

# MY VOICE MATTERS

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# TEAM EUROPE JUNIOR

A team of young volunteers from all over Lithuania who spread the word about the EU to their peers and raise awareness of how the EU works and what influence it has on our lives. The team is open to 16 to 29-year-olds, who are interested in the EU.



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# LEARN BEFORE YOU VOTE

A watchdogging youth initiative aiming to increase political accountability and youth involvement in politics.

## Our activities:

- Organising debates before city's, parliament's, EP 's elections.
- Organising workshops and classes for youth organisations and school/university students.
- Following elected politicians and checking whether their work matches their promises.



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# European Parliament

European Parliament (EP) - legislative branch of the European Union, whose members are directly elected from EU member states every 5 years since 1979.

Each EU member state has a set number of seats in EP, however, after elections members of the European Parliament work in groups based on political views and not on nationalities.



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# The powers of European Parliament:

1. **Passing laws** (together with the Council of the EU, based on European Commission proposals);
2. **Deciding on international agreements;**
3. **Establishing the EU budget;**
4. **Electing the Commission President and approving the Commission as a body...**

# Political groups:

1. Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)
2. Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament
3. Renew Europe Group
4. Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
5. Identity and Democracy Group
6. European Conservatives and Reformists Group
7. Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
8. Non-attached Members



# Lithuania's Members of European Parliament



**Petras AUŠTREVČIUS**

Renew Europe Group  
Lithuania

Lietuvos Respublikos liberalų sąjūdis



**Vilija BLINKEVIČIŪTĖ**

Group of the Progressive Alliance of  
Socialists and Democrats in the  
European Parliament

Lithuania

Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija



**Stasys JAKELIŪNAS**

Group of the Greens/European Free  
Alliance

Lithuania

Independent



**Rasa JUKNEVIČIENĖ**

Group of the European People's  
Party (Christian Democrats)

Lithuania

Tėvynės sąjunga-Lietuvos  
krikščionys demokratai



**Andrius KUBILIUS**

Group of the European People's  
Party (Christian Democrats)

Lithuania

Tėvynės sąjunga-Lietuvos  
krikščionys demokratai



**Aušra MALDEIKIENĖ**

Group of the European People's  
Party (Christian Democrats)

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**Liudas MAŽYLIS**

Group of the European People's  
Party (Christian Democrats)

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**Juozas OLEKAS**

Group of the Progressive Alliance of  
Socialists and Democrats in the  
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Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija



**Bronis ROPĖ**

Group of the Greens/European Free  
Alliance

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Lietuvos valstiečių ir žaliųjų sąjunga



**Valdemar TOMAŠEVSKI**

European Conservatives and  
Reformists Group

Lithuania

Lietuvos lenkų rinkimų akcija –  
Krikščioniškų šeimų sąjunga

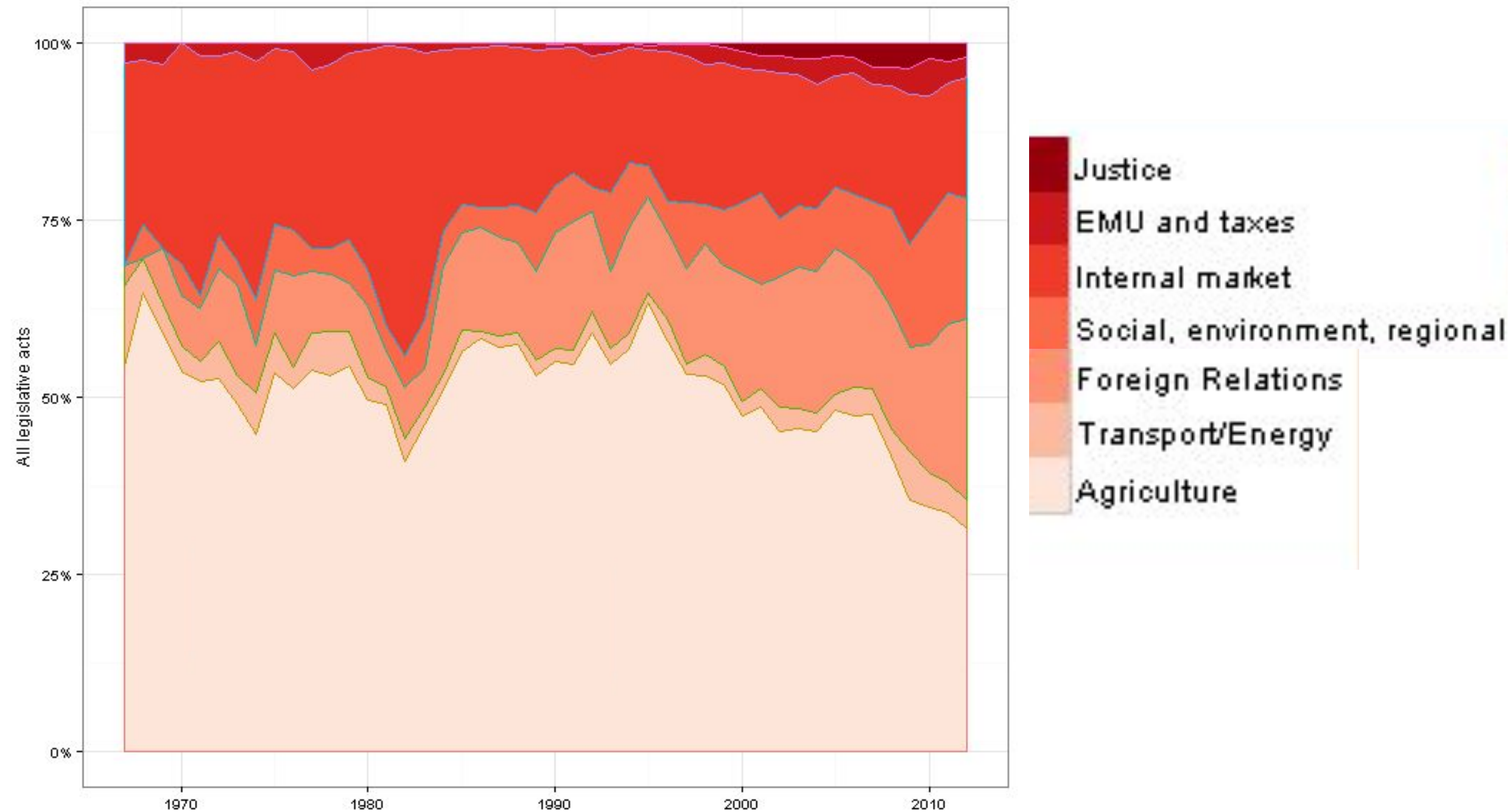


**Viktor USPASKICH**

Liberalų ir demokratų aljanso už  
Europą frakcija

Lietuva

Darbo partija



# Time for practice!



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# 1. Should EP have legislated gender quotas?



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## 2. Should phosphate additives in kebab meat be prohibited?



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### 3. Should EU push countries to recognise same sex partnerships?



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4. Should EU invest more into education rather than other areas?



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5. Should EP set lower mandatory CO<sub>2</sub> emission levels for passenger cars and other vehicles?



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## 6. Should EU stop adopting further sanctions against Russia?



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# Group work



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# Voting



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# Conclusion

- **42% of young people have voted** in recent EP elections
- What could those 58% change?
- Why those 58% did not vote?
- How could we encourage them to vote?
- Does your voice matter?



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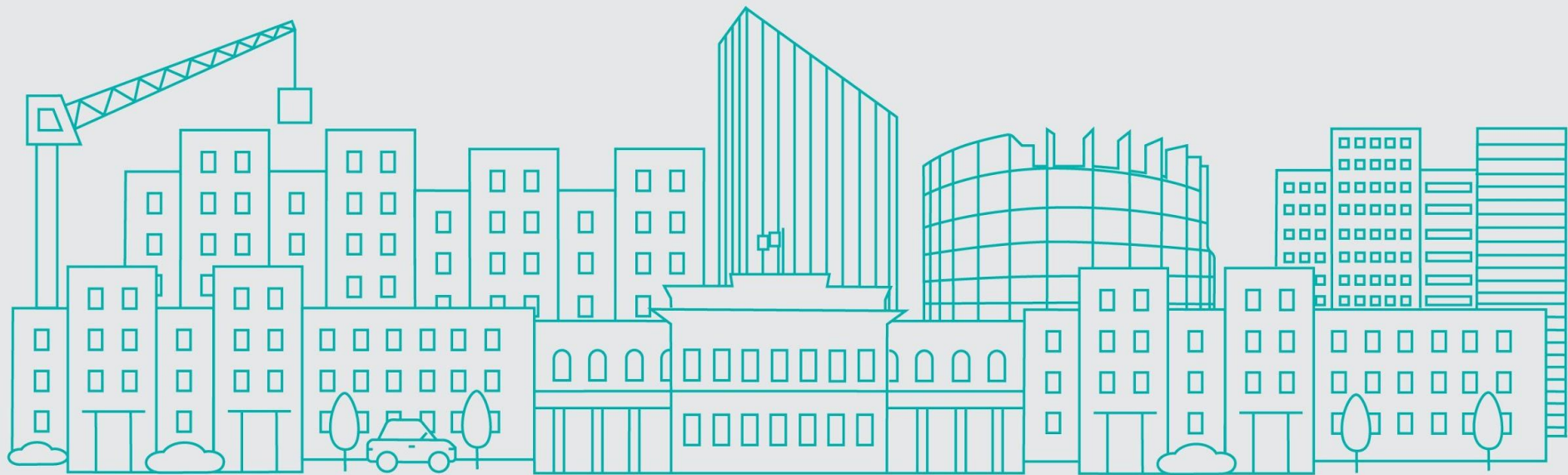
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# HOMWORK

## RINKIMAI IR REFERENDUMAI 2019



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RESPUBLIKOS PREZIDENTO RINKIMAI  
REFERENDUMAS  
DĖL KONSTITUCIJOS 12 STRAIPSNIO PAKEITIMO  
REFERENDUMAS  
DĖL KONSTITUCIJOS 55 STRAIPSNIO PAKEITIMO

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RINKIMAI Į EUROPOS PARLAMENTĄ  
RESPUBLIKOS PREZIDENTO RINKIMŲ  
PAKARTOTINIS BALSAVIMAS\*  
*(jeigu turės būti organizuojamas)*

# HOMework

[https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en)

Selected winners may travel  
for 1-30 DAYS between

August 1<sup>st</sup>  
**2019**

**AND**

January 31<sup>st</sup>  
**2020**

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You must have been  
born between

July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**2000**

**AND**

July 1<sup>st</sup>  
**2001**

AND BE AN **EU CITIZEN**  
AT THE TIME OF  
**THE AWARD DECISION.**

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