

## **REPORT**

### **ON THE WORKSHOP “LIBERAL MESSAGES IN EUROPE”**

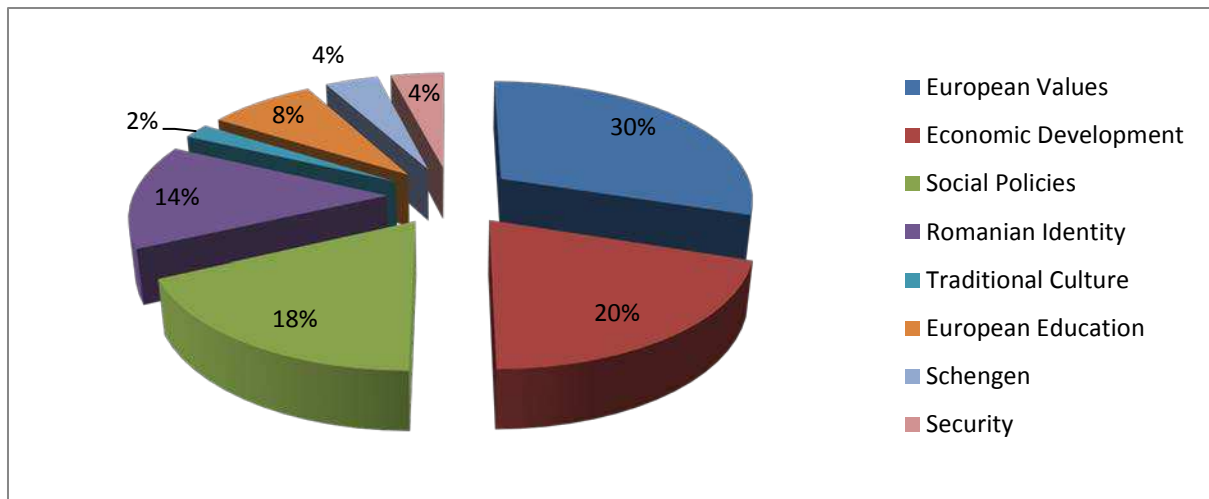
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The final workshop took place on 21<sup>st</sup> of July at Ibis Hotel in Rome. The training team composed of **Ciprian Negoită – moderator, Tudor Tim Ionescu – event organizer** and **Raimar Wagner – team coordinator** has successfully created an interactive and challenging seminar, engaging all the participants in the discussions. The game plan was strictly respected according to the directions previously accepted by both the participants and the organizing team. However, the length of the workshop was slightly changed. It lasted more than 4:30 hours since all the participants were eager to present their personal views and opinions.

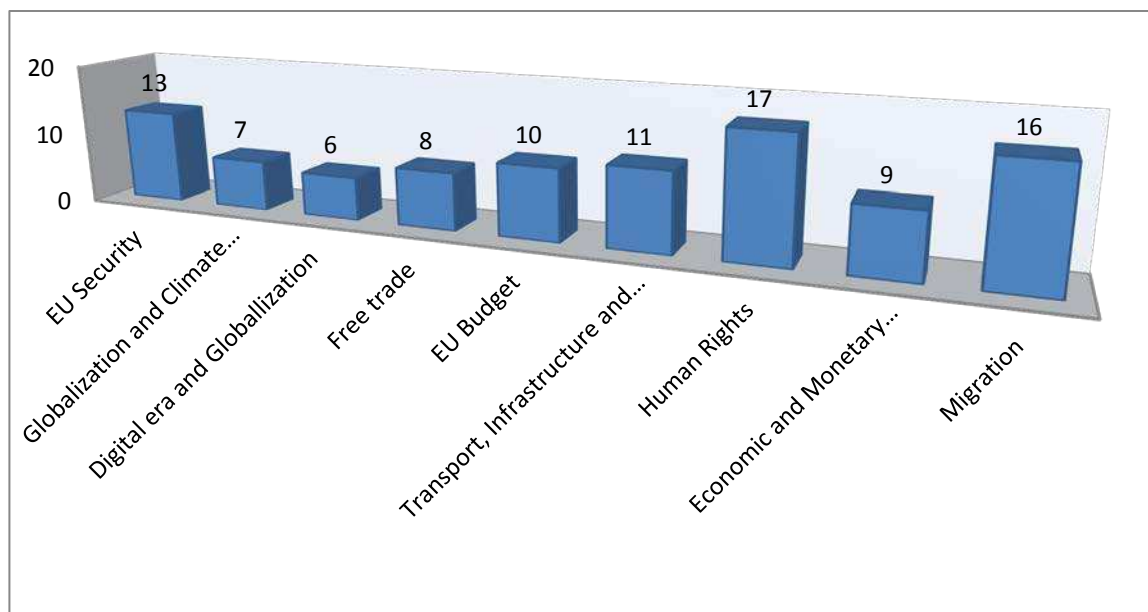
A particularity of this workshop lied in the fact that **it was directly recorded and distributed online to all the Romanians** (interested by this topic but could not attend the seminar due to the limited seats) who lived and worked in Rome. This workshop was attended by **active and determined participants from different social and professional backgrounds who** contributed a lot in the discussions. According to the list of attendance there were present **artists, journalists, medical doctors, construction workers and important entrepreneurs.**

The first part of the workshop focused on the challenges faced by the traditional parties and their political messages and the rise of populist and extremist movements. However, many of the examples focused only on the Italian political society taking into consideration the policies against the migrants promoted by **Movimiento 5 Estrellas and Lega Nord.** Afterward, the moderator asked all the participants to identify and debated the problems in Italy and Romania that can be solved with the help of the EU and the role of Romania inside the Union. The results were, to a certain extent, surprising, because they were influenced by the recent events happened in Rome.

Over three quarters of the participants considered important the **European Values, Economic Development and Social Policies.** The reason why the participants care more about the European Values (respect for human dignity and human rights, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law) has a simple explanation. They felt that Italy, as well as many other EU countries, seem to disregard the principles that belong to the Union.



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. 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:



According to the Romanians who lived and worked in Rome, **Migration, Human Rights and EU Security** are subject matters that should be on the liberal agenda next year. **Many of their opinions and answers were influenced, to a large extent, by the recent opinions and policies regarding migrants and minorities that live in Italy, shared by the newly formed Italian government.** Finally, these three main topics relevant for the citizens of Iasi were subjected to extensive analysis where the participants offered arguments in favor or against including them on the liberal agenda