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EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET



NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS AND TOWNS FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS (NOTE)



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⚠ *Please provide one sheet per event (one event = one workpackage = one lump sum).*

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Network of Organizations and Towns for the European Elections (NOTE)
Participant:	Kaunas Regional Development Agency (KRDA)
PIC number:	915184913

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	Event no. 6
Event name:	European Union in Podcasts – Speak Up!
Type:	Seminar, panel discussion
In situ/online:	[online] (hybrid with participants gathered in LSMU Emanuel Levinas Center, V. Putvinskis str. 14, Kaunas)
Location:	zoom and Lithuania, Kaunas
Date(s):	21–22 February 2024
Website(s) (if any):	https://krda.lt/en/ongoing-projects/projektas-note/ https://www.facebook.com/events/1064914071408165/?active_tab=discussion&locale=lt_LT https://www.instagram.com/p/C3zsQOToS0S/?img_index=1
Participants	
Female:	68
Male:	34
Non-binary:	2
From country 1 [Italy]:	9
From country 2 [Spain]:	3
From country 3 [Lithuania]:	68
From country 4 [Romania]:	2
From country 5 [Bulgaria]:	3

From country 6 [Portugal]	2		
From country 7 [Croatia]	4		
From country 11 [Latvia]	4		
From country 9 [Poland]	2		
From country 10 [Belgium]	1		
From country 11 [Germany]	4		
Total number of participants:	102	From total number of countries:	11

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

- Target groups:

Youth, politics students, activists, local political organizations

- Description of the event and its activities

Two-day event aimed to encourage young people to take part in the upcoming European Parliament elections.

On 21 February, participants had the opportunity to learn about the European Parliament's activities and current affairs and take part in a panel discussion with Lithuanian MEPs, youth representatives and other guests.

On 22 February, the podcasts of NOTE partners on the activities of the European Parliament were presented. The other important part of the agenda was an exchange between the project partners about the Toolkit.

- The agenda of the event.

PROGRAMME (21st, February, live/online)

12:30 – 13:00 Registration

13:00 – 13:15 Introduction. Presentation of the NOTE project. Presented by Kaunas Regional Development Agency and Gosia Wochowska

13:15 – 14:00 Getting to know the European Parliament. Presented by the Head of the European Parliament Office in Lithuania Daiva Jakaitė (online)

14:00 – 14:30 BREAK

14:30 – 16:00 Panel discussion. European Parliament and youth inclusion

Participants (online): Rasa Juknevičienė (member of the European Parliament), Petras Auštrevičius (member of the European Parliament), Bronis Ropė (member of/candidate to European Parliament), Guoda Vaitiekutė (Žinau, ką renku network coordinator).

Participants (live): Ieva Budraitė (member of the Lithuanian Green Party), Vytautas Mitalas (Deputy Speaker of the Seimas), Martynas Mikalauskas (student of KTU Public Governance and Civil Society), Paulius Maknisevičius (student of VDU Contemporary European politics)

16:00 Closing the event

PROGRAMME (22nd, February, online)

10:00–10:15 Introduction

10:15–11:00 Design and preparation of the NOTE Toolbox - facilitated by the project team

11:00–11:30 BREAK

11:30–11:45 Social life of the European Parliament. Overview of the European Parliament's social networks (presentation of the podcast prepared by the Kaunas team)

11:45–13:00 European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) I'm going European. Presented by Tony Venables (the Head of ECIT Foundation).

Introduction of NOTE partners' podcasts, exchange of experiences and challenges

13:00 Closing the event

The main take-aways:

- The head of EP Liaison Office in Lithuania Daiva Jakaitė presented what makes the European Parliament interesting, the structure of the European Parliament and the activities of MEPs.
- It was explained where to look for more information about the European Parliament, as there is a lot of information out there and it is difficult for young people to sort out what is important.
- The Lijot initiative was presented and other insights were shared on how to contribute to young citizens' activism. Briefly, all this was summarized in a panel discussion together with MEPs, candidates for the European Parliament and the youth representatives themselves.
- The MEPs agreed that politics is a complex field, so a young person should not be forced to get involved, in other words, such involvement will come naturally with time.
- The discussion participants also shared their experiences in working with the news, and youth representatives shared their insights on instruments that are oriented to increase youth inclusion, such as posting on TikTok and other social media.
- Many valid ideas were mentioned during the discussion. One of them was that politicians should monitor youth engagement and therefore work with information that doesn't stimulate young people' attention.
- The second day of the event was dedicated to reviewing podcasts and presenting the NOTE Toolbox. From this day, the participants were able to take away more knowledge about what activities related to the EP elections were implemented by the NOTE project and what they would like to do in the future. In the podcasts, the young representatives gave an overview of the EP's social networks, which pointed out how social networks can help to attract and engage young people.
- The partners shared their experiences and challenges they encountered when working on NOTE podcasts. They once more reviewed the instructions (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q25_Z6nYAxjOEOq63uWdz3c6a7AZm-_/view?usp=drive_link) and empowered each other to produce new podcast episodes

The "**NOTE Toolbox contributing to free, informed and fair Elections in Europe**" is the main written deliverable of the NOTE project.

Timeframe of work:

- Mid February - survey, part 1
(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKYQ4Pi7QpB_0FAAq0Jt46s12WTIC0EdQZrwlil12Q_bxF4w/viewform)
- Event Lithuania - an exchange with partners about the survey n. 1 results
- March - survey, part 2
- Event Romania, April - an exchange with partners about the survey n. 2 results
- Late April - finalising the Toolkit
- Early May - Toolkit published and disseminated

Toolbox - content:

1. What is NOTE? Why NOTE?
2. What was done (map of partners, pictures from events)
3. Outcomes of street debates
4. Outcomes of podcasts
5. Outcomes of surveys 1 & 2
6. Policy-recommendations (Benefits of collaborative approach (networking))

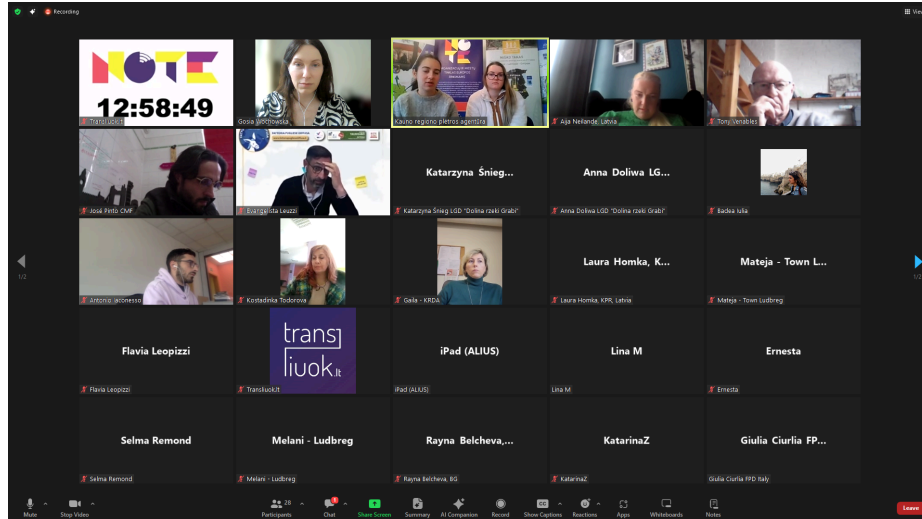
- Graphical elements and photos of the event (promo)



Photos from the event (21st, Feb):





Photos (22nd, Feb):




 **NOTE - Network of Organizations and Towns for the European Elections** ...
28 February at 11:26 


HIGHLIGHTS!

The long-awaited event for young people "European Union in podcasts – speak up!" took place on February 21. During it, reports about the European Parliament were presented, also there was a live discussion about the upcoming elections, emphasizing the importance of youth participation in them 🗣️🇪🇺 The event was broadcast with simultaneous English translation so that everyone could join remotely 📺🇺🇸 The audience participated in the online event from 7 EU countries! 🌍

We would like to thank Daiva Jakaite, head of the European Parliament Office in Lithuania, for her excellent report; we also sincerely thank all the participants of the discussion: the member of the Lithuanian Green Party Ieva Budraitė and the Vice-Chairman of the Seimas Vytautas Mitalas, as well as the youth representatives Paulis Maknisevičius and Martynas Mikalauskas. Lithuanian MEPs Rasa Juknevičienė, Bronis Ropė, Petras Auštrevičius and coordinator of "Zinau, ka renku" Guoda Vaitiekutė participated in the discussion remotely. Discussion moderator - Mindaugas Jurkynas. And most importantly - a big thank you to everyone who came to listen! 🙌

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The collage features a yellow poster for the event 'European Union in podcasts Speak Up!' dated February 21st-22nd, 2024, with 'HIGHLIGHTS' written vertically on the sides. It also includes several photographs: a man speaking at a podium, a panel discussion with four people seated around a table, a man in a suit speaking, and a group of people standing in front of a banner that says '+4'.

- Feedback from participants

From all the feedback received, the overall rating from participants is 4-5 out of 5. Participants rated the event as good and found it informative. They noted that it is difficult to organize a hybrid event without technical difficulties, but overall it was successful. Participants rate the dissemination of information as overall 4 and the moderation of the event as 5. Participants note that there was a lot of information about the event on social

networks, but that the promotion could have been more effective. However, they add that the structure of the event is very good and they enjoyed it.

Website and/or FB page of the event.

<https://krda.lt/en/ongoing-projects/projektas-note/> – official website of KRDA

https://www.facebook.com/events/1064914071408165?locale=it_LT – Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/projectnoteuropeanelections> - project FB page

https://www.instagram.com/p/C3zsQOToS0S/?img_index=1 – Instagram

NOTE-EU in podcasts speak up! : "EP's social media review" of "Kaunas RDA"(Lithuania):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcrHU6Qgyug&list=PL-A_5wNOs2ZCcS_HZkWKtLyiLLyZHm8CP&index=2

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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