

Results of the needs analysis carried out as part of the preparation of the ‘Become ECONfident’ project created by the association HEureka Generator, the Lithuanian organization TAVO Europa and the Romanian organization Evolution under the Key Action 2 of the European Erasmus + program.

The research was aimed at examining the needs of the local community in Romania.



The survey was conducted on May 4 - 14, 2021. 67 young people from Romania took part in it.

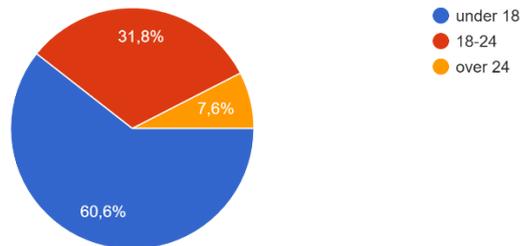
A questionnaire was used as the research method. The first part of the survey contains demographic information. The second part of the survey includes questions related to ecology.



1. Demographic information

Age

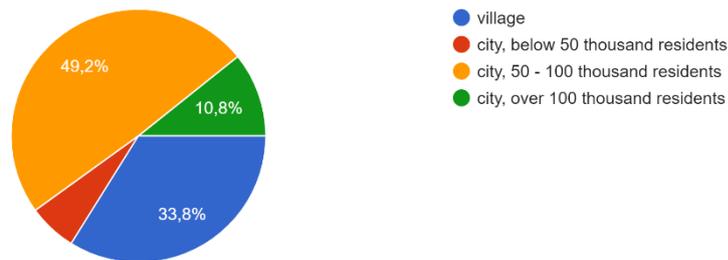
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40 people under the age of 18, 21 people between 18 and 24, and 5 people over 24 took part in the survey.

Place of residence

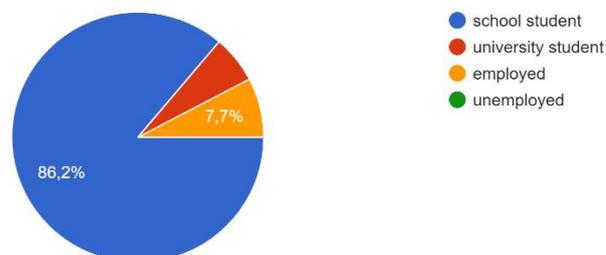
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32 respondents indicated as their place of residence 'city, 50 - 100 thousand residents', 22 people indicated 'village', 7 people indicated 'city, over 100,000 residents', and 4 people 'city, below 50 thousand residents'.

Professional situation

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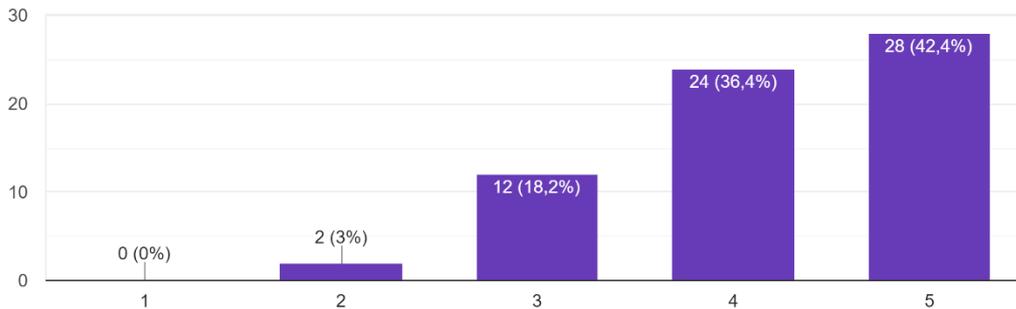


65 respondents answered the question about their professional situation. 56 of them are school students. 5 of the respondents are employed persons and 4 are university students.

2. Ecology

Is ecology important to you?

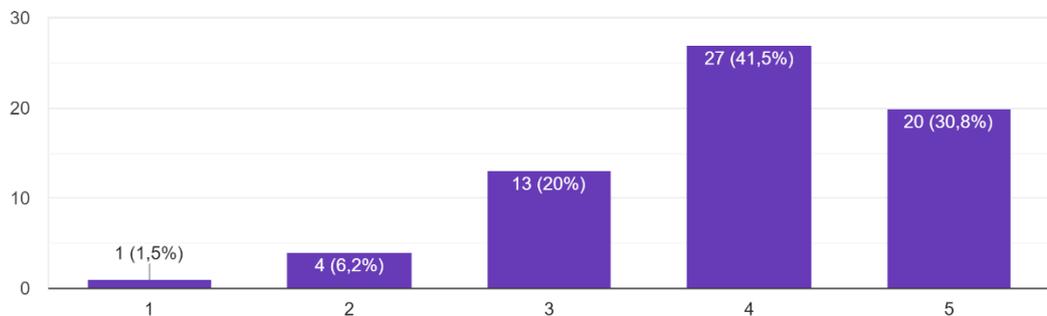
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Respondents answered the question **'Is ecology important to you?'** on a scale of 1 to 5, where one means 'not important' and five means 'very important'. 2 people answered '2' and 12 people answered '3'. For almost 80% of respondents, ecology is important or very important. These people answered '4' and '5'.

Do you consider yourself a person who cares about the environment?

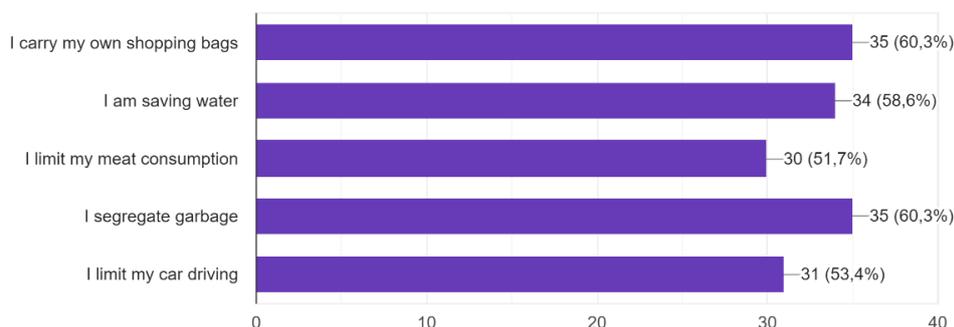
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Respondents answered the question **'Do you consider yourself a person who cares about the environment?'** on a scale of 1 to 5, where one means 'definitely not' and five means 'definitely yes'. 1 person replied that he/she is definitely not a person who cares about the environment. 4 people replied '2'. 13 people answered '3' and 27 people answered '4'. 20 respondents definitely consider themselves as people who care about environment.

How do you care for the environment?

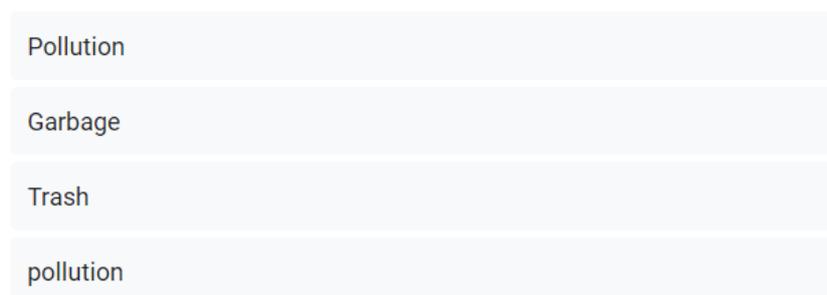
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Respondents answered the open question **‘How do you care for the environment?’** 35 people replied ‘I carry my own shopping bags’ and ‘I segregate garbage’. 34 people replied ‘I am saving water.’ 31 people answered ‘I limit my car driving’ and 30 people answered ‘I limit my meat consumption’.

What is the biggest environmental problem in your region?

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Respondents answered the open question **‘What is the biggest environmental problem in your region?’**. 60 people gave their answers. The most common answers were related to pollution and littering.

What should change in your region in terms of environmental protection?

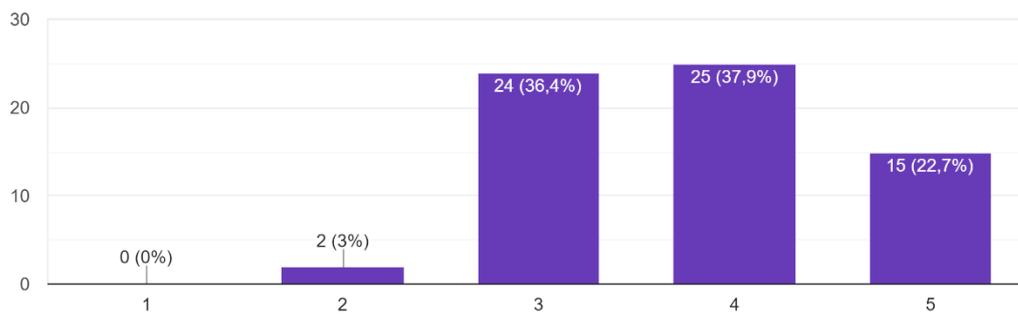
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Planting
Clean the mess, plant trees
More green areas
Selecting garbage

Respondents answered the question **‘What should change in your region in terms of environmental protection?’** 58 people gave their answers. The most common answer was ‘planting trees’. It was given by almost one third of the respondents.

Do you think you can support positive change in ecological situation in your region?

66 odpowiedzi



Respondents answered the question **‘Do you think you can support positive change in ecological situation in your region?’** on a scale of 1 to 5, where one means ‘definitely not’ and five means ‘definitely yes’. 2 people assessed their influence on the positive change at 2, and 24 people assessed it at 3. People who considered their influence as high constituted over 50%. 25 people answered 4, and 15 people rated it 5.

Do you know good ecological practices worth sharing?

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cleaning
Garbage selection
garbage selection
Selecte garbage

Respondents answered the open question ‘**Do you know good ecological practices worth sharing?**’. 33 people gave their answers. More than half of the responses concerned garbage segregation.

Summary

Young people associated with the partner schools of the Evolution organization (pupils, employees) and young people related to the organization (students) participated in the research, because we wanted to precisely define the needs of the target groups of the organization in the field of pro-ecological activities.

The results confirmed that ecology is very important for the vast majority of research participants. Most young people also try to care for the environment. The most popular examples of pro-ecological activities turned out to be: carrying your own shopping bag, segregating trash, saving water, reducing car driving, reducing meat consumption.

The research participants also identified the most important ecological problems in their region. They turned out to be: air pollution, garbage.

We also obtained numerous proposals for changes that would contribute to strengthening the ecological lifestyle of the inhabitants of our region.

The participants of the research believe that they can, to some extent, realistically support pro-ecological changes in their region.

Thanks to the information obtained in the research, ecology became the main topic of the 'Become ECONfident' project, which Evolution is co-creating with the Heureka Generator association and the Tavo Europa organization. The idea for the project was developed based on the interests and needs of young people, and the examples of pro-ecological activities, environmental problems in the region and proposed changes to strengthen pro-ecological activities, obtained by us, will be used to carry out specific activities during the project implementation.