

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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| PROJECT                   |  |
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| Participant:              | 101081500_FONDS ATVERTAI SABIEDRIBAI DOTS - DOTS |
| PIC number:               | 913427661  |
| Project name and acronym: | COVIDemocracy in the Baltics _ COVIDemocracy     |

| EVENT DESCRIPTION   |   |                                 |   |
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| Event number:   | WP5-D5.1  |                                 |   |
| Event name:   | Regional event in Rezekne or other town in Eastern Latvia   |                                 |   |
| Type:   | Workshop _ Dialogue circles   |                                 |   |
| In situ/online:   | in-situ   |                                 |   |
| Location:   | Latvia, Rezekne   |                                 |   |
| Date(s):  | 12.05.2023.   |                                 |   |
| Website(s) (if any):  | <a href="https://www.fondsdots.lv/uploads/files/WP5_D5.1_-_Regional_event_in_Latvia_description_sheet_.pdf">https://www.fondsdots.lv/uploads/files/WP5_D5.1_-_Regional_event_in_Latvia_description_sheet_.pdf</a> |                                 |   |
| Participants  |   |                                 |   |
| Female:   | 28  |                                 |   |
| Male:   | 6   |                                 |   |
| Non-binary:   |   |                                 |   |
| From country 1 [LATVIA]:  | 34  |                                 |   |
| From country 2 [name]:  |   |                                 |   |
| From country 3 [name]:  |   |                                 |   |
| ...   |   |                                 |   |
| Total number of participants:   | 34  | From total number of countries: | 1 |
| Description   |   |                                 |   |
| <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>   |   |                                 |   |
| Now, great polarization and fragmentation can be observed in both Latvian and European society, which has been particularly affected by the various crises that have hit us in recent years - the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia's aggressive invasion of Ukraine, the economic and energy crisis, etc. How these conditions affect democracy and how these changes can be felt in everyday society in the Latgale region. |   |                                 |   |

The conversation took place on May 12 at the Rēzekne Central Library, organized as dialogue circles, in which each participant in the conversation can better understand the issue under consideration hear other people's thoughts and express their position. The purpose of the dialogue circles is to discuss and find out how people in Latgale experience this time of change. The main issues that will be discussed are the importance of democracy in everyone's life and the understanding of whether democracy in Latgale is threatened and how it manifests itself, as well as whether the polarization of society and the categorization of different groups can be seen in Latgale society.

In dialogue circles "What does democracy mean to me (*kai es tū saprūtu*)\*?" residents of Rēzekne, its surroundings and other places in Latgale, regardless of age and occupation, were invited to share their vision and opinion about democracy in Latgale.

Conversations were held in three separate Dialogue circles, where one facilitator led each of the circles. The talks generally focused on several subtopics - What is democracy for me; How I experience democracy on a daily basis; What are the biggest threats to democracy; Society's attitude towards democracy and its processes; The division of languages and informative spaces (in Rēzekne, 2 languages are used - Latvian and Russian); Elections as a daily process of democracy; Democracy and self-initiative and as well as prosperity and democracy.

A note-taker was present in each of the dialogue circles, and all the conversations were collected anonymously in a common document.

*\*Subtitle in Latgalian dialect*

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