

The LOCUS field trip in Madrid was held on November 15th, 2023. The meeting point for was at 8.30am in Madrid city. From there we took the metro to the town of Coslada, our chosen territory for fieldwork during the 2023-2024 academic year. There, the Councilor of Social Services and Elderly Area, was waiting for us. After her warm welcome and her institutional support to the LOCUS Project, the Coslada Social Services Centre director presented the team and briefly explained the social context of Coslada and the different programmes they were carrying out.

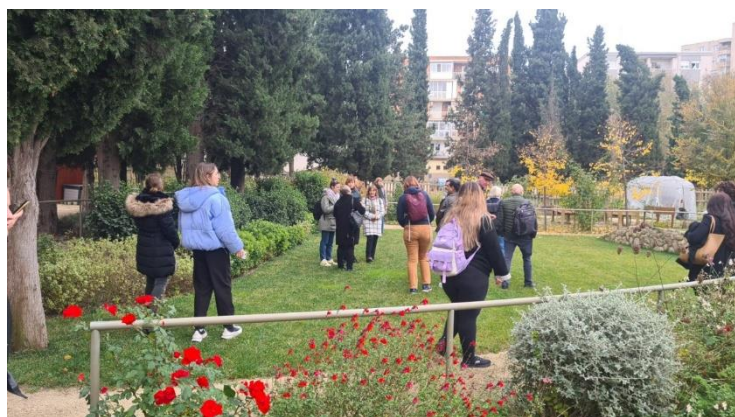


She presented the challenges facing Coslada, an industrialised municipality, characterised by its proximity to Madrid, a high population density, diverse but increasingly ageing, and a network of highly institutionalised social resources. In this



line, the colleagues' work focused on issues of housing, social inequality and community development. At the end of this presentation we had the opportunity to see a Photovoice exhibition that homeless residents of Coslada themselves had created and that for several months was displayed in the

hall of Social Services Center. The walk continued to the "Los Sentidos" Therapeutic Garden, an open-air space for seniors in Coslada where the idea of active and social aging is realized. With the ultimate goal of reaching City Hall, where the Mayor was waiting to formally welcome us, we strolled along Avenida Constitución, which allowed us to observe Coslada's urban disparity, its differences in income, housing, population origins, and lifestyles. It was a fieldtrip walk that allowed us to come into contact with



the diversity and challenges that the city of Coslada offers.