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Lithuanian experience in 4th cycle of Structured Dialogue

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Activities during IV cycle

- Research on Youth Empowerment in political participation
- Focus on methodology
- Consultations
- Preparation of delegates for European Youth Conferences
- Feedback gathering from young people, youth NGOs, policy makers, experts
- Final Structured Dialogue Conference in Vilnius (November)
- Branding



Why you need research?

- Structured Dialogue is European process, and not all outcomes are necessarily useful for national, local reality
- Provides clear data on issue
- Consultations are useful, but lack of representativity, also they focus on How?
- Support evidence-based youth policy implementation
- Supports dialogue by involving new partners - researchers



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Youth empowerment in political participation

Social: Youth is empowered then they take action for improvement while they are themselves problematic group of society.

- In national level, there are opportunities for youth to be involved
- Bottom-up approach

But no matter opportunities only few young people are involved.

Legal: Youth is empowered than there are enough transparent, inclusive structures, processes defined by legal framework.

- Exists why doesn't work? Human factor, skills

Phycological: Youth is empowered than they have freedom to do so. Self-confidence, self-esteem, family, friends support is needed.



Challenges in Youth Political participation

- Voting turn out is rising from 17% 2011 Parliament elections, 35% 2014 EP and President elections, 31% Municipalities councils elections 2015



- Lack of opportunities to be involved in decision-making on local level
- Lack of support for youth work, youth NGOs
- Human factor

Consultations

During 3rd cycle:

~6000 participants in online consultations;

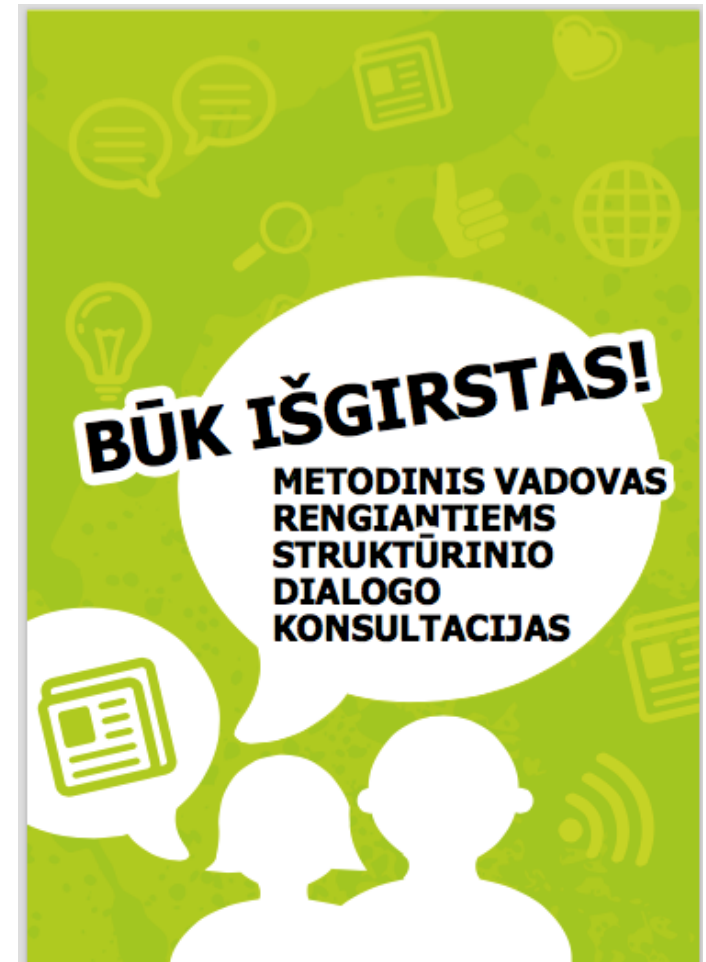
More than 63 direct consultations with experts, young people, policy makers (~600 people).



Consultations

Methodology for Consultations:

- Created for everyone;
- Youth friendly explanation of SD;
- Explains importance of Consultation;
- Provides various non-formal education method for consultations;
- Simulation of SD process.



Consultations

During 4th cycle:



10 direct consultations with young people not involved in youth NGO's (159 people);

10 direct consultations with young people involved in youth NGO's (366 people);

Direct consultations with 23 experts (researchers, youth workers);

Direct consultations with 20 representatives of Public authorities responsible for youth (municipalities youth affairs coordinators, representatives of Ministry and Youth Affairs Department, regional youth councils representatives)

Feedback phase

Direct meetings with:

- young people
- youth NGO's
- researchers
- policy makers
- decision-maker





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Q&A



Thank you!



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