

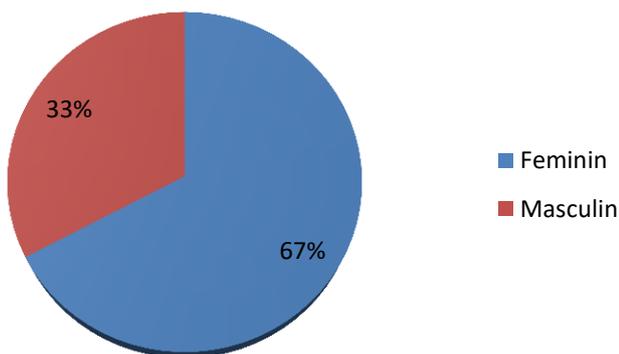


Vote4Europe? Summary of the answers collected

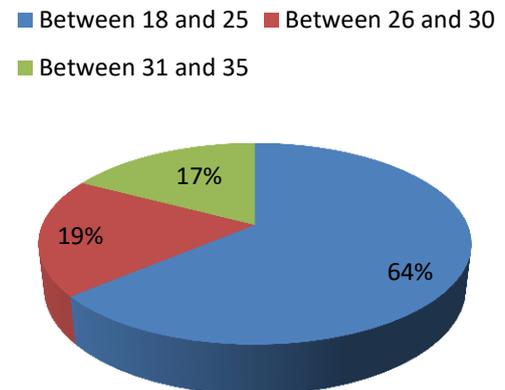
The survey has been applied on 116 youngsters from 24th of October to 03 of December in Romania. The questionnaire aims will be to know the vision that the target public has from the EU, opinions and perception of young people (16-35 year old) in socio-economic integration on how the EU works what they may expect from the EU; to have elements reflecting, what it can bring to them and what values the UE should defend.

From the 116 respondents 67% were woman and 33% males and from the age point of view, 64% of them are between 18 and 25 years old, 19% between 26 and 30, and 17% are between 30 and 35 years old.

Gender

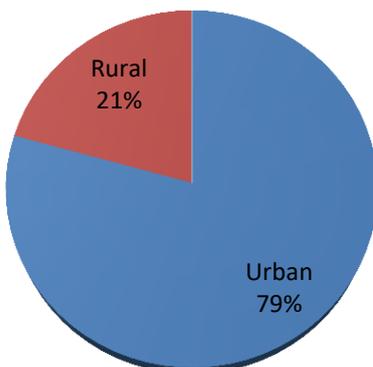


Age

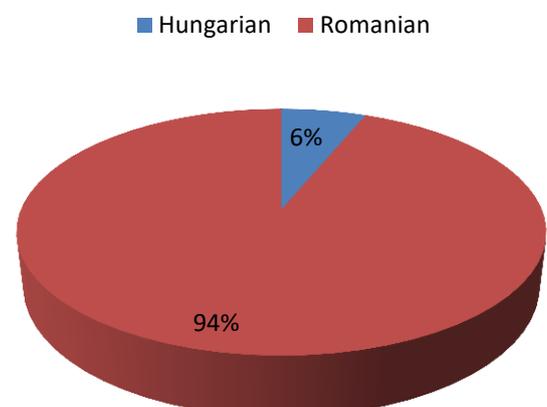


Regarding the residence place of the respondents 79% of them were from an urban area, and 21% from a rural area, and as for the nationality only 7 of them were of Hungarian nationality and the rest were Romanians.

Residence



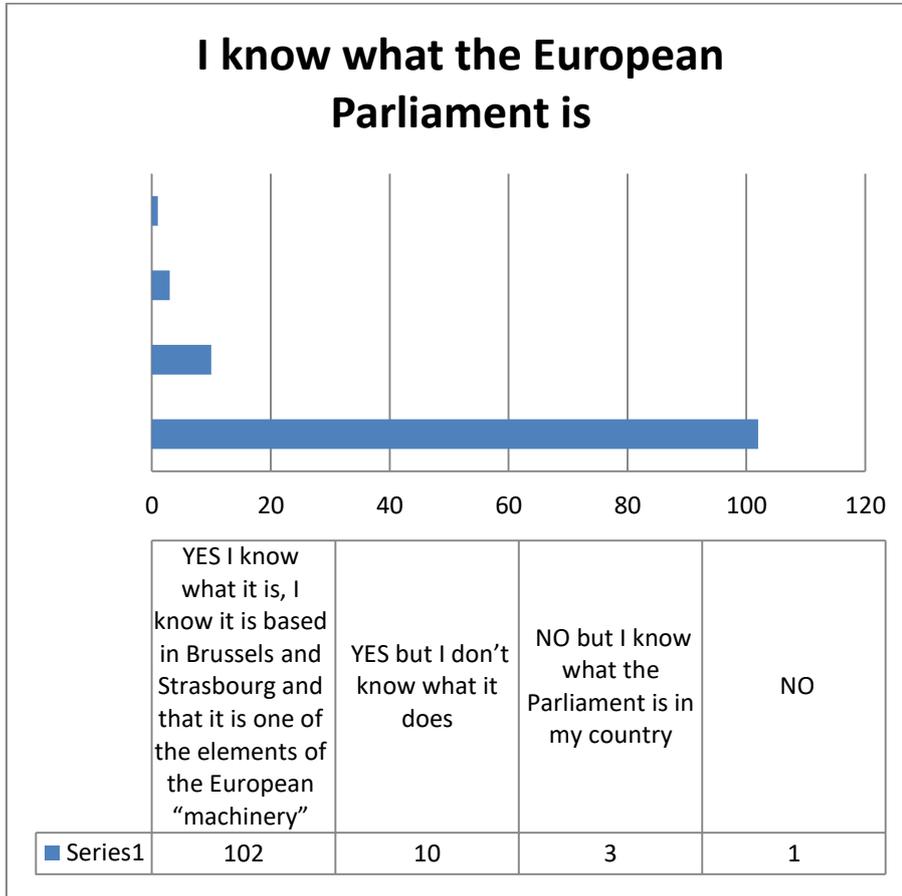
Nationality in the UE





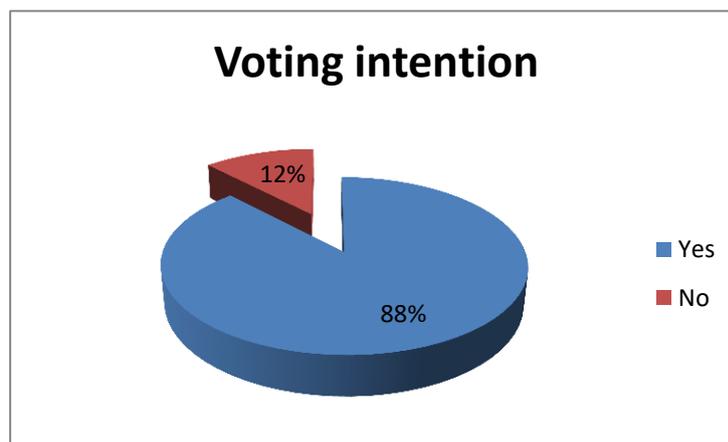
First axis: Vote for the European Parliament? What is that?

At the question “I know what the European Parliament is:” the majority, 87.9% of them know that is based in Brussels and Strasbourg and that it is one of the elements of the European “machinery”.



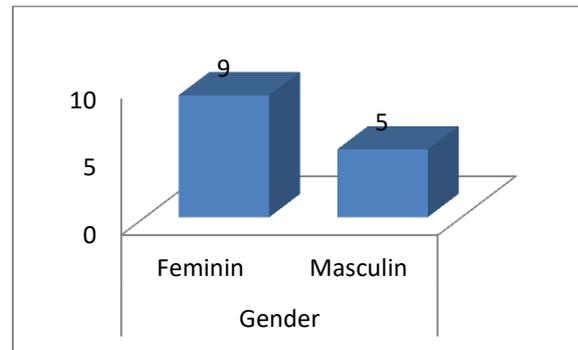
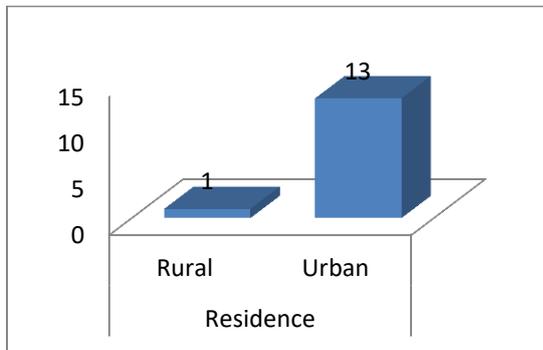
Second axis: the administrative procedure and making an effort to go to vote in May 2019

Regarding their intention of voting most of them declared that they are going to vote, with is a great sign of social awakening in Romania taking into consideration the social events from the last pooling.



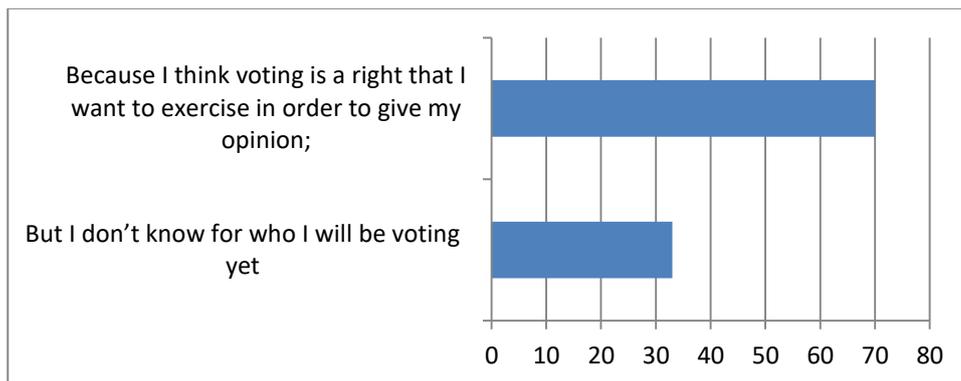


It is interesting to see that from those that declared that they will not participate at the polling only one person was from a rural area, and the rest of 13 were from an urban area and as for gender preferences the females from our sample are more likely to decide not to exercise their voting right.



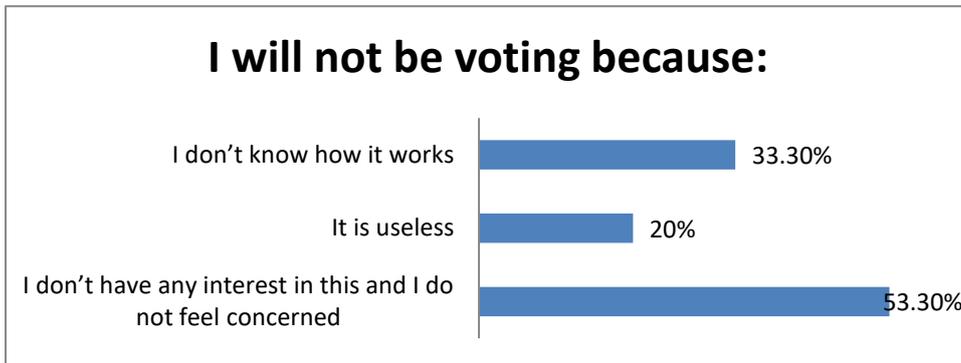
Regarding the proportion of those who declared that they intend to participate at the European elections, it can be also an effect of the social desirability that is a tendency of some respondents to report an answer in a way they deem to be more socially acceptable than would be their "true" answer. They do this to project a favourable image of themselves and to avoid receiving negative evaluations. But also this can be an effect of what happened in Romania after the last elections, where only ~38% of those with voting rights had participated and the winning party led the country into a social crisis.

Those who declared that they are going to vote, also declared at the question "I will be voting because:" that their biggest motivation for voting is the right that they have to express their opinion; we have to mention that in Romania voting is not mandatory.

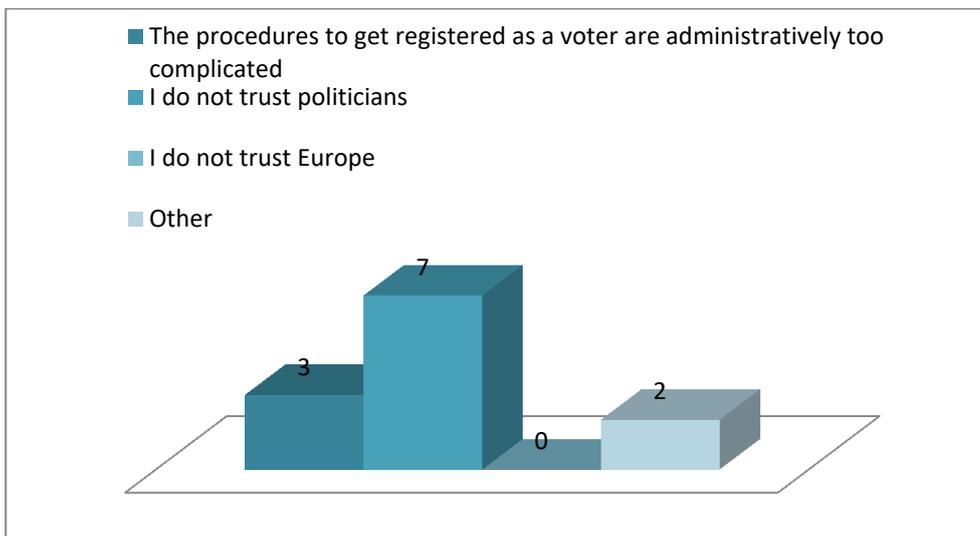




As for their negative motivation for not going to vote, more than half of those that said that are not going to vote think that they have no interest in this and they don't feel concerned



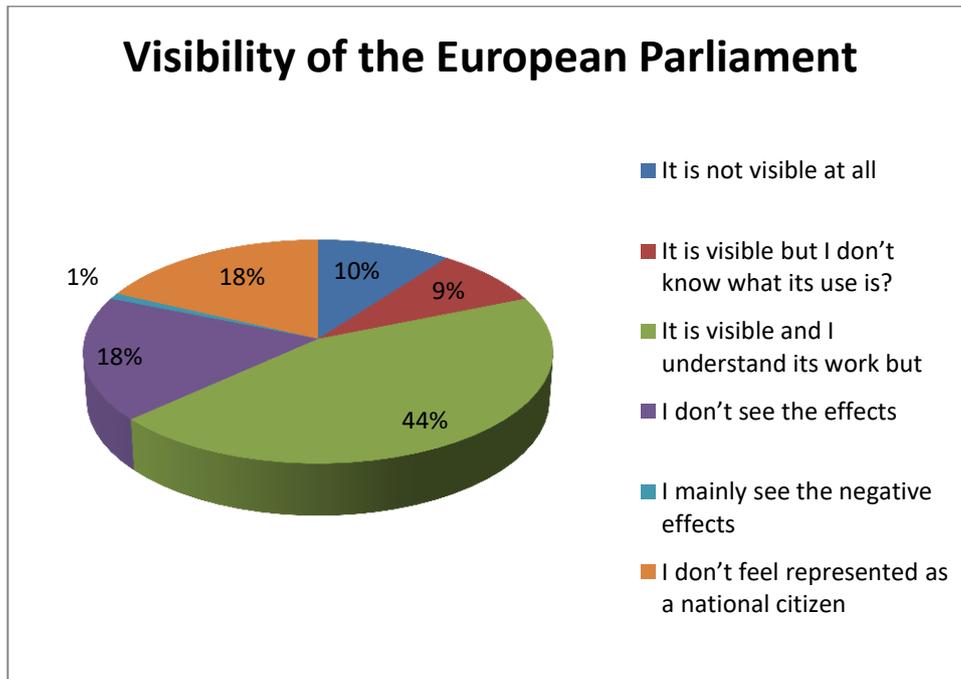
Also regarding their negative motivation, at the question “I am interested in expressing myself but I will not be voting because:” one of the biggest problem in the vision of our respondents is the lack of trust towards the politicians (50%) and only 3 of them declared that the procedures to get registered as a voter are administratively too complicated. It is also important to mention the fact that no one mentioned that they don't trust Europe, but two of the respondents also mentioned that “I do not know very well the situation and the context of the elections” and that “The EU is a deeply undemocratic institution that cannot be reformed.”



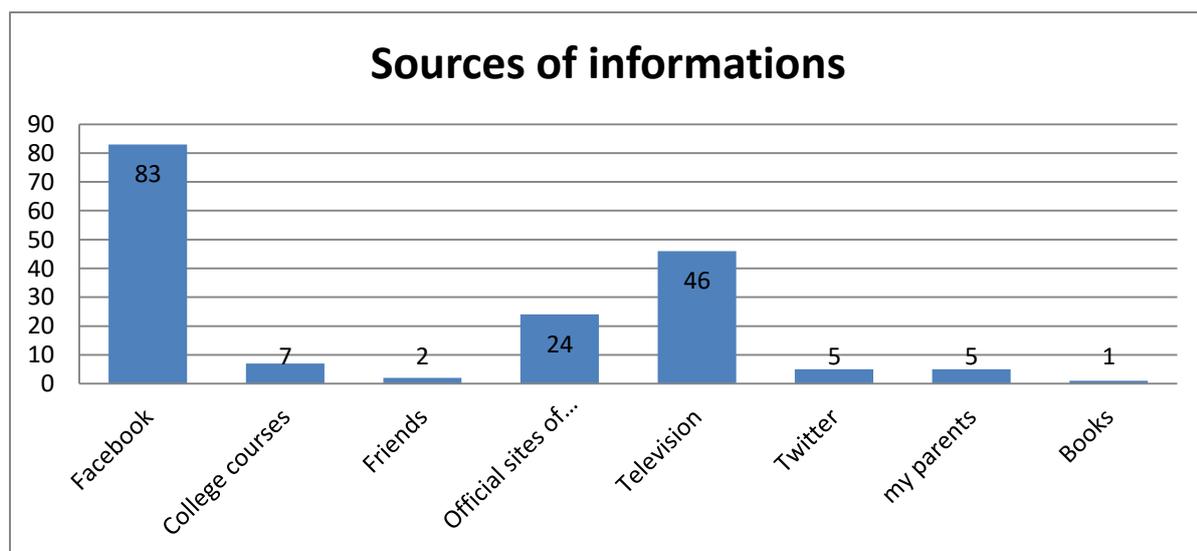


Third axis: the European Parliament.

In this research we were also interested to find how visible the activity of the European Parliament is and 44% of the respondents declared that it is visible and they understand how it works also 18% declared that they don't see any effect and that they don't feel represented as a citizens, and 10% said that is not visible at all.



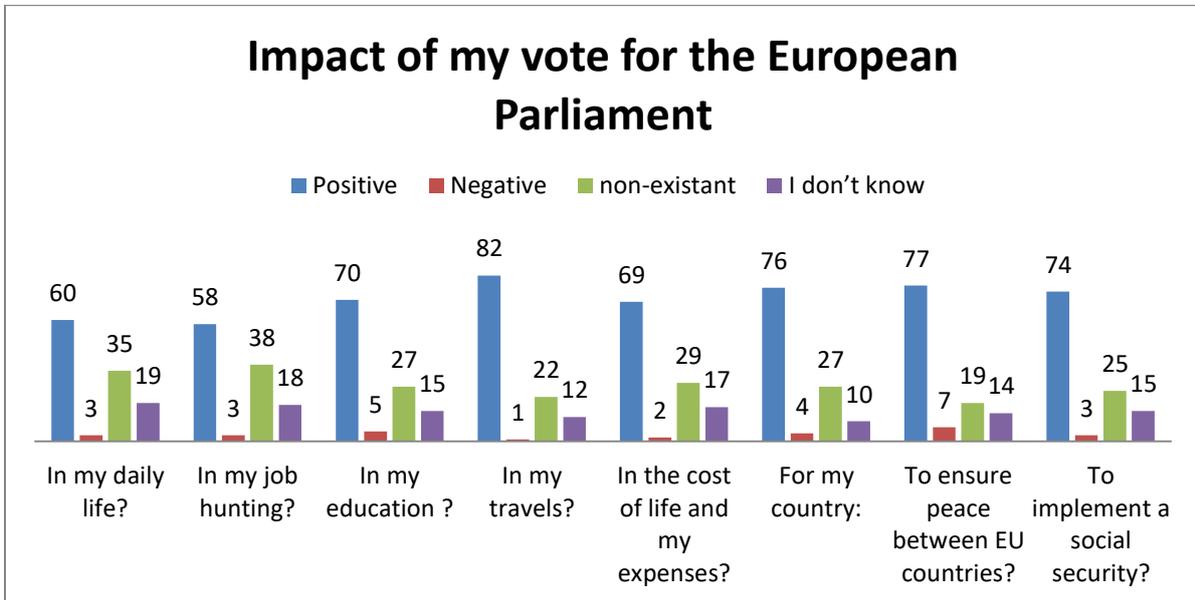
As for the sources of information of the youngsters most of them prefer to get their information from Facebook and television, but they also mentioned the official web sites of the European Institutions and college courses.



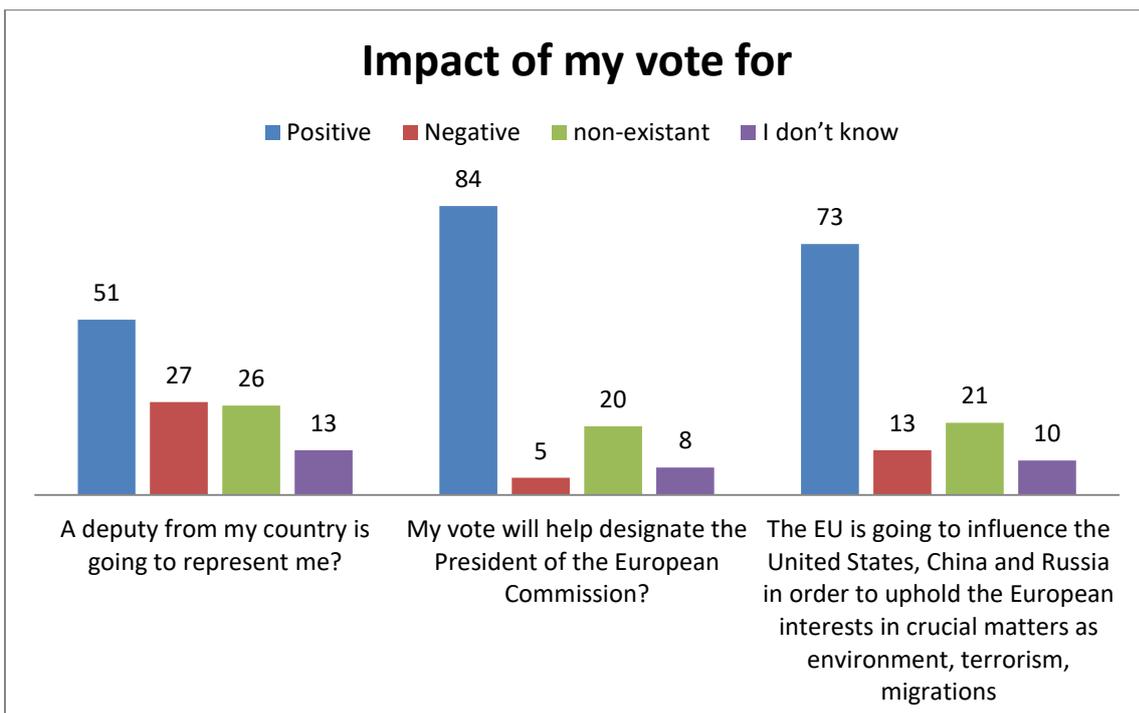


Fourth axis: The impact of my vote for the European Parliament based on what I think:

Regarding the impact of their vote for the European Parliament, the respondents declared that their vote will have mostly a positive impact, but also may of them see no impact in their life, job hunting, cost of life, or social security.



We have also asked the youngsters to evaluate the impact of their vote regarding the fact that a deputy from their country is going to represent them and here the opinions were splitted, 51 of them declared that it has a positive impact, but even more (27+26 respondents) declared that the impact is negative or non-existent and 13 of them said that they don't know as you can see below.

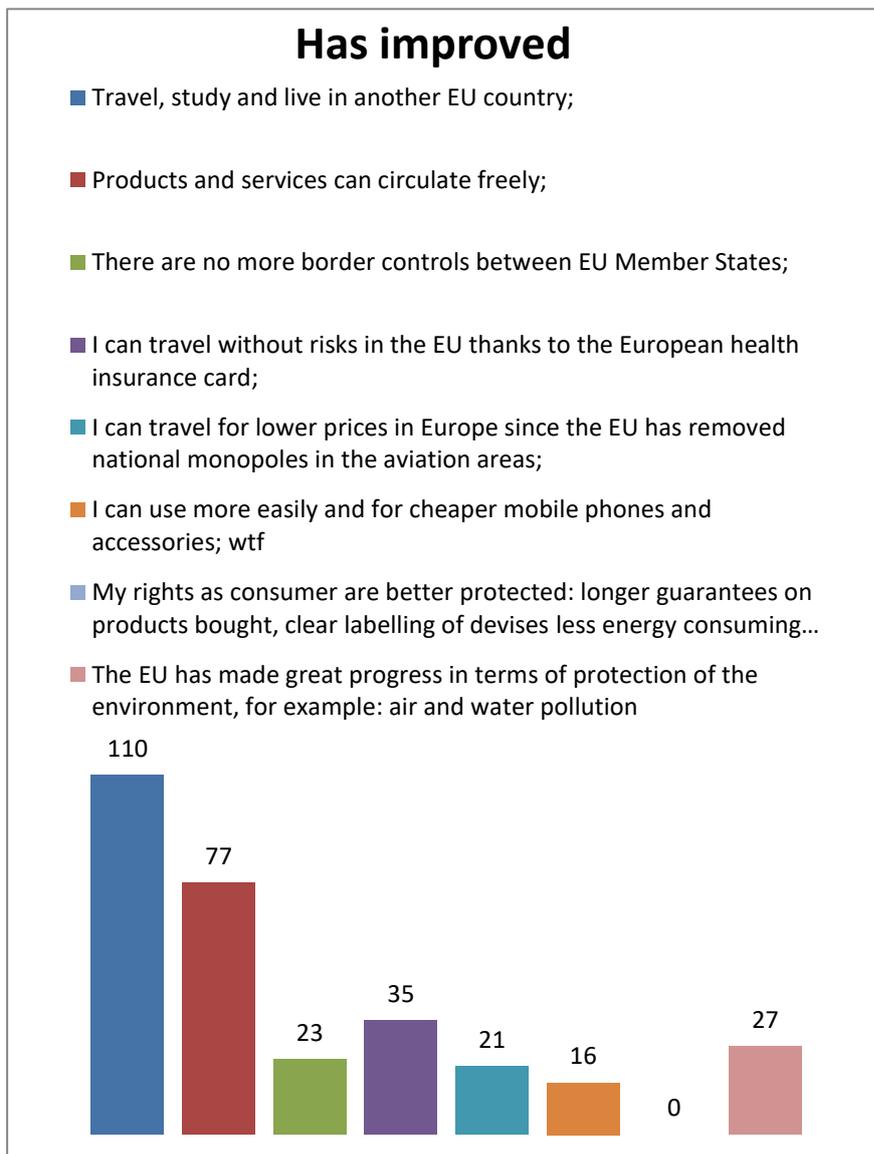




Regarding the fact that their vote is going to help designate the President of the European Commission, the great majority said that they think that it has a positive impact. As well as the fact that the EU is going to influence the United States, China and Russia in order to uphold the European interests in crucial matters as environment, terrorism, migrations...? As for the question regarding the “common currency helps its economic life?” is not applicable because Romania is not part of the Euro-Zone, we are using our currency Leu.

Fifth axis: Even though we may not be aware of it in our day to day life, the European Union does things for us:

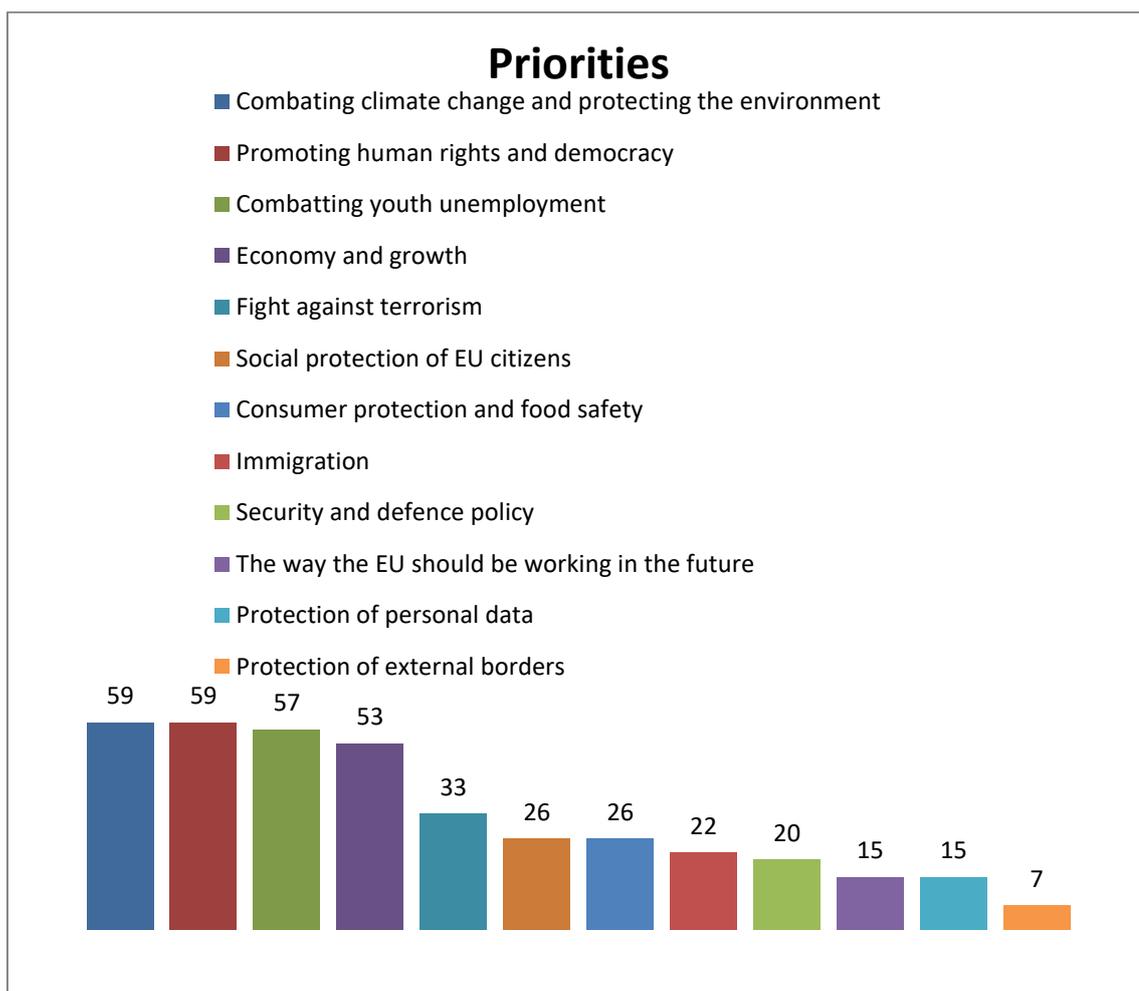
On the fifth axis we have asked the youngsters to choose from a list 3 aspects that they believe that have improved since Romania is part of the UE, and on the top of the list are the travel, study and live in another EU country opportunities 110 persons have considered that this has improved, followed by the fact that now products and services can circulate freely; and that they can travel without risks in the EU thanks to the European health insurance card; these are the main things that they think that the European Union does things for us.





Sixth axis: for me, in the framework of European Elections there are priorities to debate with the candidates:

The next question is about the priorities that European Parliament should have, and they had to choose 3 priorities that they believe to be the most urgent. And the top 3 priorities selected by our respondents are - Combating climate change and protecting the environment; Promoting human rights and democracy; Combatting youth unemployment followed by the Economy and growth and the fight against terrorism, as you can see in the chart below.



The youngsters also mentioned as a priority for the European Parliament “Improving the education system” and “Eliminate discrepancies between Western and Eastern Europe by increasing salary and simplifying procedures for accessing funds.”

Regarding this priorities that the youngsters had nominalised we believe that this ranking is also influenced by the age of the respondents (18-35 years old), probably if we had addressed the same question to a different age sample the results would had been different.

At last, they had to write one question, based on those priorities, to a national candidate to the European Elections. 44 of them asked about their activity “What projects have you proposed so far?” “How do you represent our country?” “What is your strategy for making Romania's voice



more visible at European level?" "Why does he want to get involved?" "How do you get involved in representing Romania's interests in the EU?"

They were also curious about the solutions for the youth unemployment (12 questions had this topic) "I would like to ask him, to what extent does he contribute by his activity to the fight against youth unemployment in Romania? What measures will be taken in the coming years?" "How can the unemployment rate be combated?" "Do you think that by giving social benefits, young people (or anyone else) will realize that they have to work, or will they continue to live with social benefits?"

Another topic was regarding the accessibility of the European funds "Why don't we simplify the procedure for granting European funds?" "Why Romania does not attract more European funds?"

Other interesting questions were "How do you think about helping urban and rural education?" "How do you think it could change the educational system in Romania and why does not anyone in the European Parliament try to get involved in it?" "What concrete steps will you take to help Romania's infrastructure?" "I would ask him to name 3 of the above most important variants for him and why?" "If you had the chance for a day to represent another EU country to be proud of, what would that be? And what is your strategy to bring Romania to the level of that country?" – One of the most creative questions – "Why Romania Sells Its Raw Resources Abroad and After Accepting to Buy Expensive Products? Why do not national industries develop? (we import what we can produce)" "the plan for regulating the rights of minority in Romania, in line with the rights of other minorities in Europe" "How does it intend to encourage young Romanians to vote when they are not sure what this means?"

In total we received 91 questions for the national candidate to the European Elections; you can find the total list bellow

- I would like to ask him, to what extent does he contribute by his activity to the fight against youth unemployment in Romania? What measures will be taken in the coming years
- What does Romania do for young people?
- What proposals do they have about youth unemployment?
- What proposals do they have about youth unemployment?
- How can the unemployment rate be combated?
- Why is there no more emphasis on the problem of immigration and unemployment in Romania?
- What can be done about salaries among young graduates with completed higher education?
- What measures can be applied to reduce youth unemployment?
- Do you think that by giving social benefits, young people (or anyone else) will realize that they have to work, or will they continue to live with social benefits?
- What are the effective methods for combating youth unemployment? How do we apply them? Do We Have Positive Results?
- What measures to combat unemployment have so far been taken in Romania?



- What solution would it take to combat youth unemployment?

- What are his professional projections within the next 5 years?
- A list of short-term concrete projects
- what has he done so far for Romania?"
- What projects have you proposed?
- What projects have you proposed so far?
- What projects have you proposed so far?
- What is its objective within the European Parliament?
- What are the main lines of action that are the subject of the MEP mandate?
- How many amendments I tabled, and how they relate to the issues I mentioned.
- What are the concrete actions started to apply European desiderata in the country?
- Why is he so busy at the office and talking so little to the people outside her social bubble?
- When will the interests of Romanians be concerned over personal interests and / or the party?
- What can you do to change something for the better in the EU?
- Why are not you more active with concrete measures?
- What is its main purpose?
- With what changed the situation of Romania your involvement
- What is your strategy for making Romania's voice more visible at European level?
- How will it consider bringing Romania to a better direction?
- Will you try to do something relevant to Romania or just go to your salary?
- Mr. MEP, what improvements does Romania need to be able to integrate more easily into the EU?
- what is the first step towards a better Romania?
- When are they going to do something for Europe? Or Romania?
- How much will the corruption in Romania continue?
- If you were a fresh young man from the faculty's bank without experience, do you still want to be a MEP, or have you gone for another job?
- I would like to change the ones high above
- How faithful can you stay for the purpose for which you were put into service?
- What changes will be at the forefront for youth development in Romania?
- Under which common EU policy do you think there is a need for reform, what would it be?
- What are the changes that will take place at national level under the influence of new EU decisions? (taking into account recent events from our country)
- Why does he want to get involved?
- Do you think that Romania's accession to the EU brings any advantage to the union?
- What are the methods by which you plan to implement the above?
- Why does nothing change in our country? Why in the EU, the Romanians are seen in a negative way?



- How could it contribute to increasing the quality of my life?
- How do you think it can bring Romania to the standard of living in the other European countries (western, northern)?
- How many years will we get and we will grow in developed countries in the EU?
- What does Juncker drink?
- How do you represent our country?
- If he knows how to represent our interests and what projects he has for Romania
- To what extent does he consider that the interests of the citizens he represents in the European Parliament are represented?
- Knowing that you represent the interests of all the citizens in your county, what are the measures you want to support in your current term of office?
- What did you actually do, on your own initiative, in your career as a representative of Romania in the European Parliament?
- How do you represent your interests?
- How do you get involved in representing Romania's interests in the EU?
- Why don't we simplify the procedure for granting European funds
- How can it simplify access to European funds?
- Why Romania does not attract more European funds?

- What concrete steps will you take to help Romania's infrastructure?
- How do you think about helping urban and rural education?
- How do you think it could change the educational system in Romania and why does not anyone in the European Parliament try to get involved in it?
- Considering all the chaotic genetic changes and without long-term tests, what are the measures taken to prevent population woes?
- Do you believe that the Romanian legislation complies with EU legislation?
- What is the security and defense policy of the EU?
- Which immigration control / integration plans has he
- How important is the European Union's energy independence to other foreign states?
- I would ask him to name 3 of the above most important variants for him .. and why? Arguing objectively and with concrete data!
- What could be improved in the European Parliament?
- If you had the chance for a day to represent another EU country to be proud of, what would that be? And what is your strategy to bring Romania to that country?
- Why does not the migration issue solve in smaller cities?
- I just want to say to put yourself in the place of the Romanian villages where it is the hardest. Visits to cities are just dappled. Romania prosper begins with the non-working population who does not work and stays on social assistance ...
- What solutions would it propose to efficiently manage the resources a country holds in order to achieve economic prosperity?
- Why Romania Sells Its Raw Resources Abroad and After Accepting to Buy Expensive Products? Why do not national industries develop? (we import what we can produce)
- What measures can be taken against climate change and what emergency action will be taken?
- Is the climate change policy a priority in the EP?



- How can we combat the effects of climate change?
 - What ideas do you have to help protect the surrounding environment? For example, we could forbid the use of plastic bags.
 - What is Romania's strategy for promoting human rights and democracy?
 - What is Romania's strategy for promoting human rights and democracy?
 - the plan for regulating the rights of minority in Romania, in line with the rights of other minorities in Europe
 - How will you contribute to the democratization of the Union?
 - Do you consider that democratic instability at the level of Islamic states can bring negative effects on European stability in the future?
 - What are the concrete methods of combating terrorism?
 - Do you think Romania can stand up to European standards? (ex Germany) Do you think that Romania is doing enough to do this?
-
- when same-sex marriages will be accepted in Romania
 - How does it intend to encourage young Romanians to vote when they are not sure what this means?
 - To what extent is the policy of locating the other EU members able to serve a good practice model in order to increase the housing stock? (Denmark, France, Austria)
 - How long do you think the European Union will resist in this formula? Why?
 - Do you think that national sovereignty in relation to the EU is a positive / effective thing?
 - how he defended the interests of his own country and not a foreign interest (in our case, only the market of selling foreign products and using resources)human (emigration and higher consumption of imported products than those produced in our country)