**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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

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| **EVENT DESCRIPTION** |
| **Event number:** | WP3 – D2.1  |
| **Event name:** | Focus group |
| **Type:** | In situ groups  |
| **In situ/online:** | In situ |
| **Location:** | Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia |
| **Date(s):** | September 30th (Estonia and Lithuania), September 28th (Latvia)  |
| **Website(s) (if any):** | https://olf.lt/covidem/ |
| **Participants** |
| Female: | 14 |
| Male: | 17 |
| Non-binary: | - |
| From country 1 [Lithuania]: | 10 |
| From country 2 [Estonia]: | 11 |
| From country 3 [Latvia ]: | 10 |
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| Total number of participants: | 31 | From total number of countries: | 3 |
| **Description***Provide a short description of the event and its activities.* |
| In situ focus group meetings (2 working hours each) were held in all three countries (LT, LV, EE). The meetings followed the same methodology and guidelines developed by the main researcher for the project, who will also be compiling the final report once all stages (omnibus, focus groups and online consultations) are completed. Focus group targeted diverse society members from across each country, with differentiation in age, economical status, professional affiliation and even political views. The selection of participants for each group was done with the help of professional surveying company and using a questionnaire that collected socio-demographic data, as well as asked each potential participant to evaluate whether he/she agrees with European Union promoted values. The focus group questions were designed stemming from findings of omnibus survey and was aimed at deepening understanding of certain behaviour through individual stories and experiences. Participants discussed how polarising are some of the topics (LGBTQ topic, Cancel culture, Covid19 and vaccinations, war in Ukraine), where polarisation occurs – whether in workplace, schools, public places. The focus group also allowed to look closer at the strategies that people employ when faced with radically different opinion, namely – avoidance of discussion, self-censorship, aggression on social media. The findings of each focus group would be compared against each other, used for further discussions in online consultations with participation of civil society members and other relevant stakeholders.  |

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