

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[101081558] - [MITTETULUNDUSUHING EESTI ROHELINE LIIKUMINE] (ERL)
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EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	18
Event name:	EU elections for activists, citizens and media, Estonia
Type:	Seminar, roundtable, workshop and conference
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Estonia
Date(s):	23-24/08/2023; 10/11/2023; 27-28/11/2023; 22/02/2024
Website(s) (if any):	<p>Articles about the events on the project landing page (includes link to published EDS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Network Summer Seminar https://bankwatch.org/event/climate-network-s-summer-seminar - Roundtable: "How to build wind farms quickly and without harming biodiversity at the same time?" https://bankwatch.org/event/roundtable-how-to-build-wind-farms-quickly-and-without-harming-biodiversity-at-the-same-time - Estonian Chamber of Environmental Associations (EKO) Winter Seminar: EP election workshop https://bankwatch.org/event/european-parliament-elections-manifesto-workshop-in-estonia - Environmental debate before the European Parliament elections: "How to curb the environmental crisis?" https://bankwatch.org/event/environmental-debate-before-the-european-parliament-elections-how-to-curb-the-environmental-crisis <p>Articles about the events on the EGM webpage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Estonian environmental organisations manifesto for European Parliament elections (in Estonian only): https://roheline.ee/keskkonnauhenduste-soovitused-erakondadele-euroopa-parlamendi-valimisteks/ - Video of EGM advocates' expectations for the next European Parliament (With English subtitles): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mlq3iYVjuQs - Election compass on EGM website (in Estonian only): https://roheline.ee/euroopa-parlamendi-valimised-2024/

	- Environmental debate before the European Parliament elections: "How to curb the environmental crisis?" https://roheline.ee/epdebatt/		
Participants			
Female:	48		
Male:	25		
Non-binary:	30		
From country 1 [Estonia]:	103		
Total number of participants:	103	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>1. Seminar for activists: "Climate Network Summer Seminar" 23-24/08/2023</p> <p>The Climate Network Summer Seminar took place on 23-24 August 2023 in Kauksi, Estonia. The two-day event brought together experts and interested parties from various fields to discuss and share knowledge on the topics of climate change and a sustainable future. The seminar included a series of informative presentations e.g. "Adapting to Climate Change: Estonia's Concerns", "Imperativeness of adapting to climate change". The significance of legal frameworks was underscored by climate policy expert, who championed the swift adoption of the Climate Act, underpinned by scientific rigor and broad consensus. A member of the Climate Council, emphasised the crucial symbiosis between scientific foundation and community support. The evening of the first day ended with representatives from EGM and Estonian Fund for Nature showing the virtual tour "Renewable Energy and Biodiversity - what can go wrong?" and leading the group discussion based on 3 questions: 1) What are the arguments for biodiversity and energy/economic sectors connections that we need to spread? 2) How to transfer this knowledge to decision-makers and to larger market participants/interest groups? 3) What could be the specific messages to the public?</p> <p>Main outcomes of the seminar were: The need to protect biodiversity in the development of renewable energy, while dealing with biodiversity and the climate crisis, was emphasized. It is important to agree on the capacities of renewable energy and to do thorough research before launching new projects.</p> <p>The Climate Network's Summer Seminar was a focal point for intellectual convergence, offering a platform for the articulation of concerns, the exploration of novel ideas, and the collective pursuit of a more sustainable future.</p> <p>Participants: Total number of participants: 23 from 13 civil society organisations attended the event. Female: 9, Male: 2, Non-binary: 12</p> <p>Evaluation summary: Following the seminar, the participants were asked to fill the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values and 11 people filled it in. Overall, the assessment of the event was 4.8. With quantitative questions (with rating 1-5), the highest rating went to the questions about length of the event (with average rating of 4.9), choice of the topics adequate (with average rating of 4.8) and increased cooperation (with average rating of 4.8). The lowest rating was at the question of increased skills (3.6) and increased awareness (4.1). Regarding the question of gender equality, 100% of the participants gave positive answers, choosing multiple answers to confirm that the organisers took action to promote gender equality and ensure equal opportunities. 70% of the participants also marked that their perception of the topic changed and 70% declared that they will be likely to react differently from now on when confronted to the topic. 100% of the participants will use to some extent what they learned in everyday life/work.</p> <p>2. Roundtable for Climate Ministry, European Commission and Municipalities representatives: "How to build wind farms quickly and without harming biodiversity at the same time?" 10/11/2023</p> <p>On 10 November 2023 Estonian Green Movement and Estonian Fund for Nature organised a</p>			

roundtable on renewable energy and biodiversity for representatives of municipalities, ministries and the European Commission. The roundtable discussion identified the main problems that prevent the accelerated development of renewable energy and put biodiversity at risk. However, the main focus of the roundtable was finding solutions so that Estonia would reach the goal set by 2030 of producing renewable energy in the amount of national consumption, without having a significant impact on biodiversity.

The opening remarks of the roundtable were made by the representative of the European Commission in Estonia according to whom REPowerEU has brought different aspects of wind energy development into public discussion. In the first half of the roundtable, representatives of different viewpoints (state, municipality and biodiversity) presented their problems in relation to the roundtable topic. In the second part of the roundtable, discussions took place between the participants, where they defined the main challenges and possible solutions.

Outcome: In summary, the country's specific plan for the development of renewable energy and regular meaningful communication between the parties, including roundtables, are key to maintaining biodiversity when building wind farms.

Speakers/topics

In the first half of the roundtable, representatives of different viewpoints (state, municipality and biodiversity) presented some specific issues related to the roundtable topic:

- On accelerating renewable energy – Ministry of the Climate
- Wind farms of the municipality – architect of the municipality of Põhja-Pärnumaa
- Renewable energy threats to birds – Estonian Ornithology Society

The roundtable was moderated by the discussion leader from SpeakSmart.

Participants: Total number of participants: 16, Female: 4, Male: 2, Non-binary: 10

Evaluation summary: Following the roundtable, the participants were asked to fill the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values and 5 of them filled it in. Overall, the assessment of the event was 4.8. With quantitative questions (with rating 1-5), the highest rating went to the questions about length of the event (with average rating of 4.6), choice of the topics adequate (with average rating of 4.8), content of the event (with average rating of 4.8) and increased cooperation (with average rating of 4.8). The lowest rating was at the question of increased skills (2.8) and increased awareness (4.2). Regarding the question of gender equality, 100% of the participants gave positive answers, choosing multiple answers to confirm that the organisers took action to promote gender equality and ensure equal opportunities. 80% of the participants also marked that their perception of the topic changed and 100% declared that they will be likely to react differently from now on when confronted to the topic. 100% of the participants will use to some extent what they learned in everyday life/work.

3. Estonian Chamber of Environmental Associations (EKO) Winter Seminar: “EP election workshop” 27-28/11/2023

On 27-28 November 2023 Estonian Chamber of Environmental Associations' (EKO) winter seminar took place. As part of this event, Estonian Green Movement's workshop on European Parliament elections was organised. Estonian Green Movement representatives made a presentation of European Parliament Elections and introduced the [Citizens' Observatory for Green Deal Financing coalition manifesto on the future of EU public finances](#). During the workshop environmental NGOs discussed their plans related to European Parliament Elections and made plans for collaboration. Participants of the workshop also discussed their expectations for the upcoming EP. The outcome of this workshop was the [Estonian Environmental NGOs Manifesto for European Parliament Elections](#).

Participants: Total number of participants (counted only those who participated first time in this WP event): 5, Female: 3, Male: 2, Non-binary: 0

Evaluation summary: Following the seminar, the participants were asked to fill the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values and 2 people filled it in. Overall, the assessment of the event was 4.5. With quantitative questions (with rating 1-5), the highest rating went to the questions about length of the event (with average rating of 5), choice of the topics adequate (with average rating of 4.5) and increased cooperation (with average rating of 4.5). The lowest rating was at the question of increased skills (3.5). Regarding the question of gender equality, 100% of the participants gave positive answers, choosing multiple answers to confirm that the organisers took action to promote gender equality and ensure equal opportunities. 50% of the participants also marked that their perception of the topic changed and 50% declared that they will be likely to react differently from now on when confronted to the topic. 100% of the participants will use to some extent what they learned in everyday life/work.

4. Environmental Debate Before the European Parliament Elections: "How to Curb the Environmental Crisis?" 22/02/2024

On 22 February 2024, the Estonian Green Movement and the Estonian Fund for Nature organized an environmental debate before the European Parliament elections: "How to curb the environmental crisis?". Thanks to this collaboration we managed to reach wider audience and the initiative was considered as part of the EU Climate Pact Indicatives. The Climate Pact is part of the European Green Deal and is helping the EU to meet its goal to become climate-neutral by 2050.

The debate was the first glimpse into the parties' thoughts ahead of this year's European Parliament elections. We heard about the issues politicians in Europe would stand for and learned about the steps expected from the next European Commission and Parliament to achieve climate and environmental goals in the most challenging sectors, such as biodiversity, land use, or agriculture.

As European environmental policy significantly influences Estonia's environmental policy, the debate provided citizens with a good opportunity to familiarize themselves with the positions of various parties in order to make the right choice for them in the European Parliament elections taking place on June 6-9, 2024.

On the background of the debate was a presentation with scientific facts on every debate topic. The presentation is uploaded to EGM's webpage: <https://roheline.ee/euroopa-parlamendi-valimised-2024/>

Moderator of the debate: journalist from Estonian Public Broadcasting (Eesti Rahvusringhääling)

All parties from the Estonian Parliament were represented in the debate, including the Social Democratic Party, the Reform Party, Estonia 200, Isamaa, the Conservative People's Party of Estonia, and the Centre Party.

Broadcast of the debate in Estonian media:

1. **Eesti Päevaleht Roheportaal (The green portal of the Estonian daily newspaper):** <https://roheportaal.delfi.ee/artikkel/120272320/otse-mida-arvavad-erakonnad-euroopa-roheleppes>
2. **Eesti Rahvusringhääling (Estonian Public Broadcasting):** <https://www.err.ee/1609260537/otse-kell-17-30-euoparlamendi-valimiste-arutelud-avab-keskkonnadebatt>

Recording of the debate on EGM YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGx7Ep5KxUY>

Participants: Total number of participants: 59, Female: 32, Male: 19, Non-binary: 8

Evaluation summary: Following the debate, the participants were asked to fill the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. 8 people filled in the EU Survey on Justice, Rights and Values. Overall, the assessment of the event was 4.6. With quantitative questions (with rating 1-5), the highest rating went to the questions about venue (with average rating of 5), the content of the event (with average rating 4,9), length of the event (with average rating 5), increased awareness (with average rating 4,5), increased knowledge (with average rating 4,5).

The lowest rating was at the question of increased skills (with average rating 2,5), increased cooperation (with average rating 3). Regarding the question of gender equality, 75% of the participants gave positive answers, choosing multiple answers to confirm that the organisers took action to promote gender equality and ensure equal opportunities and 25% answered they didn't notice any particular attention of the organiser to gender equality. 50% of the participants also marked that their perception of the topic changed and 75% declared that they will be likely to react differently from now on when confronted to the topic. 63% of the participants will use to some extent what they learned in everyday life/work.

Election compass on EGM's webpage: <https://roheline.ee/euroopa-parlamendi-valimised-2024/>

The Election Compass is an informative webpage on the EGM's website that encourages citizens to participate in the European Parliament elections from June 6-9, 2024. This platform consolidates materials related to environmental issues and the European Parliament elections, and it is continuously updated. The primary objective of the Election Compass is to provide citizens with all pertinent materials, facilitating an informed decision-making process for the upcoming European Parliament elections.

Currently, the Election Compass provides general information about the elections and reasons to

participate in the European Parliament elections. Additionally, it includes environmental organizations' recommendations for political parties in the European Parliament elections (manifesto) and a short video of EGM's advocacy experts expressing their expectations for the next European Parliament and on the same topic a podcast recording of Estonian Fund for Nature climate expert explaining the environmental organisations manifesto for the next European Parliament. The webpage includes recording of the EGM and the Estonian Fund for Nature environmental debate before the European Parliament elections: "How to curb the environmental crisis?".

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).