

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP11
Event name:	National pre-EP elections event in Riga, Latvia
Type:	Interactive event
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Latvia, Riga
Date(s):	15.05.2024.
Website(s) (if any):	https://fondsdots.lv/lv/jaunumi/ar-diskusijam-un-spraigam-novusa-spelem-aizvadits-turnirs-kijas-diplomatija
Participants	
Female:	81
Male:	120
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [LATVIA]:	200
From country 2 [UKRAINE]:	1
From country 3 [name]:	
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Total number of participants:	201
From total number of countries:	2
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>Novuss (a game similar to billiards) is said to have originated in Latvia. They say politics is a game. "Diplomacy of the cue is not only about knowing the rules and the court, but also about hitting the right dice at the right time - just like in an election.</p> <p>Liene Valdmane, Secretary General of the European Movement in Latvia, describes the tournament as "A playful and informal atmosphere, 20 novuss tables and 80 cues, games and conversations about the</p>	

essentials - the best way to find out, explore, and understand before making the right move on 8 June. The European Parliament elections are one of the most important political events that will determine the course of Europe in the years to come, so we invite everyone to be there."

The tournament was played in mixed teams on a draw basis, with MEP candidates, NGO representatives, young people, anyone interested, and active attending the event playing together. The Latvian Novus Federation, with unchallenged and fair rules, managed the tournament.

More than 50 players, around two thirds of them candidates for MEPs, played in mixed teams on 20 tables. "The tournament showed that politics and Novuss really do have a lot in common. The *"Kija Diplomacy"* was a great opportunity for politicians to prove themselves not only in a lively pre-election debate, but also at the Novus table. At the same time, the tournament allowed politicians to try their hand at interacting with representatives of other parties, which is essential when working in the European Parliament. We are very pleased that most of the parties running in the European Parliament elections took part in the tournament, as well as a number of novuss enthusiasts," says Ieva Morica, Director of the LAMPA Conversation Festival and Executive Director of the DOTS Foundation for Open Society.

12 of the 16 candidates for the European Parliament who have registered their participation in the elections attended the event.

Event report photo:

<https://www.facebook.com/fondsDOTS.lv/posts/pfbid034ZzEAJ6yhKmbhkMVtAuhGggwiSvE7S71u3McXuUFnNyKAUVQ7YBQqv7GSS7wQsT4I>

Event report video: <https://www.facebook.com/fondsDOTS.lv/videos/827372759306918>

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