

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT: 101196423 — SONDER: Each Life is as Vivid and Complex as Any Other	
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Project name and acronym:	[SONDER: Each Life is as Vivid and Complex as Any Other] — [SONDER]

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[1]		
Event name:	[SONDER Opening Event]		
Type:	[Introductory Event]		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	[Greece], [Athens]		
Date(s):	[13-14 June,2025]		
Website(s) (if any):	under construction		
Participants			
Female:	50		
Male:	22		
Non-binary:	5		
From country 1 [Greece]:	73		
From country 2 [Cyprus]:	1		
From country 3 [Italy]:	2		
From country 4 [Spain]:	1		
Total number of participants:	77	From total number of countries:	4
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
The SONDER project officially launched on June 13–14, 2025 , with a dynamic two-day event in Athens that brought together over 70 participants, including representatives from African consulates, European NGOs, artists, educators, and members of the Afro-European community. Hosted by the			

Hellenic-Kenyan Chamber of Industry, Commerce, Development, Shipping, Tourism & Culture, the opening ceremony was held in the “Antonis Tritsis” Amphitheater of the Municipality of Athens, a symbolic space for cultural dialogue and civic engagement.

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The atmosphere was charged with anticipation and warmth as Ms. Vicky Pantazopoulou, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya to the Hellenic Republic, opened the event with a deeply moving address. Her speech set the tone for the evening, emphasizing the symbolic and human-centered vision of SONDER as a platform for recognizing the complexity and beauty of lives often marginalized in public discourse. A strong institutional presence followed, with keynotes from Mr. Vassilis Katsikeas, President of the Hellenic-Kenyan Chamber, and Ms. Dena Logiadou, President of the Women's Union of Greece. Their remarks highlighted the project's alignment with broader goals of intercultural understanding, sustainable development, and gender equity. Mr. Nikodimos – Maina Kinyua, Director of ASANTE, brought a powerful African perspective to the event, stressing the decolonizing potential of storytelling and the role of shared narratives in building transnational solidarity.

The energy in the room grew as the audience was introduced to the goals and ethical framework of the CERV programme by Dr. Calliope Anagnostopoulou. A highlight of the evening was a short but emotionally charged performance based on “The Story of a Woman from Africa,” performed by Alexandra Kolitsa, which stirred deep emotional responses and visibly moved participants. This moment seamlessly bridged the institutional framing of the project with the lived experiences that SONDER aims to highlight. Ms. Theodora Blakou, European Programmes Coordinator, followed with a detailed presentation of the project's structure, introducing the six participating partners and their roles in developing inclusive tools of narration, art, and civic participation.

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The formal part of the evening culminated in a live interactive discussion. Audience members, including African women, educators, activists, and local citizens, engaged with the speakers in a passionate and open conversation. Their comments underscored the need for visibility, connection, and care in portraying complex identities and real-life struggles. What had begun as a structured launch evolved into a shared moment of storytelling and reflection. Many expressed that they felt both heard and inspired, emphasizing the project's value not only as a research initiative but as a collective act of healing and transformation.

The evening closed with a vibrant photography session and a light reception accompanied by music, during which formal boundaries dissolved into heartfelt conversations. Many attendees lingered well into the evening, forming new networks of solidarity and expressing a deep eagerness to stay involved in the next phases of SONDER.

On the second day, June 14, the partners gathered for a working meeting at the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Kenya. The session began with a warm welcome and introductions from all five partner organizations. The meeting struck a balance between strategic clarity and collaborative spirit, reflecting the energy of the opening night. Dr. Anagnostopoulou presented a full project overview, emphasizing the need to counter the erasure of migrant women's experiences by creating ethically grounded, emotionally resonant storytelling.

Each organization affirmed its responsibilities: ComMedi will lead the creative outputs; ENWAD will coordinate field interviews; ABiED will manage digital tools and communications; CESIE will produce the educational toolkit; and EKE will oversee compliance and reporting. Partners reached clear agreements on internal communication tools, shared documentation, and transparent reporting procedures, ensuring a smooth and collaborative workflow moving forward.

The meeting closed with confirmation of the next milestones and a shared lunch, during which informal dialogue continued. There was a palpable sense of unity among the participants—one grounded in mutual respect and a shared commitment to rehumanizing narratives, challenging racism, and celebrating the richness of Afro-European identities. The opening of SONDER was not just the beginning of a project—it was the formation of a transnational community determined to change the way stories are told, seen, and understood.

AGENDA

Friday, 13th June 2025 - Evening Event – Day 1

Venue: Antonis Tritsis Amphitheater, Cultural Center of the Municipality of Athens

Address: 50 Akadimias Street (entrance from Solonos Street)

Arrival time: 18:45 | Start: 19:00 | Duration: until 21:30

PART A

19:00 – 19:10 | Welcome Address, Ms. Vicky Pantazopoulou, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya to the Hellenic Republic

19:10 – 19:20 | Opening Presentation by Mr. Vassilis Katsikeas, President of the Hellenic-Kenyan Chamber of Industry, Commerce, Development, Shipping, Tourism, and Culture

19:20 – 19:30 | From the Perspective of Europe, by Ms. Dena Logiadou, President of the Women's Union of Greece

19:30 – 19:40 | From the Perspective of Africa, by Mr. Nikodimos – Maina Kinyua, Director of the Organization ASANTE

19:40 – 19:50 | Questions

PART B

19:50 – 20:00 | The European Program CERV, Ms. Calliope Anagnostopoulou, PhD in European Policies

20:00 – 20:05 | The Story of a Woman from Africa, selected excerpts will be read aloud: Alexandra Kolitsa

20:05 – 20:15 | Presentation of the SONDER Project: Ms. Theodora Blakou, Editor and Coordinator of European Programs. Presentation of actions and events implementing by the project partners (Hellenic-Kenyan Chamber of Industry, Commerce, Development, Shipping, Tourism and Culture, ComMedi, ABiED, CESIE, and ENWAD).

20:15 – 20:30 | Interactive Discussion and Questions, Open dialogue with the audience.

20:30 – 21:00 | Photography Session

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- Group and individual photos.
- Group photo with speakers, officials, and participants.

21:00 – 21:30 | Reception. (Light buffet, music, and social networking)

Saturday, 14th June 2025 – Working Meeting - Day 2

Venue: Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Kenya in Hellenic Republic

Address: 126 Solonos Street, Athens

Arrival time: 09:45 | Start: 10:00 | Duration: until 15:30

Meeting Agenda**Welcome & Introductions**

- Introduction of partner organizations by their representatives

Project Overview

- General overview and timeline

Organizational Responsibilities

- Finalizing roles and tasks

Collaboration Framework

- Communication channels
- Progress reporting systems
- Tools and platforms

Administration and Finance

- Budget management procedures
- Reporting and documentation
- Financial protocols

Next Steps

- Confirm short-term actions and deadlines
- Schedule next online meetings

Final Q & A and Closing Remarks

Lunch

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