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NGO and Education cooperation to foster sustainability awareness in Latvia

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Founded in 1993

Mission is to contribute to the development of a society where people live in harmony with each other and the environment.

Objectives:

- Inform the public about the world of consumption and globalization trends, the impact on nature and the social environment;
- Promoting environmental non-governmental organizations in the national and international legislative drafting, adoption and implementation processes;
- Encourage people to effectively participate in the decision-making on issues that directly or indirectly affect their lives;
- Resist the abuse of power.



7 main directions



Sustainable
consumption and
sufficiency policy



Climate change



Sustainable energy, energy
decarbonization



Circular economy



Nature conservation
and land use



Development
cooperation



Environmental
pollution (excl. climate
change)

Horizontal directions



Public participation

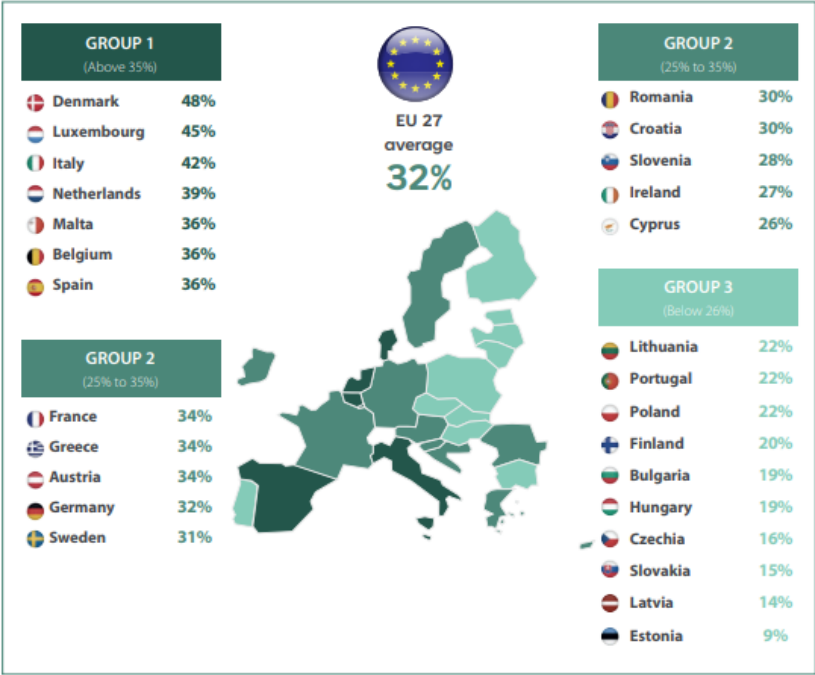


**Inclusive communication, accessibility of information
and events for people with disabilities and seniors**

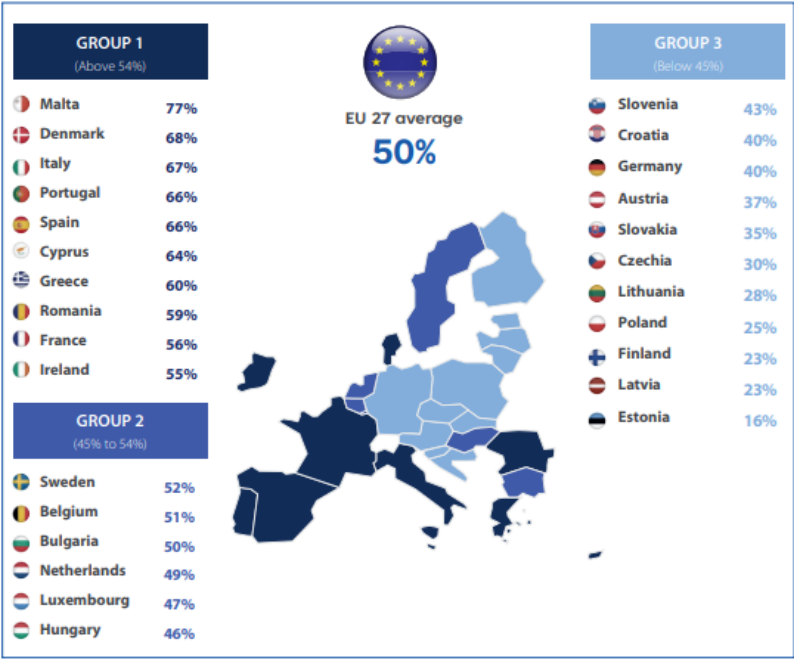


**Social inequality in the context of
environmental issues**

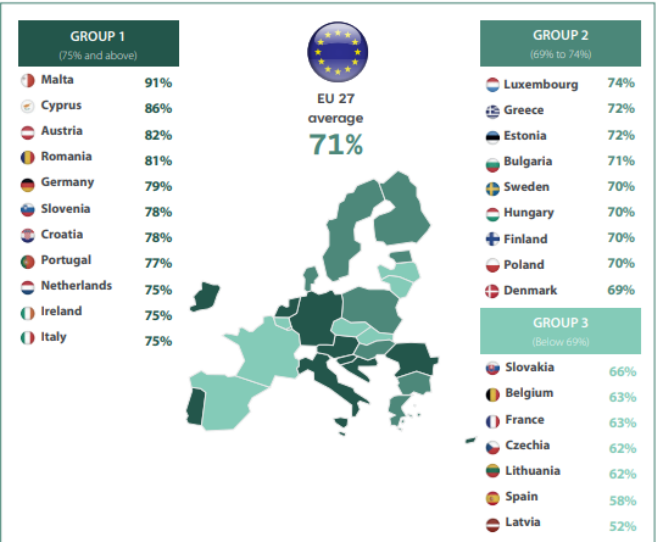
% that ranked climate change as one of the biggest challenges



% that view adapting to climate change as a priority



% that said they feel informed to adapt home and lifestyle to the impact of climate change



Youth attitude



European Parliament, 2024

In Latvia, 23% least of all

Learning for sustainability is incorporated in the curriculum through a competence-based approach spanning different subjects.

But **30 %** 8th graders have participated in sustainability-related activities

Education and Training Monitor, 2024



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- **Student involvement and capacity building.**

- Lectures and workshops at school
- Competence development and opportunities to show career

opportunities



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Some examples

Youth involvement – Ideation events about circular economy

5 municipalities involved with challenges

Ideation events about different topics

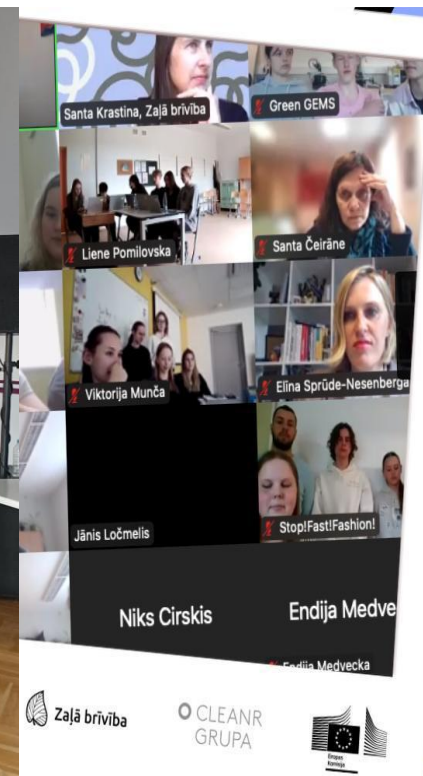
Mentors and experts

Pitching and prizes



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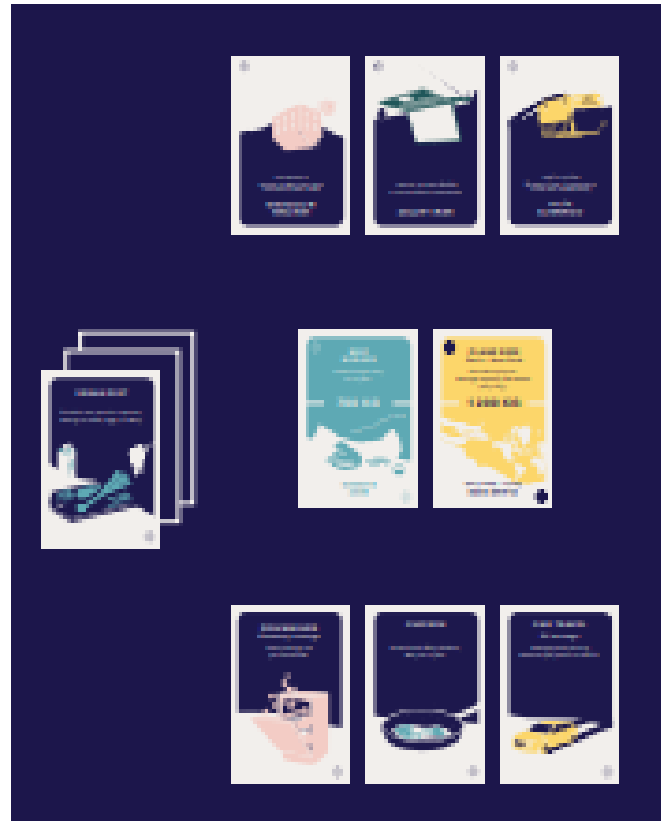
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Teacher professional development



Card game
Lesson plans
Teacher training



<https://www.klimatssauc.com/>

 Zaļā brīvība

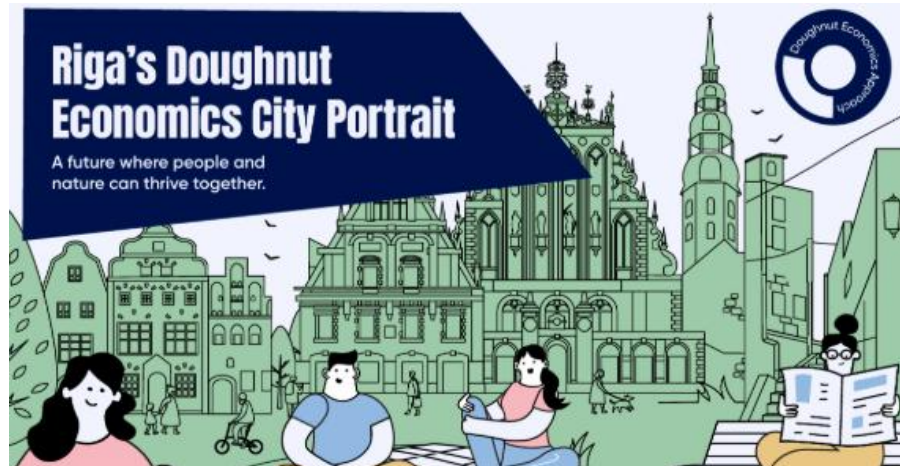
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Teacher professional development and pupil as scientists

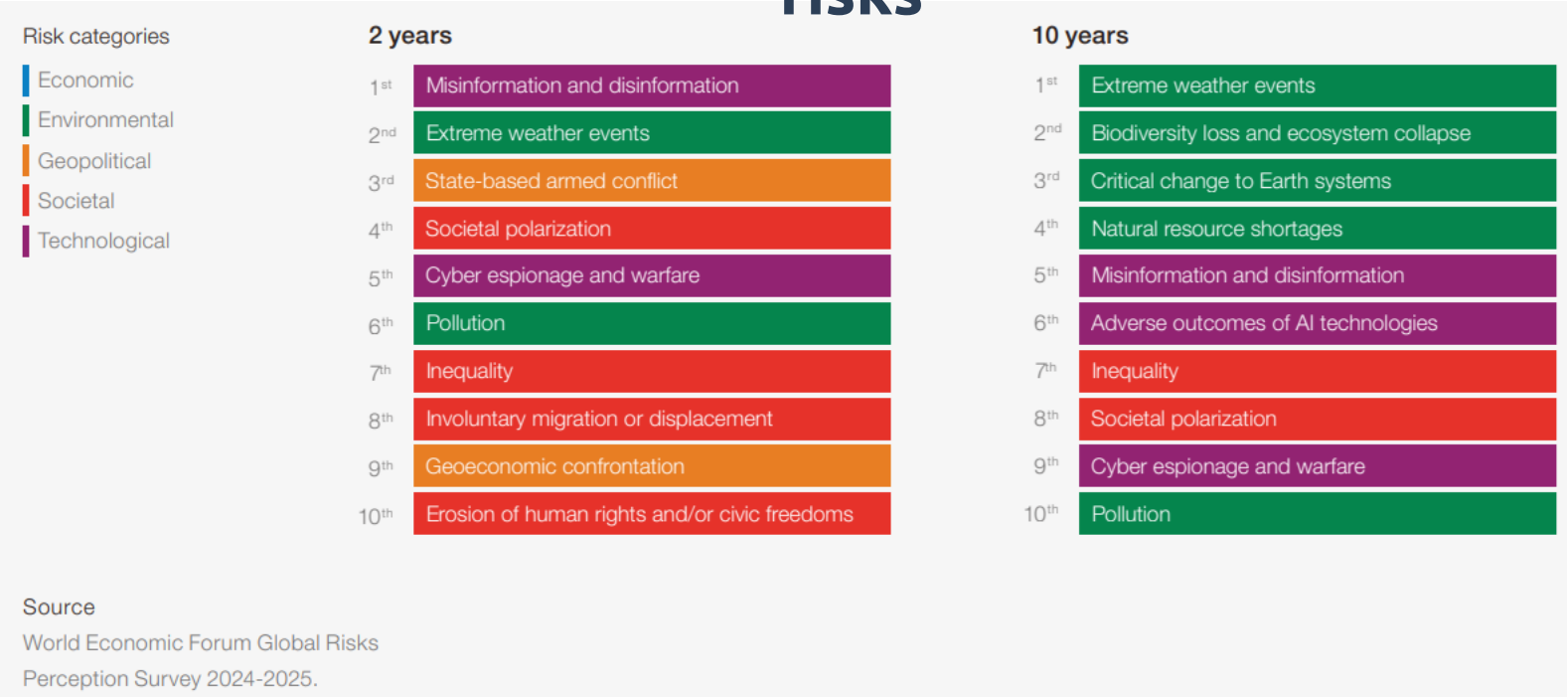
Cooperation with Riga municipality and researchers
Informative materials and exercises
Teacher training and 5 schools
Citizen science – pupil measure air quality



Cooperation or Filling the gap(s)?

Long term impact of Project-based initiatives dependent on available funding?

World Economic Forum global risks





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Let's cooperate for better future!

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