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**“Klaipėda city youth policy – from words into action”**

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# General context

## Lithuania:

- Area: 65,3 km<sup>2</sup>
- Population: 2 971 905
- Youth of age 14-29: 0,7 mil. or 22 % of the whole population

## Klaipėda :

- Population in 2013 - 158 541
- In 2012 43 084 young people of age 14-29
- In age group 14 – 29 49,8 % males and 50,2 % females
- Age group 14-18: 26,5%
- Age group 19-23 - 32,3 %
- Age group 24-29 - 41,2 %



# Major problems related to young people in Klaipėda

- Youth emigration (internal and external)
- **Youth unemployment**
- **Youth occupation (inclusion)**
- Harmful habits (alcohol, tobacco, drugs)
- Criminality

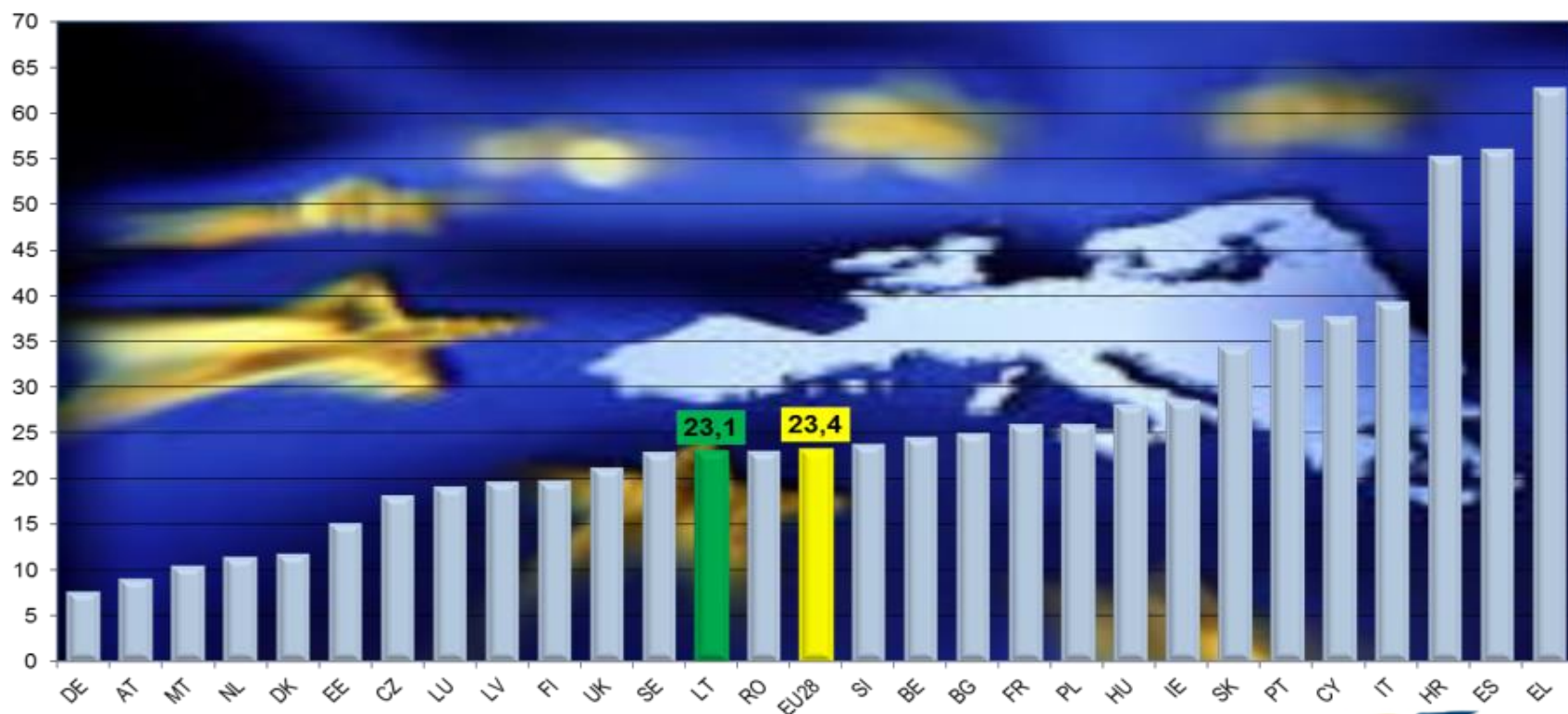


# Youth problems in numbers





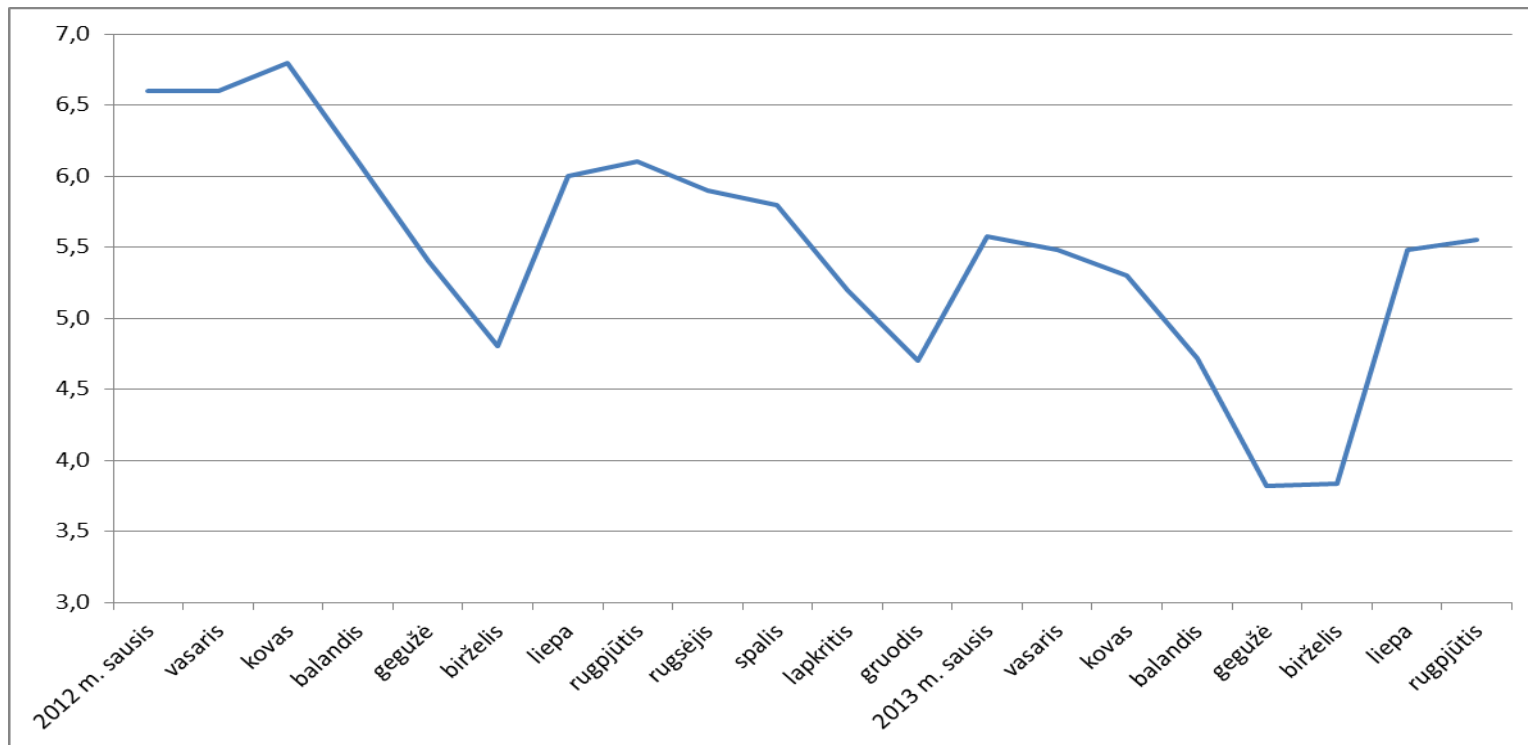
# Youth unemployment (up to the age of 25 ) June, 2013 in European context (Eurostat data)





# Youth unemployment in Klaipėda

(Labour Exchange data)





# A portrait of a young unemployed person in Klaipėda, Sept. 2013



Females  
Long term  
unemployed

777 (58,8%)

98 (12,6%)

Males  
Long term  
unemployed

544 (41,2%)

71 (13,1%)



With higher education  
Vocational education

478 (36,2%)

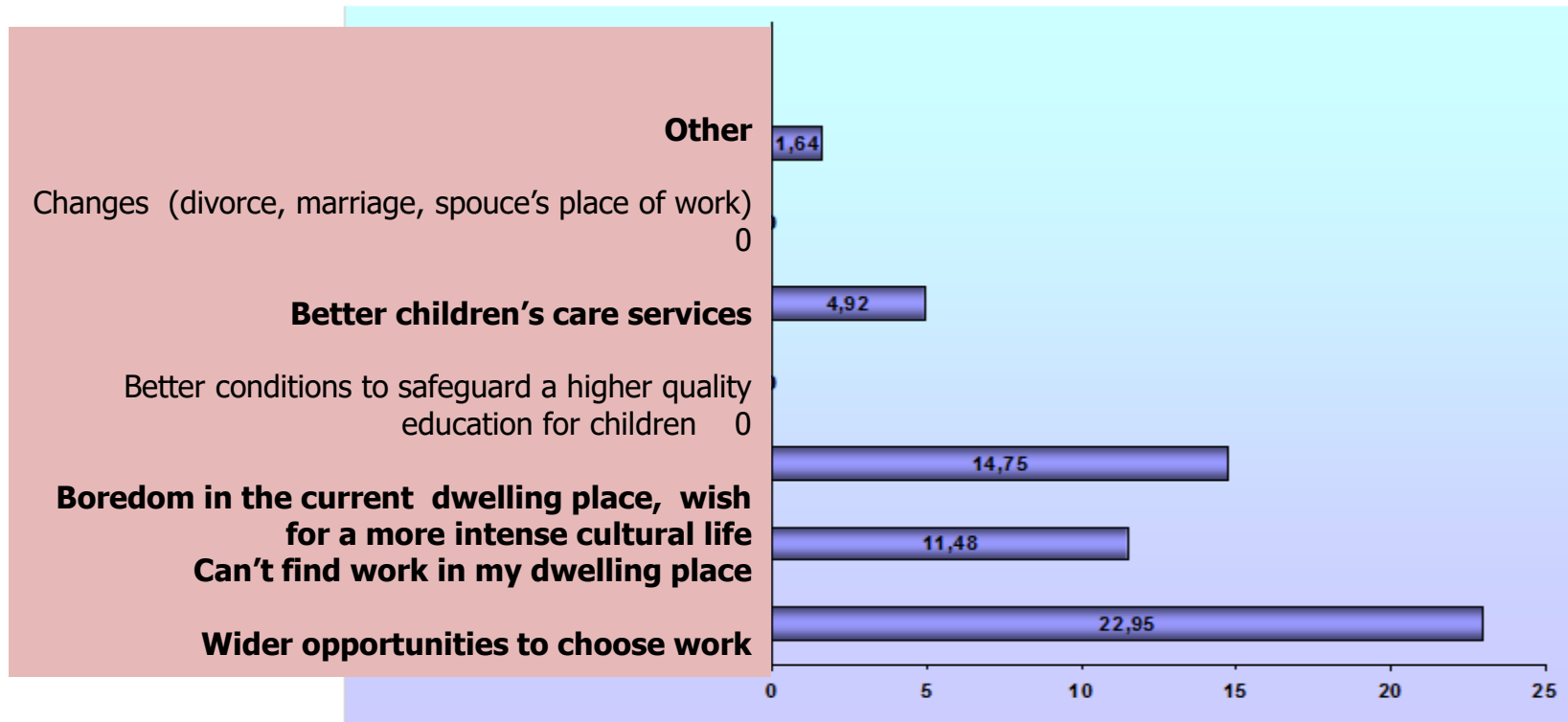
329 (24,9%)

Unskilled

514 (38,9%)

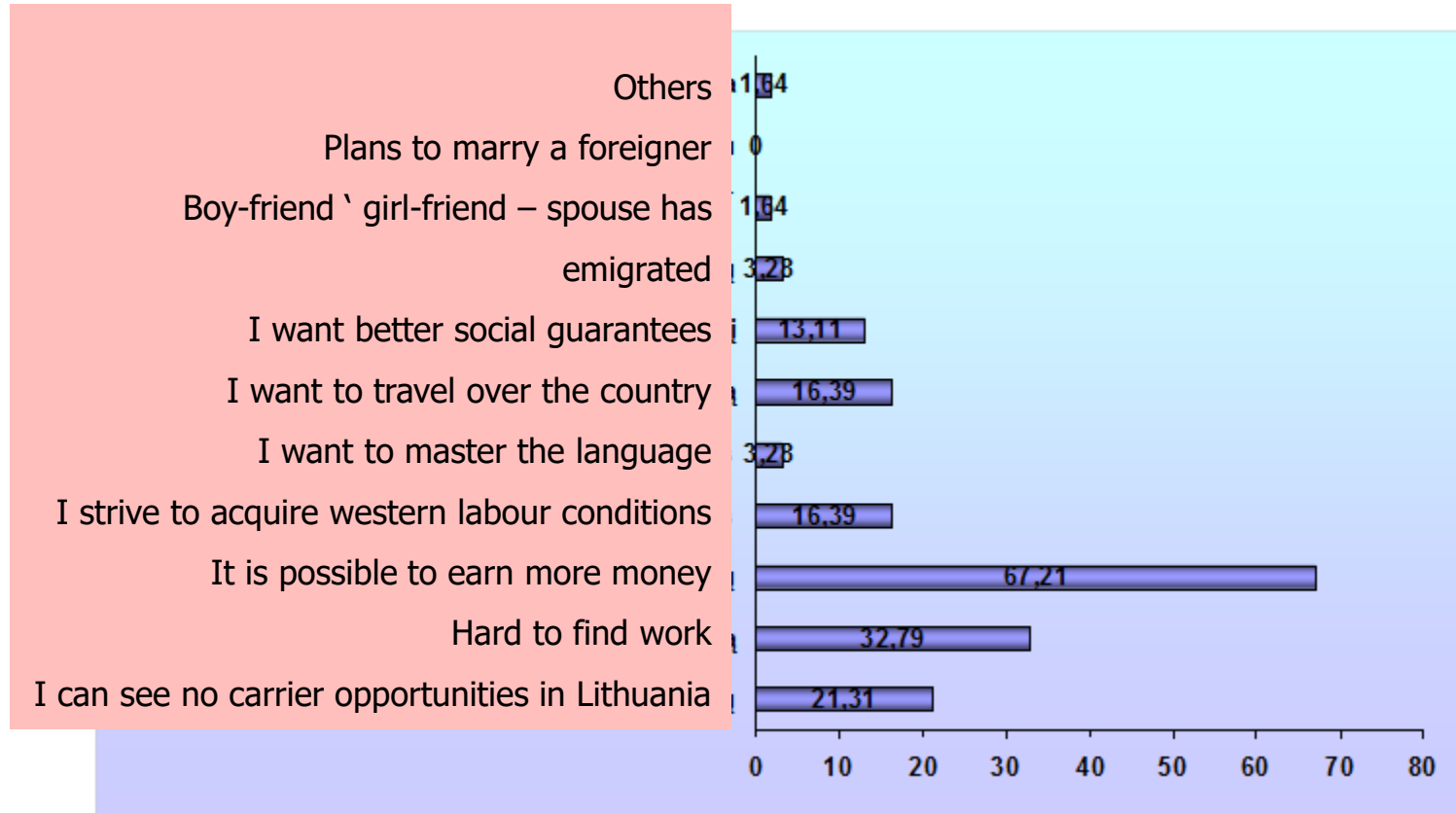


# Klaipedians' motives to look for work in another city (%)



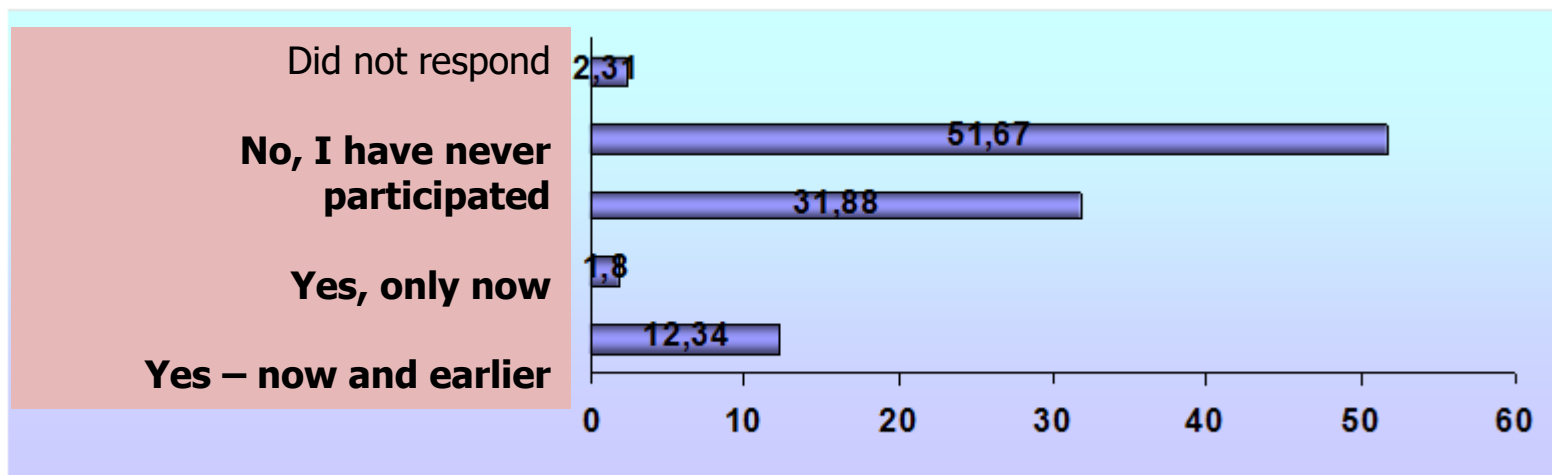


# Reasons for a possible leave to work abroad (Klaipėda, %)



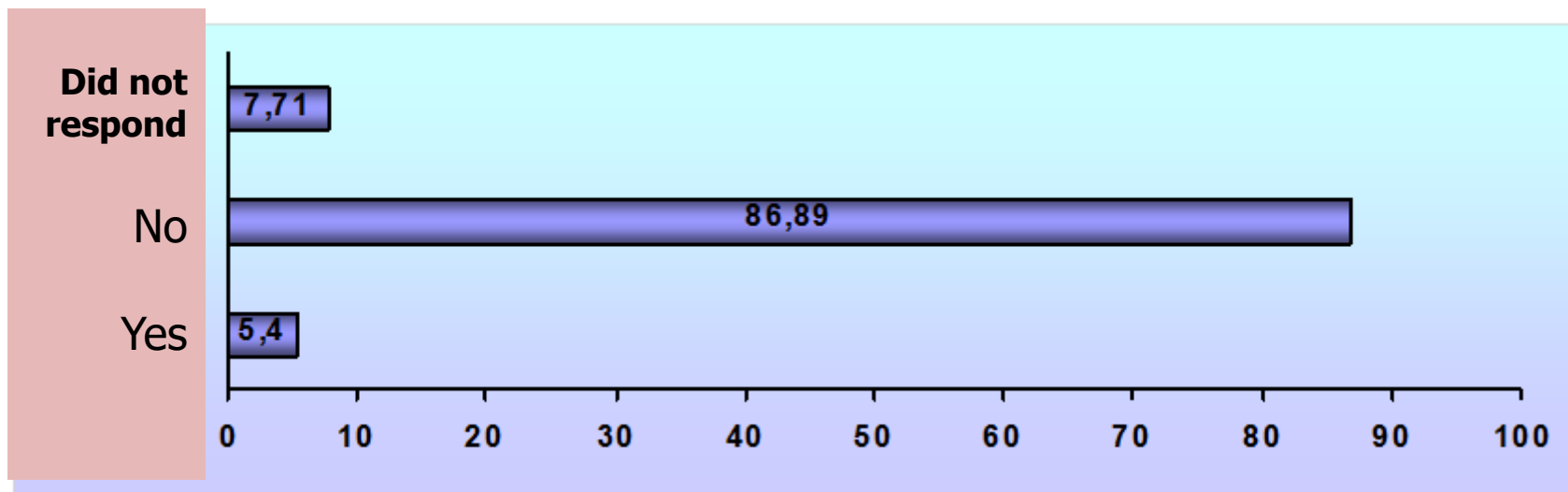


# Participation in volunteer activities (Klaipėda, %)





# Membership in youth NGOs (%)





# Volunteering in the EU

**92 – 94 mil. EU adults are involved in volunteer activities, that is 23% of Europeans over 15 years of age.**

Volunteering level in various EU member states:

- Very high (40 %) AT, NL, SI, GB
- High (30–39 %) DK, FI, DE, LU
- Average (20–29 %) EE, FR, LV
- Comparatively low (10–19 %) BE, CY, CZ, IE, MT, PL, PT, SK, RO, SE, ES
- Low (lower than 10 %) BG, GR, IT, **LT**

Volunteers' age in the EU

- Volunteers are mainly young people ( age 15–30): BG, CZ, **LT**, LV, PO, RO, SK, SI, ES
- Volunteers are mainly adults (age 30–50 ): BE, CY, DK, EE, FI, HU, PT, SW
- Increasing number of elder volunteers: AT, BE, FI, FR, RO, SE, ES, SI
- Level of volunteering in different age groups is similar: AT, FR, DE, IE, IT, NL, GB



# Measures and resources to change youth situation



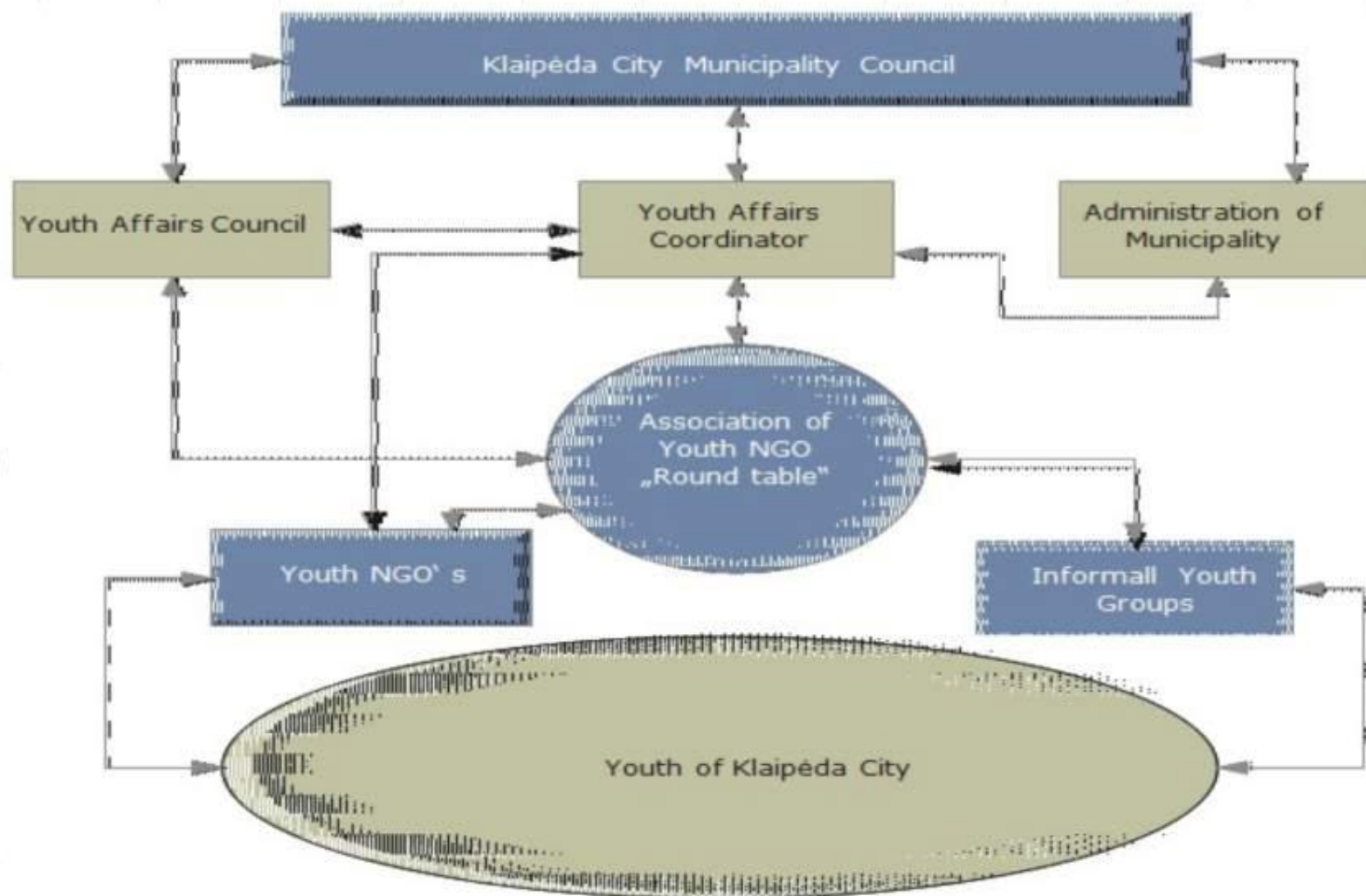


# Resources for solution of youth problems

- Lithuanian Presidency at the EU Council – among its main priorities is reduction of youth unemployment, creating them new opportunities and increasing inclusion of young people.
- National youth policy system has been created. Its positive evaluation given also by the EU.
- System of regional youth policy implementation system has been created
- Long-term and –short-term strategic documents.
- The existing infrastructure (sports bases, schools, universities and higher educational institutions, etc.)
- NGOs
- EU financial instruments for projects implementation
- Political will



# Klaipėda City youth policy model





# **Documents regulating youth policy in Klaipėda City**

- Law on Youth Policy Fundamentals
- Long term Klaipėda City Municipality Strategy 2013 – 2020
- Youth Problems Solution Plan 2018
- Municipal Activity Plan 2013– 2015
- Klaipėda City Youth Policy Development Program 2013 – 2015
- Klaipėda City Council decision on adoption of regulations for the Youth Affairs Council



# Long term youth policy priorities in the municipal Strategic Development Plan 2013-2020

- To promote project activities in communities and public organizations by provision of consultancy and financial support
- To induce NGOs involvement into provision of public services
- To support organizations working with youth in their steady and long-term programming activities, to back youth initiatives and promote volunteering among young people
- In a coordinated way to provide information about youth activities and opportunities
- To increase the number of persons working with youth, improve their competence and skills
- To create and implement projects striving for inclusion of social risk and unmotivated youth
- To apply activity principles and experience of Open Space Center in the structure of BI Klaipėda Children's Leisure Center by establishing open spaces for youth in various quarters of the City.



# Youth Policy Program measures

- Partial financing of youth projects
- Distribution of information about youth activities
- Organization of youth forums, events
- Guarantees to continuity of Open Space Youth Center (I. Simonaitytės st. 24) operation
- Implementation of Lithuanian –Latvian Cross Border Cooperation Program EU project in cooperation with Liepaja Youth Center “Young People are a guarantor of society and continuation on its development”
- Implementation of EU project „Development of Integrated Youth Policy” (April 2012- May 2013)



15 *Pamario*<sup>2</sup> vidurinė mokykla

7. *Stela ženino sporta klubas „ALIJOS“*  
*Šilutės raj. sav. Šilutė, 2000 m.*

Vizualizacja danych

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- Wiederholungsfragen:** Wie wird die ...



# OUR ATTITUDE TO YOUTH:

Youth is not a problem –  
it is a way for solution





Thank you for your attention!

