



# Workshop The Future of Europe? Let's Ask Young People!

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#### Program

- About the project and expectations of young people in Croatia from the EU
- Young people in Baden-Württembergu
- The economy and social justice in the EU
- Workshop part one
- Workshop part two

### Why are we here?

- The Future of Europe? Let's Ask Young People!
  - addresses the identified need to involve young people in dialogue on the future of the EU
  - questionnaire and workshops for young people
  - encourage discussion on three topics:
    - climate change and environment,
    - economy and social justice,
    - EU values and the rule of law
  - part of the Conference on the Future of Europe

#### Conference on the Future of Europe

- An opportunity for European citizens to discuss Europe's challenges and priorities and to think about what kind of future they want for the European Union.
- Based on the recommendations received, the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission will take further steps within their jurisdictions

 By spring 2022, the Conference will result in conclusions and guidance on the future of Europe.

#### Conference on the Future of Europe

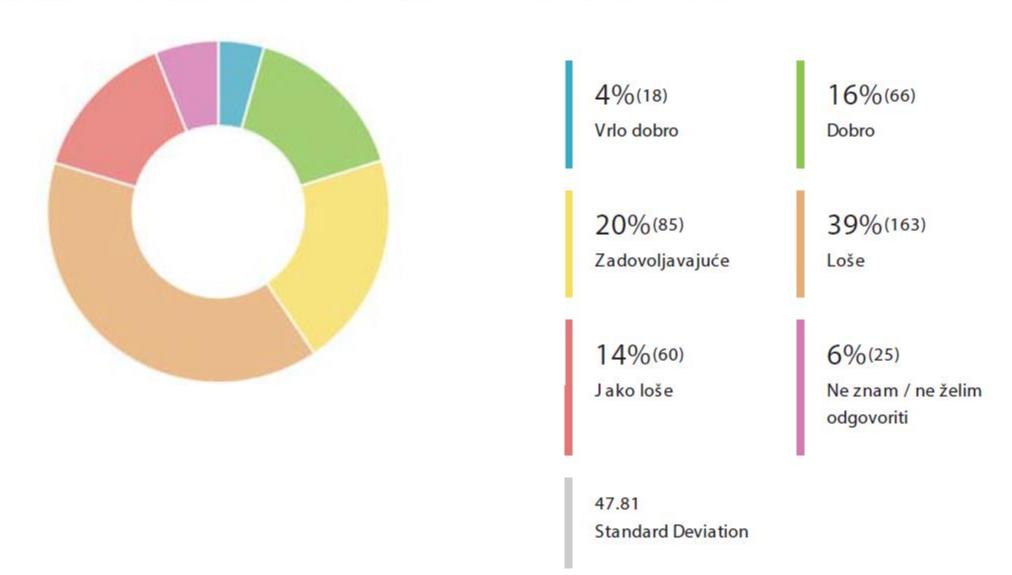
- Decentralized events
- European Citizen Panels
  - one third of each panel consists of young people (aged 16 to 25)
- Conference Plenary Assemblies
  - at least one third under the age of 25
- Multilingual digital platform (https://futureu.europa.eu/?locale=hr)
  - the most active are people between the ages of 55 and 69
  - thematic areas "European Democracy" and "Climate Change" have so far attracted the largest number of contributions

## Expectations of Young People in Croatia from the EU

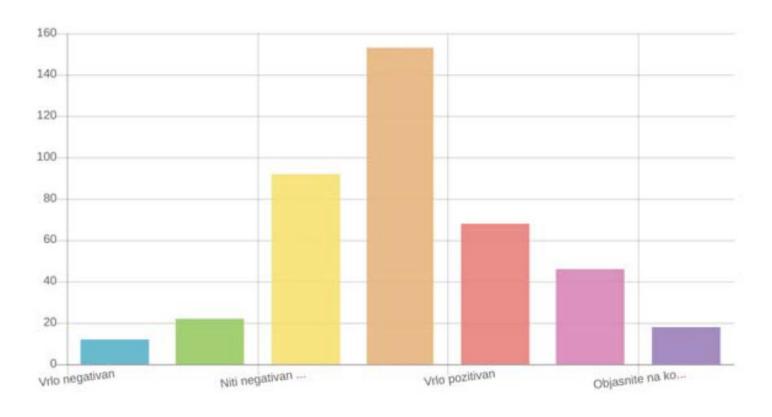
• Research as part of the project *Destination EU: The Future of Youth in Croatia* conducted in 2018 and 2019

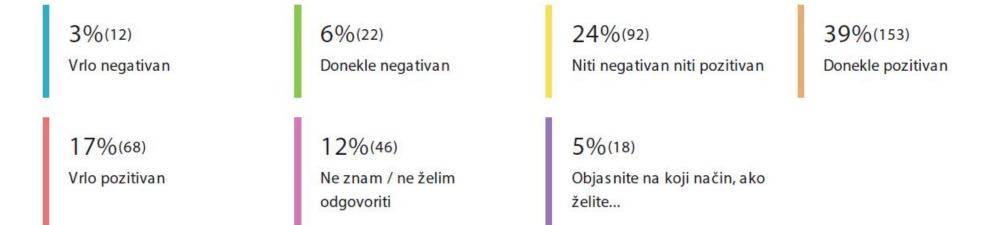
- We asked young people:
  - How much do you know about EU institutions and processes responsible for young people?
  - How has Croatia entering the EU changed your lives?
  - How involved are you in politics, society and decision-making?
- Workshops on expectations of young people and their perception of the EU (positive and negative sides of the EU)

4 Kako ocjenjujete Vaše poznavanje institucija nadležnih za politike mladih u EU?

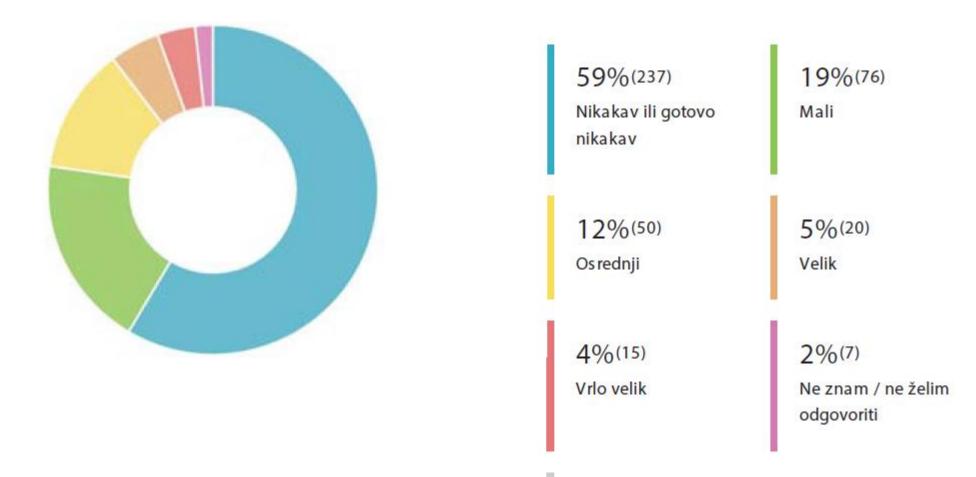


#### 16 Kakav je utjecaj ulazak RH u EU imao na prilike mladih u RH općenito?

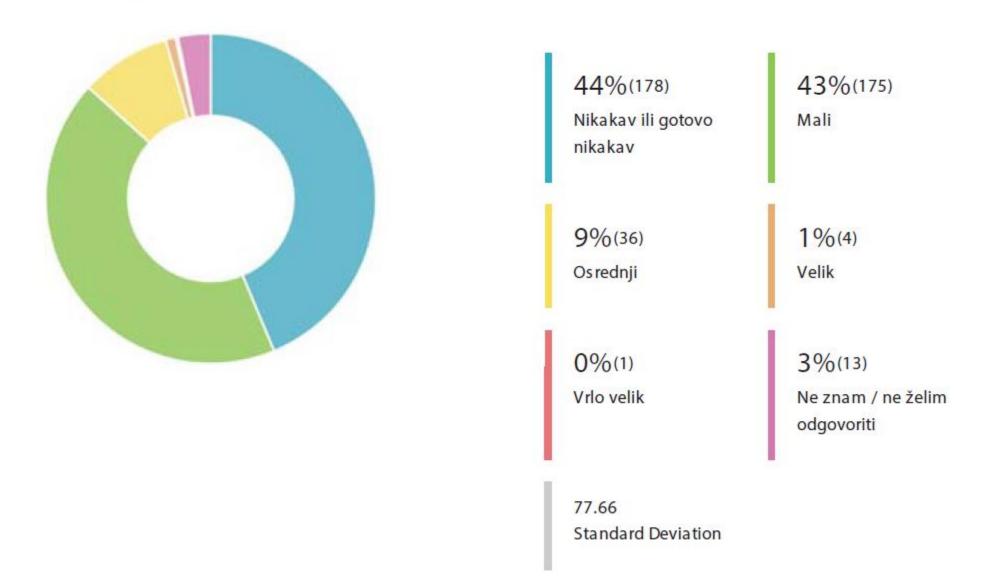




8 Procijenite razinu svojeg društvenog i političkog angažmana (npr. članstvo u stranci, javna funkcija, članstvo u udruzi, aktivizam, angažman u mjesnim odborima, itd...)



79.35 Standard Deviation 7 Po vašem mišljenju, koliki je utjecaj mladih iz Hrvatske na donošenje odluka i javnih politika u EU?



#### Conclusion

- Young people in Croatia do not have enough knowledge about EU rights and institutions
- They do not participate in political activities to a large extent
- Young people are willing to be politically active, but are mostly passive (because they are rarely asked for their opinion)
- They view the EU almost exclusively through the prism of improving the economic situation - instrumentally, as an opportunity for a better job, studying abroad and ultimately going to live in one of the EU countries

BUT they have the will and are ready to act if given the opportunity and want to be engaged, asked, heard about the future of Croatia and the EU