

## 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:	WP4 – D4.1
Event name:	“Open City: moving beyond labels”
Type:	1 day interactive event
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Klaipėda, Vilnius
Date(s):	December 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Website(s) (if any):	<a href="https://olf.lt/covidem/">https://olf.lt/covidem/</a>
Participants	
Female:	44
Male:	18
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Lithuania]:	62
From country 2 [Estonia]:	
From country 3 [Latvia ]:	
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Total number of participants:	62
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>A one day event „Open City: moving beyond labelling“ was held in Klaipėda city, Lithuania. Klaipėda has a significant number of minorities living in it and therefore the city was chosen as a location, where potentially individuals experience effects of marginalisation more acutely.</p> <p>The target audience of the event were high school students, schools, teachers, and youth in general. Open Lithuania Foundation partnered with a local youth organisation to ensure that topic of marginalisation is presented in a way, that is relevant to the local context.</p>	

The programme of the event was diverse, including key note speeches, panel discussion with representatives of political parties, state administration, youth representatives, world cafe type of discussions, workshops with experts on particular topics. The full programme is below:

**PROGRAM**

- Presentation "Is our democracy resilient to crises?" – based on findings of the COVIDEMocracy project so far.
- Presentation "About democracy in Klaipėda today"
- Workshop "Interaction of ideas: despite differences"
  
- World Café discussions, topics included:
  1. Topic: Labeling and stereotypes
  2. Topic: National minorities
  3. Topic: Human rights
  4. Topic: Disinformation and media literacy
  5. Topic: Civic engagement and participation
  
- Panel discussion "Doomed to live in our bubbles: can we move beyond imposed labels?"
- Workshops with guest experts:
  1. Workshop: In the age of disinformation.
  2. Workshop: What is identity made of?
  3. Workshop: Building and the importance of community.

An engaging programme was created for participants: they not only got to listen to various topics and presentations, but through world café and workshops format could engage actively, express their opinion on delicate questions (such as stereotypes, the situation of minorities, role of media in formation of opinions, etc.). Democracy friendly culture was stimulated among participants and they could actively express themselves throughout the day.

Photo report from the event can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Atviros.Lietuvos.Fondas/posts/pfbid02BSwDdGtTVx3cBEdixkRDYZhgskiekvhrXwHdatRukD33Y6Eaz4YPgy6nz8k4bF8dl>

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