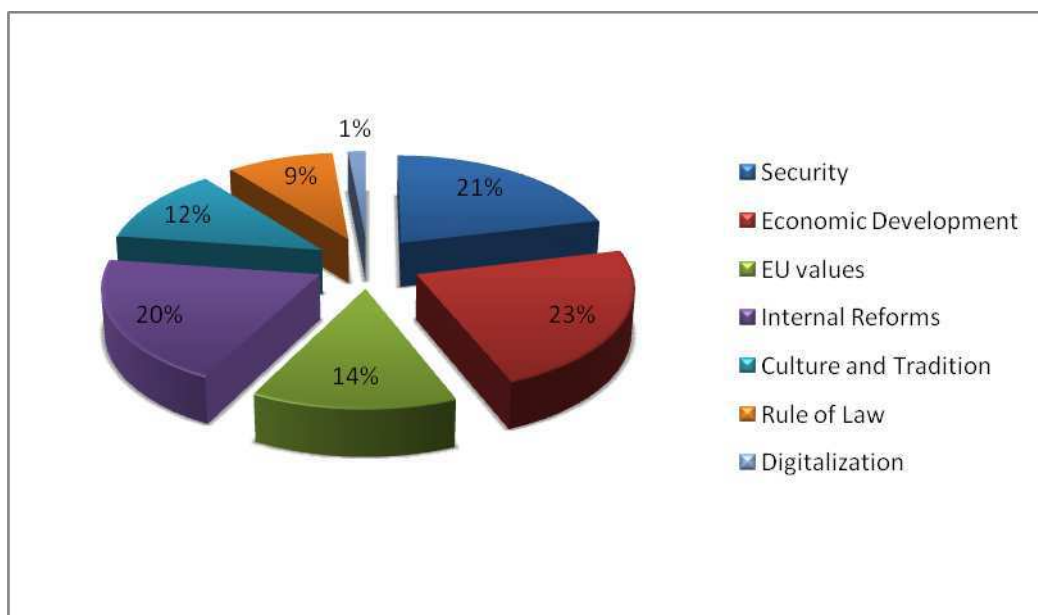


REPORT
ON THE WORKSHOP “LIBERAL MESSAGES IN EUROPE”
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The sixth workshop took place on 8th of June at Manhattan Hotel in Chișinău. The training team composed of **Ciprian Negoită – moderator**, **Tudor Tim Ionescu – event organizer** and **Raimar Wagner – team coordinator** made no significant changes to the initial game plan. However, the workshop length (more than 3h and 30 minutes) took more than expected initially since some of the discussions and debates were addressed in depth (**EU policies, liberal values. LGBT rights**).

The first part of the workshop introduced all the participants through the challenges faced by the European Union. The moderator discussed with all the participants the recent advents of spontaneous populism and the rise of populist political parties in EU from Hungary, Italy, Austria, Netherlands, Poland, Germany, Slovenia and France. Besides discussing about the fate of the tradition parties in Europe, some of the debates were concentrated on the influence of Russia in Moldova in particular, and in Europe in general. Despite the radical views of the participants on some topics, the moderator identified the fact that everyone present in the conference hall **was pro-European, with Romanian and Moldovan citizenship, in favor of liberal values** (however with little or no knowledge basic conceptual liberal values). **The need to strengthen the liberal values among Moldovan citizens seems more than necessary.**

In the part of the workshop were all the participants had to write down on two different color meta short ideas and considerations regarding the problems in Moldova that can be solved with the help/involvement of EU and the role of Moldova as a reliable partner for EU the comments, to a certain extent, were both surprising and import.



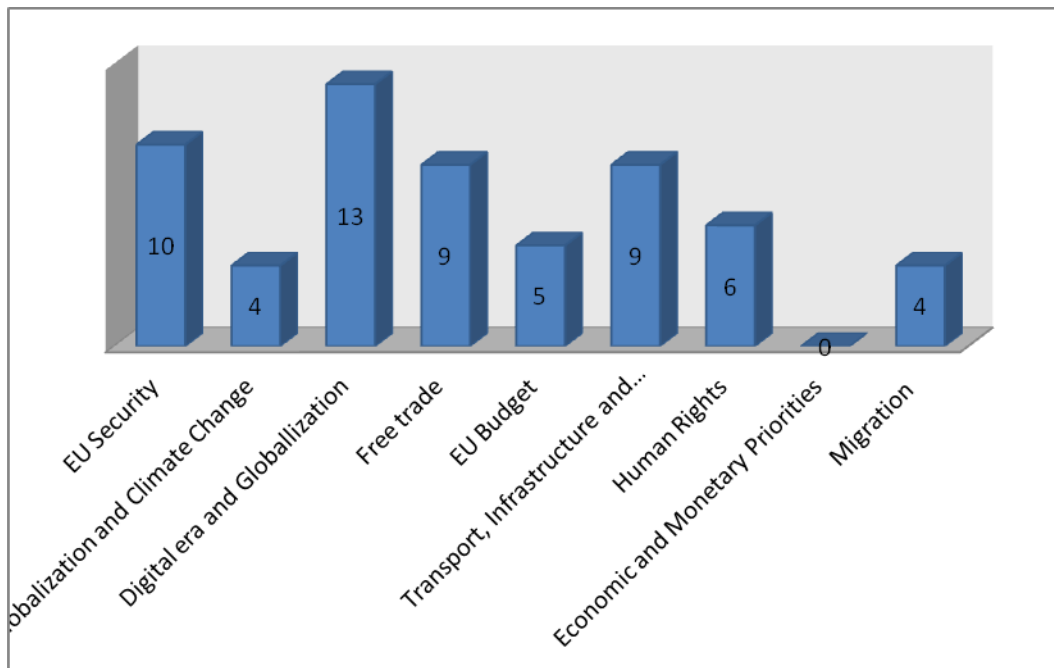
More security, economic development and internal reforms were the most present topics on the agenda of each participant. However, according to the chat above, another variable seem to be a priority. Protecting and exporting the Moldavian

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culture and traditions. All the participants seemed very proud of their cultural and tradition roots. Their food and wine customs were of high importance for them, as Moldavians.

In the second part of the workshop the moderator explained 9 relevant topics for the ALDE party: EU's security and its relation with NATO, globalization and climate changes, digital era and globalization, free trade and the international commerce, EU budget, transport, infrastructure and mobility, human rights, economic and monetary policies and migration as a challenge and opportunity. **Within the topic of human rights, usually the moderator presents also the importance of LGBT rights. It was a surprise to feel (identify) a major opposition from all the participants regarding this topic.**

After the presentation, all the participants including the three organizers started discussing and voting (six votes each) in the same time the top six issues out of the nine already presented, that they consider important and stood out for them. Once again the results were surprising:



After counting the votes, the moderator realized **EU security, Digitalization and Transport and Infrastructure** were considered the most relevant. Finally, the moderator asked the participants to divide themselves into three groups and continue the discussions on the six topics that were voted (World Café). This final part of the workshop offered again important outcomes. Strengthening the relation with NATO and being closer to its standards and institutions is one coherent and important message endorsed by each participant.