

On August 28, 2025, a World Café was held in Patras (Greece) to respond to the key questions about sustainability of the JA H4EUK.

In total, 33 people participated, representing 12 European countries: Italy, Slovenia, Finland, Croatia, Basque Country (Spain), Malta, Lithuania, Greece, Poland, Spain, Portugal, Hungary.

Key Question	Main Findings
<u>Sustainability at Local Level</u> <i>How do you see the sustainability of the general approach of the Joint Action (trans-sectoral, community-based, equity perspective)?</i>	• Practices are led by trusted and well-known community members, to ensuring credibility and engagement. • Interventions are adapted to local cultural, social, and territorial contexts, avoiding top-down approaches. • Cross-sector collaboration (health, education, social services) and integration within existing local initiatives strengthen sustainability. • Professionals are trained and work closely with families and schools, enhancing community ownership. • Continuous monitoring and evaluation during implementation allow improvement and adaptation in real time. • Social media and accessible communication tools increase visibility and participation. • A supportive and non-blaming attitude toward families fosters cooperation and trust • Key allies are identified at the local level (teachers, health professionals, local leaders) and involved. • Local networks and partnerships sustain the approach beyond the project's duration. • Community empowerment and active participation reinforce long-term sustainability.
<u>Sustainability at National Level</u> <i>How do you see the sustainability of the general approach of the Joint Action (trans-sectoral, community-based, equity perspective)?</i>	• Formal written agreements between national and local levels ensure continuity and shared responsibility. • Ministries of Health and Education coordinate, fund, and align policies to sustain practices. • Best practices are integrated into national strategies and long-term plans. • Training institutions embed the Joint Action principles into professional education. • A national repository of best practices, tools, and materials supports dissemination and learning. • Coordination across central, regional, and local levels addresses fragmentation and enhances efficiency. • Stable funding and consistent political commitment secure continuity over time. • Citizen participation and stakeholder dialogue strengthen accountability and transparency. • Existing national programs incorporate and reinforce the Joint Action approach. • Mid-level governance structures maintain alignment and communication between policy and practice.
<u>Lessons Learned</u> <i>What are the main lessons learned from this experience?</i>	• Change requires time, consistency, and patience to build trust and sustainable results. • National and local contexts are respected—practices are not “one-size-fits-all.” • Training alone does not guarantee implementation; ongoing mentoring and support are required. • Professionals and communities who experience positive outcomes become advocates for sustainability. • Existing collaborations and successful experiences serve as a foundation for new actions. • Simple, practical, and adaptable tools facilitate replication and scale-up. • Local empowerment and citizen engagement underpin long-term sustainability. • Genuine cross-sector cooperation ensures a holistic and equitable approach. • Continuous evaluation and adaptive learning processes enhance effectiveness and resilience. • Sharing lessons and practices across countries strengthens a European learning community for health equity.