

European Rural Youth Parliament

FOR THE FIRST TIME

16 countries

88 participants

1 day

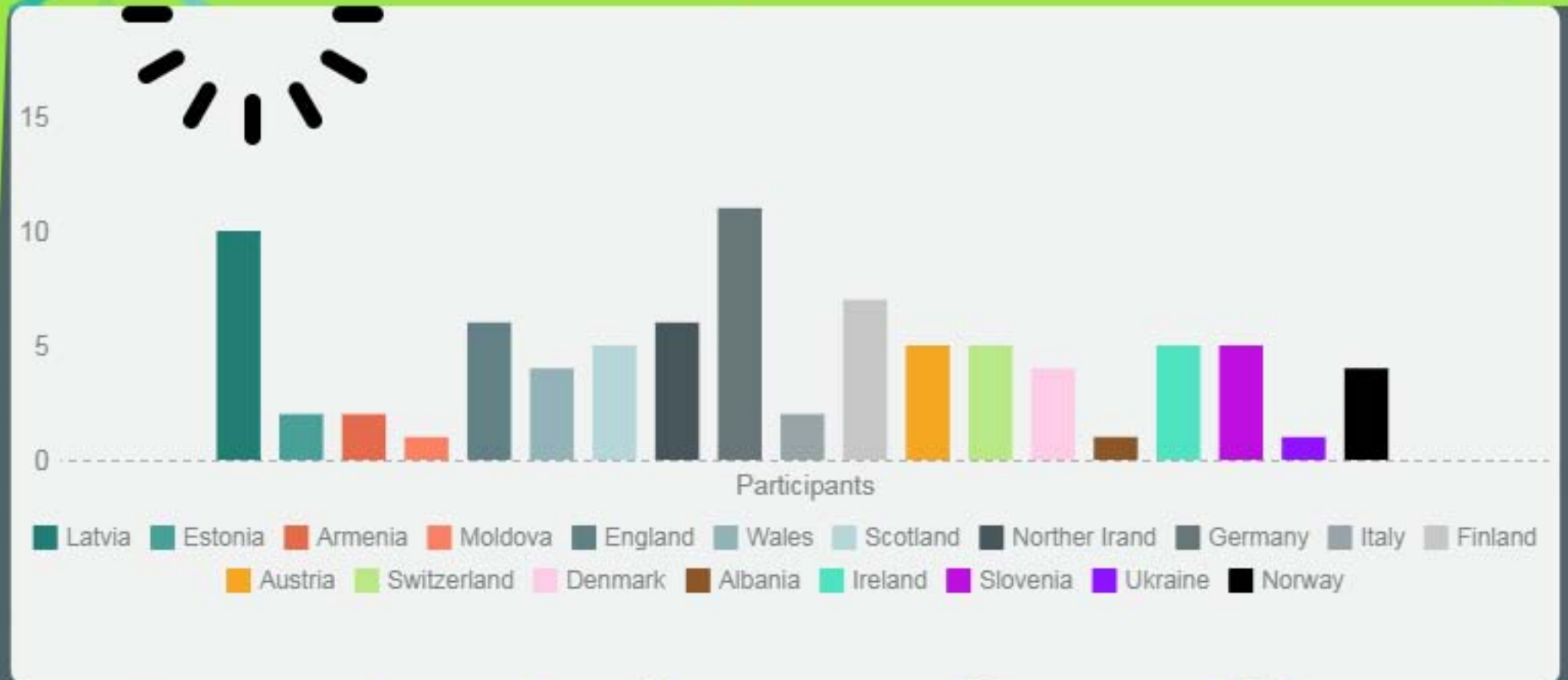
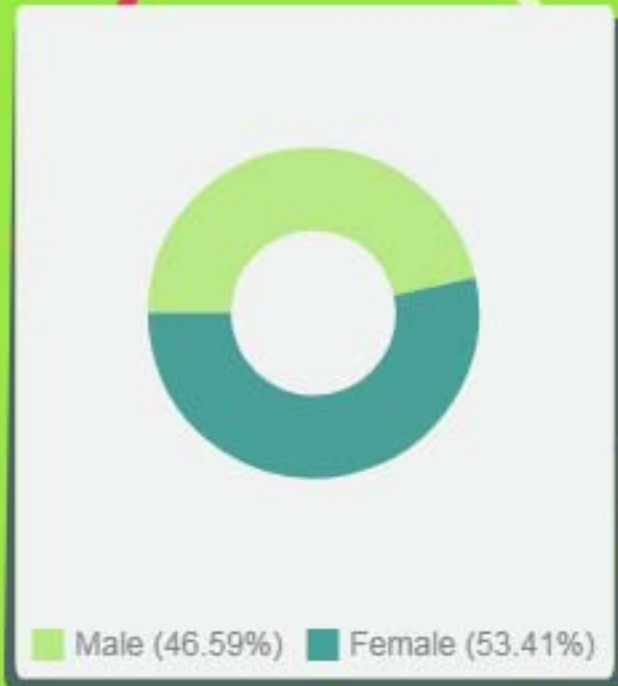
Dreams...
Needs...
Suggestions...

The voice of European rural youth was heard!

11th AUGUST 2017



European Rural Youth Parliament participants



European Rural Youth Parliament agenda

European spirit from Latvia

- For what kind of things You as Youth in Europe want or can say "YES"?
- Why are we here and what do we want to achieve



Parliament started with activity outside of the building walls. Participants were asked to answer multiple questions by choosing their opinion "Yes" or "No". Representatives from Rural Youth Europe, European Rural Parliament, Latvian Rural Forum welcomed participants with inspiring speeches. The participants learned about each other through the quiz and sharing their dreams about the future of the rural areas. Especially for ERYP was developed methodology, which is described further.

Rural Village of Europe

- Story of a rural village
- Targeted discussions about what should be done for the development of the village.

Participants were introduced to Airberg - imaginary village with inhabitants who have similar problems and similar dreams like youth in different areas of Europe. Participants were given a task to choose one case-story from offered 12, in this way choosing to help fulfill someone's dream in rural area.



Youth Voice

- Cross analyses of challenges and Rural Manifesto
- Looking for solutions



In this session participants discussed what should be done to fulfill the dream of chosen person. There were 3 to 5 main ideas given from each of 7 working groups. Following session gave opportunity to look to the rural challenges from perspective of different sectors - looking for concrete actions how to implement ideas (from previous session) in local, national and European level.

Possibilities of Rural Youth in Europe

- Cross sectoral proposals for changes-raising dialogue with experts
- Messages for the Third European Rural Parliament

Last session started with presentations of main results to all participants. Very final activity of the Parliament was panel discussion with experts about gained results and participants visions for the future of rural youth.



European Rural Youth Parliament outcome

Entrepreneurship was identified as the most important topic for the particular audience. The business was a common feature of the chosen case studies as challenges to solve. For young people it is important to work in a modern business environment.



Young people are optimistic and did not see obstacles in fulfilling the dreams of the described challenges, but reacted to the factors which were limiting implementation of the dreams. It is important to pay attention to the fact that it is not necessary to create optimism and confidence in young people abilities in order to fulfill their dreams because they are quite optimistic right now, but to focus on helping eliminate obstacles that hinder the fulfillment of dreams. Helping act need to be visible, so that young people could feel the support from society regardless of where they have decided to implement their dreams.



Rural youth pay particular attention to the problem of isolation, giving examples of situations where rural people are isolated from society.

Living in an age of opportunities within the EU, young people lack knowledge of legal and mental constraints in various sectors.

Participants showed how important business environment are to them, but solutions they offered had mostly social meaning.



The issue of gender equality is not a problem for young rural people, since they, chosen the persons with dreams about business, despite the "atypical" distribution of dreams (women - business, men - culture and entertainment).

Young people are demanding for new solutions for rural employment which could be moder and appropriate to the possibilities of the present. They want to be able to receive services in rural areas in the same quality as in centers in order to establish their own business and life quality.

The main conclusion is there is no doubt about how important is the involvement of the process of European Rural Parliament, but youth need to be included in it as one of the partners not as separate ERYP event, because they have opinion, knowledge and skills on different themes the same as other generations, possibly with much more modern point of view which could supplement ERP manifesto.



TO BE CONTINUED...

In the 3rd European Rural Parliament in Venhorst, the Netherlands you will hear linkage between decisions of the First European Rural Youth Parliament and European Rural Manifesto.



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