

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 Lithuania.



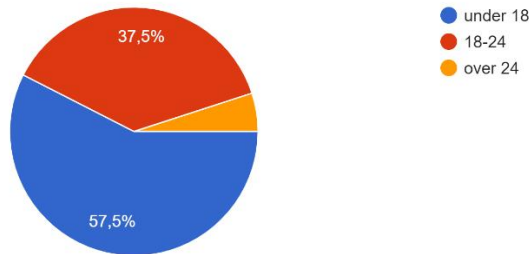
The survey was conducted on May 4 - 14, 2021. 42 young people from Lithuania took part in it.

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.



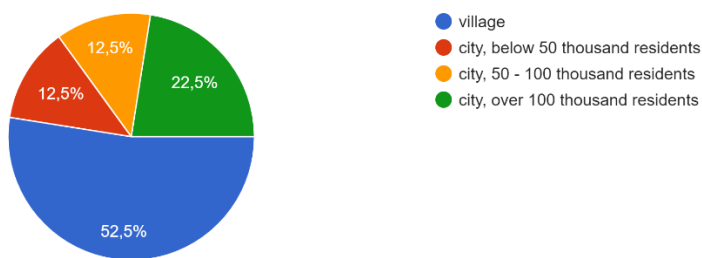
1. Demographic information

Age
40 odpowiedzi



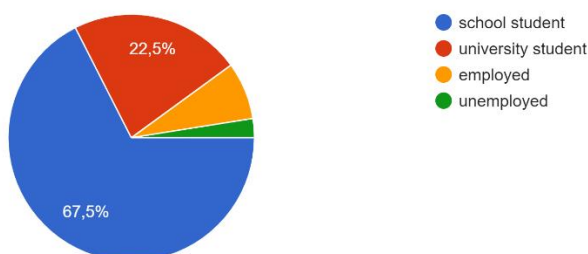
23 people under the age of 18, 15 people between 18 and 24, and 2 people over 24 took part in the survey.

Place of residence
40 odpowiedzi



21 respondents indicated 'village' as their place of residence, 9 people indicated 'city with over 100,000 inhabitants', and 5 people 'city of 50 - 100 thousand inhabitants' or 'city below 50 thousand residents'.

Professional situation
40 odpowiedzi

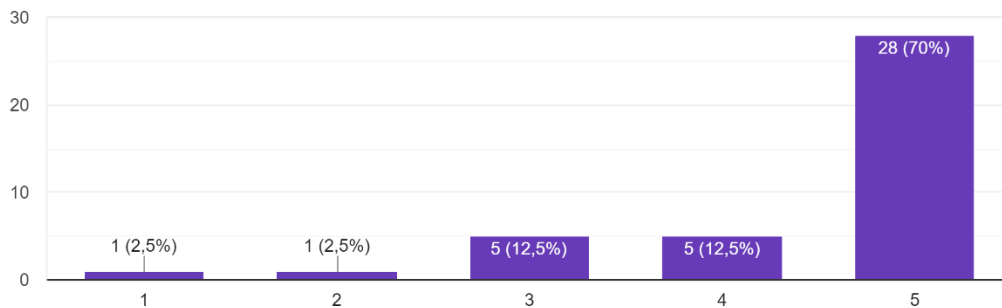


40 respondents answered the question about their professional situation. 27 of them are school students. 9 of the respondents are university students, and 3 are employed. One unemployed person took part in the study.

2. Ecology

Is ecology important to you?

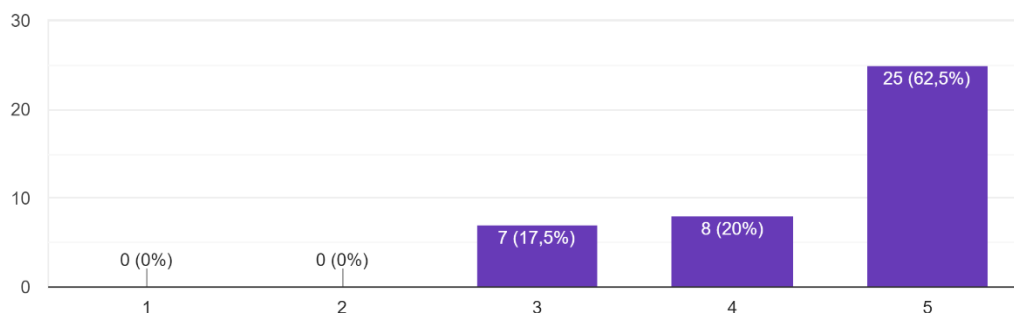
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Respondents answered the question **'Is ecology important to you?'** on a scale of 1 to 5, where one means 'not important' and five means 'very important'. 1 person replied that ecology was not important to them. 1 person answered '2'. 5 people answered '3' and the same number of people '4'. For 70% of respondents, ecology is very important. These people answered '5'.

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

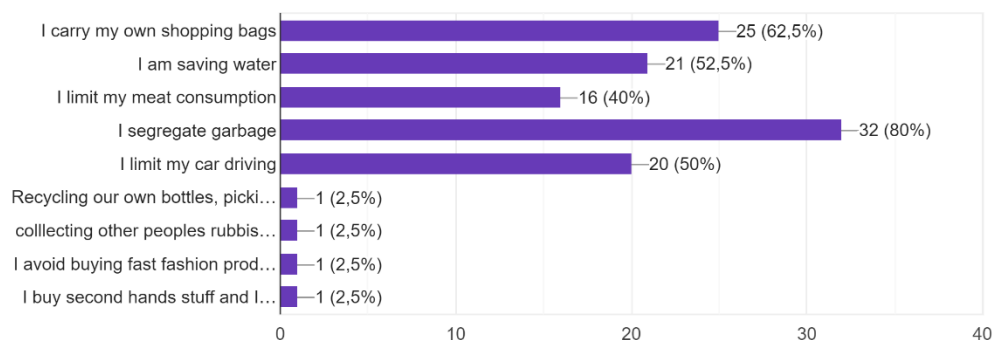
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Respondents answered the question **'Do you consider yourself a person who cares about the environment?'** on a scale of 1 to 5, where one means 'definitely not' and five means 'definitely yes'. None of the respondents gave answers of '1' or '2'. 7 people answered '3' and 8 people answered '4'. 25 of the respondents definitely consider themselves to be people who care about the environment.

How do you care for the environment?

40 odpowiedzi



Respondents answered the multiple-choice question **‘How do you care for the environment?’** 32 people replied ‘I segregate garbage’, 25 people replied ‘I carry my own shopping bags’. 21 people replied ‘I am saving water’. 20 people answered ‘I limit my car driving’ and 16 people ‘I limit my meat consumption’. 4 people gave different answers.

What is the biggest environmental problem in your region?

33 odpowiedzi

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Respondents answered the question **‘What is the biggest environmental problem in your region?’** 33 people gave their answers. Here are the examples:

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People do not care

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

32 odpowiedzi

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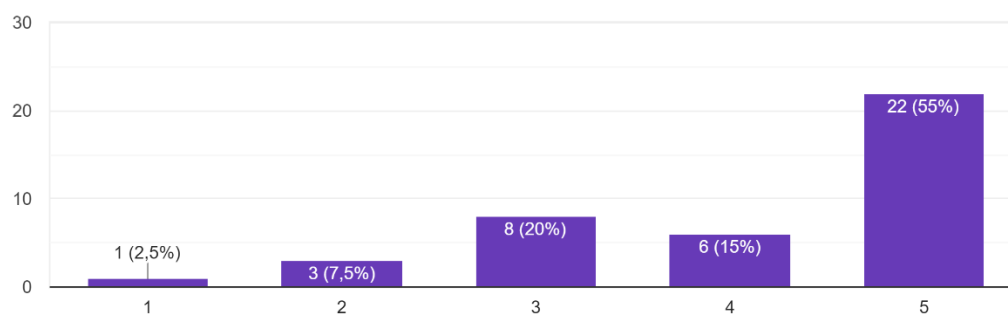
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Do you think you can support positive change in ecological situation in your region?

40 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’. 1 person decided that they had no influence on changing the ecological situation in their region. 3 people assessed it at 2. 8 people assessed it as 3, and 6 people at 4. People who thought that they definitely can support positive change in ecological situation constituted over 50%.

Do you know good ecological practices worth sharing?

29 odpowiedzi

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Summary

Young people associated with the partner school of the Tavo Europa organization (pupils, employees) and young people associated with the organization (students) participated in the research, because we wanted to precisely define what are the needs of our target groups in frames of proecological activities.

The results confirmed that ecology is very important for the vast majority of research participants. The vast majority of young people also try very hard 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.

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

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 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 Tavo Europa is co-creating with the Heureka Generator association and the Evolution 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.