young people from both

towns. The day concluded with a **public live concert**.

### Day 3 – Sunday 21 September 2025

The final day focused on **discovering the local territory**. Participants visited **Palanfré**, where they explored a local cheese factory, tasted traditional cheeses, and enjoyed a guided walk through the beech forest. The event concluded in Vernante with a **community polenta lunch**, a convivial moment that strengthened the ties between the two communities.

At the end of the three-day event, participant feedback was collected and revealed a **high level of satisfaction**. In particular, participants highlighted:

- the value of **cultural and linguistic exchange**;
- the opportunity to experience **authentic daily life** through host family accommodation;
- the **relevance of the European themes** addressed in the debate with Chittolina;
- the creation of **new connections among young people and communities**, under the banner of **active European citizenship**.

The event represented an important step in **building lasting ties between Vernante and Biot**, promoting the shared values of the European Union: **cooperation, inclusion, respect for diversity, and active citizen participation**.

Following the event, French students were asked to complete an **evaluation questionnaire** aimed at assessing participants' satisfaction and the achievement of the project's expected results.

The participants expressed a **high level of satisfaction** with the exchange experience, particularly highlighting the **kindness and hospitality** shown by the host families who welcomed the French students, as well as the moments of **socialisation and sharing experienced** together with the Italian students.

The questionnaires underlined the importance of **authentic informal exchange moments**, during which young participants had the opportunity to get to know each other freely beyond the structured programme activities. Among the experiences most frequently mentioned by participants were the **shared sports and leisure activities**, especially football matches between Italian and French students, confirming the role of **sport as a universal language capable of fostering inclusion, cooperation and intercultural exchange**.

Overall, the feedback collected was highly positive, and many participants expressed the wish to **repeat the exchange experience in the future**.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
1.1	29.05.2026	Websites information and evaluation updates