

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	WP10 – D10.1
<b>Event name:</b>	National pre-EP elections event in Vilnius, Lithuania
<b>Type:</b>	Interactive event
<b>In situ/online:</b>	in-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Vilnius, Lithuania
<b>Date(s):</b>	28.05.2024.
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://olf.lt/event/sarasu-lyderiu-debatai-europos-parlamentas/">https://olf.lt/event/sarasu-lyderiu-debatai-europos-parlamentas/</a> In English: <a href="https://olf.lt/en/event/debate-with-candidates-for-the-european-parliament/">https://olf.lt/en/event/debate-with-candidates-for-the-european-parliament/</a>
Participants	
Female:	More then 150
Male:	More then 150
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Lithuania]:	More then 300
From country 2 []:	
From country 3 [name]:	
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Total number of participants:	More then 300
From total number of countries:	
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

In the debate titled "Debates of Leaders of the Lists of Candidates for the European Parliament" held on May 28, 2024, participants, audience were urged not to be swayed by populist slogans and to choose responsibly in the upcoming European Parliament elections in Lithuania on June 9, 2024.

The debates, organized by the Open Lithuania Foundation in partnership with political monitoring initiative "Žinau, ką renku" focused on the current state of democracy, Lithuania's expectations for the next mandate in European Parliament, and raising important questions on marginalisation of society issues, appreciation for democracy, anti-systemic tendencies among the population.

Thirteen out of sixteen party list leaders participated in the debate, including:

- Virginijus Sinkevičius (Democratic Union "In the Name of Lithuania")
- Virginijus Žalimas (Party of Freedom)
- Eugenijus Gentvilas (Liberals Movement)
- Vilija Blinkevičiūtė (Social Democratic Party of Lithuania)
- **Aurelijus Veryga (Lithuanian Peasant Popular Union)**
- Ieva Budraitė (Green Party of Lithuania)
- Andrius Kubilius (Homeland Union - Lithuanian Christian Democrats)
- Vytautas Radžvilas (National Alliance)
- Valentinas Bukauskas (Labour Party)
- Artūras Paulauskas (Freedom and Justice Party)
- Algimantas Rusteika (Christian Union)
- Petras Gražulis (Union of Nation and Justice)
- Mindaugas Puidokas (Peace Coalition (Lithuanian Christian Democracy Party, Samogitian Party).

The debate had four stages:

**Stage 1:** The moderator quoted party programs and asked candidates to elaborate and answer additional questions.

**Stage 2:** Gamification elements were introduced with a brainstorming session where participants demonstrated their knowledge of the Europe Union and Europe Parliament and collected points.

**Stage 3:** The main axis of the debate featured questions from the Open Lithuania Foundation on fragmentation, common vision of democracy, migration, polarization, sustainable development goals, security, and women's representation in politics. Politicians had not only the opportunity to speak but also to respond to their opponents' statements.

**Stage 4:** The audience participated by asking questions about polarization, the Green Deal, and societal inclusion.

The debate concluded with the moderator naming candidates for the European Commission presidency and asking candidates to show their support or opposition with playcards „Yes“ and „No“. The candidates' differing opinions provided audience with insights to help decide which politicians to support in the June 9

elections. The event was held in the former Lukiškės prison and also streamed online.

Event report photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/zinaukarenku/posts/pfbid02LKCcrPAeyWgYucb6Shmmzj2A1vifKnzuxb6ZxXWdmTnqMe55juBZcBuRCnwFafgwHI>

Event report video: <https://fb.watch/sno1BkqLpM/>

Media appearances and dissemination :

#### Facebook.com event

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1477033646572067/>

#### Publicity

##### Before event

<https://www.lrytas.lt/lietuvosdiena/aktualijos/2024/05/28/news/vilniuje-ivyks-pirmieji-gyvi-europos-parlamento-debatai-susitikis-13-sarasu-lyderiu-32106523>

<https://olf.lt/en/event/debate-with-candidates-for-the-european-parliament/>

<https://olf.lt/event/sarasu-lyderiu-debatai-europos-parlamentas/>

[https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/lietuvoje/2/2283649/vilniuje-ivyks-pirmieji-gyvi-europos-parlamento-debatai-susitikis-13-sarasu-lyderiu?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1g2yrUfbj7fTgTZcn2e0pAIGw91aYUkN4DBAWt3t\\_F3zWx4IPss2W0Ah0\\_aem\\_Afc-4KDY0AoBR9xMq6D23qy\\_6LfxS-mdBbaEMSO0D33uBfmpgowKy3SnHXGY23LXIPjN4xXMWHCellbPBQRMhOgX](https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/lietuvoje/2/2283649/vilniuje-ivyks-pirmieji-gyvi-europos-parlamento-debatai-susitikis-13-sarasu-lyderiu?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR1g2yrUfbj7fTgTZcn2e0pAIGw91aYUkN4DBAWt3t_F3zWx4IPss2W0Ah0_aem_Afc-4KDY0AoBR9xMq6D23qy_6LfxS-mdBbaEMSO0D33uBfmpgowKy3SnHXGY23LXIPjN4xXMWHCellbPBQRMhOgX)

<https://www.15min.lt/naujiena/aktualu/lietuva/vilniuje-ivyks-pirmieji-gyvi-europos-parlamento-debatai-susitikis-13-sarasu-lyderiu-56-2248840>

##### After event

[https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/lietuvoje/2/2284222/debatu-ringas-kandidatai-i-europos-parlamenta-apie-es-pletra-skolinimasi-gynybai?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2T8IBC8qIWMmfMyp5btL7RbAS\\_xcQYjTJvQhgyI0Cr0m0TuNLiSL5KKC8\\_aem\\_Afc\\_y7wt7c5MNwriHuLtmO1SsUTg3P3B417FI9aEz3DUKEUfQQYI7aKOSJrprYtviq3CA86rvP1MWONZm2K1fEFF](https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/lietuvoje/2/2284222/debatu-ringas-kandidatai-i-europos-parlamenta-apie-es-pletra-skolinimasi-gynybai?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2T8IBC8qIWMmfMyp5btL7RbAS_xcQYjTJvQhgyI0Cr0m0TuNLiSL5KKC8_aem_Afc_y7wt7c5MNwriHuLtmO1SsUTg3P3B417FI9aEz3DUKEUfQQYI7aKOSJrprYtviq3CA86rvP1MWONZm2K1fEFF)

[https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/lietuvoje/2/2284222/debatu-ringas-kandidatai-i-europos-parlamenta-apie-es-pletra-skolinimasi-gynybai?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2T8IBC8qIWMmfMyp5btL7RbAS\\_xcQYjTJvQhgyI0Cr0m0TuNLiSL5KKC8\\_aem\\_Afc\\_y7wt7c5MNwriHuLtmO1SsUTg3P3B417FI9aEz3DUKEUfQQYI7aKOSJrprYtviq3CA86rvP1MWONZm2K1fEFF](https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/lietuvoje/2/2284222/debatu-ringas-kandidatai-i-europos-parlamenta-apie-es-pletra-skolinimasi-gynybai?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2T8IBC8qIWMmfMyp5btL7RbAS_xcQYjTJvQhgyI0Cr0m0TuNLiSL5KKC8_aem_Afc_y7wt7c5MNwriHuLtmO1SsUTg3P3B417FI9aEz3DUKEUfQQYI7aKOSJrprYtviq3CA86rvP1MWONZm2K1fEFF)

[https://www.delfi.lt/news/politics/dauguma-lietuvos-kandidatu-i-ep-pasisako-uz-bendra-es-nariu-skolinimasi-gynybos-finansavimui-120020943?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2Md-RcWUKkH9HrDi3L8ZThYpF7QLBmC4NPfSphWVSIb0EO\\_d3IODczBR0\\_aem\\_AffnNr3dIV1-VrBDIybkAxVCxqc8uMxYqYNKuKzI5mEmskiULfH2\\_cC-avxNEXf2NMnKP9thmGPZCc5TTOvHUsnX](https://www.delfi.lt/news/politics/dauguma-lietuvos-kandidatu-i-ep-pasisako-uz-bendra-es-nariu-skolinimasi-gynybos-finansavimui-120020943?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR2Md-RcWUKkH9HrDi3L8ZThYpF7QLBmC4NPfSphWVSIb0EO_d3IODczBR0_aem_AffnNr3dIV1-VrBDIybkAxVCxqc8uMxYqYNKuKzI5mEmskiULfH2_cC-avxNEXf2NMnKP9thmGPZCc5TTOvHUsnX)

<https://www.facebook.com/zinaukarenku>

Online streaming:

<https://fb.watch/snoQjAeGlp/>

**Photos:**

<https://www.facebook.com/zinaukarenku/posts/pfbid02LKCcrPAeyWgYucb6Shmmzi2A1vifKnzuxb6ZxXWdmTnqMe55juBZcBuRCnwFafgwHI>

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