

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Participant:	101081520 - VIESOJI ISTAIGA ATVIROS LIETUVOS FONDAS (OLF)
PIC number:	908898634
Project name and acronym:	COVIDemocracy in the Baltics — COVIDemocracy

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP3 – D3.2
Event name:	Omnibus survey
Type:	Survey
In situ/online:	online
Location:	Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia
Date(s):	August 15 th , 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://olf.lt/covidem/
Participants	
Female:	1576
Male:	1433
Non-binary:	-
From country 1 [Lithuania]:	1000
From country 2 [Estonia]:	1000
From country 3 [Latvia]:	1009
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Total number of participants:	3009
From total number of countries:	3
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>The omnibus survey was designed to collect information on the tendencies within the societies of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia in regards to how polarising were the crisis periods for the people (the pandemic, the ongoing war in Ukraine). The omnibus contained 2 main questions, and 3 additional questions that were detailing the answers to the second main questions.</p>	

These are the questions that were asked:

1. Recently, there have been opinions in our society that some people in Lithuania/Latvia/Estonia feel that their views, background or lifestyle make other members of society devalue their opinion, consider it irrelevant, ignore it, ridicule it or even attack them because of their opinions (e.g. they are ridiculed or attacked by others in social networks or in the neighbourhood because of their attitudes towards the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine, same-sex relationships, etc.).
Have you personally observed such underestimation, mocking, attacking of the opinions of some society's members because of their views, background or way of life?
2. Have you yourself experienced such an underestimation, mocking, attacking of your own opinion, because of your views, background or way of life?
3. Can you identify the reason why you yourself have experienced such an underestimation, mockery, assault of/for your opinion?
4. Could you please tell me where your opinion has been underestimated, mocked or attacked because of your views, background or lifestyle?
5. Could you please specify who has underestimated, mocked or attacked your opinion because of your views, background or lifestyle?

Here are some of the insights that collected data provided and that will be further analysed and discussed in focus groups, and then during online consultations:

In Lithuania over 53 percent of respondents noticed underestimation of someone's opinion, out of these 65% are young people under the age of 29. For Latvia the numbers are 65 of respondents noticed such behaviour, 26% of them are young. For Estonia, the numbers respectively are 39% and youth is noticing less, compared to respondents in the age group from 30 to 49 years old – 51%. It's promising that youth are acute to noticing and recognising such behaviour.

When asked whether respondent has experienced himself/herself negative reaction because of his/her background, lifestyle or views, the results were as followed

LT - 70 percent for views, 10 percent. due to origin, 13 percent. because of lifestyle

LV - 68 percent for views, 35 percent due to origin and 12 percent due to lifestyle

EE- 67 percent for views, 28 due to origin and 15 percent. due to lifestyle

Increasingly people experience some sort of negative reaction towards them due to their personal views. It is also interesting to further analyse, where such behaviour occurs: in Lithuania 61% of respondents who experiences abovementioned negative reactions have experienced it in physical private space: in personal meetings, conversations, etc. (Latvia – 55%, Estonia – 58%)

In public electronic space: Internet forums, online discussions, including online social networks (such as Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter)), etc. 27 percent (LT), 41% (LV), 38% (Est)

Furthermore, in Lithuania more people experience this from acquaintances, relatives, co-workers and colleagues (35%), while in Latvia and Estonia from strangers (54 percent and 42 percent).

These preliminary results were presented in Open Lithuania Foundation discussion during the annual discussion festival “Būtent!”.

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