

How Online Ideas Bloom Into Laws ?



The Crowdsourcing Platform of Citizen Initiatives - *MyVoice (Manabalss.lv)*
The Flagship of Deliberative Democracy in Latvia

HOW IT WORKS?



The idea is submitted on the portal



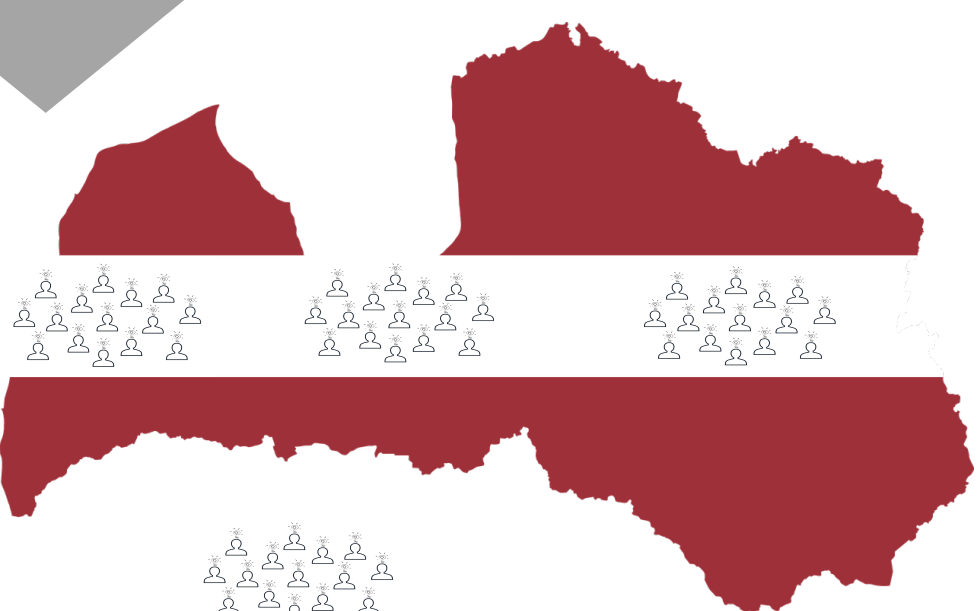
The quality check of the idea is performed



The idea is placed on portal 10,000 signatures = submitted to the parliament



If the initiative receives necessary vote count from Parliament, it is implemented as a national law

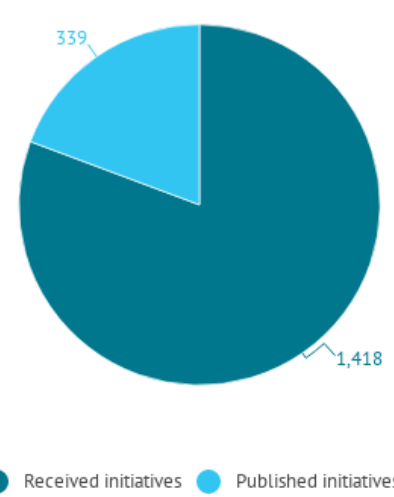


RESULTS

SUCCESS OF MANABALSS.LV PLATFORM - 2011-2018

- 2011**
Platform Foundation Year
- 174 465**
The total number of signatories
- 1 135 817**
The total number of signatures
- 4**
Average number of initiatives supported by single user
- ~70%**
The percentage of people of the total population of Latvia visited the platform at least once
- 26**
Number of initiatives that has become laws
- 38**
Number of initiatives received a response
- 16**
Number of initiatives under consideration in the Saeima
- ~ 68% of the initiatives become laws!**

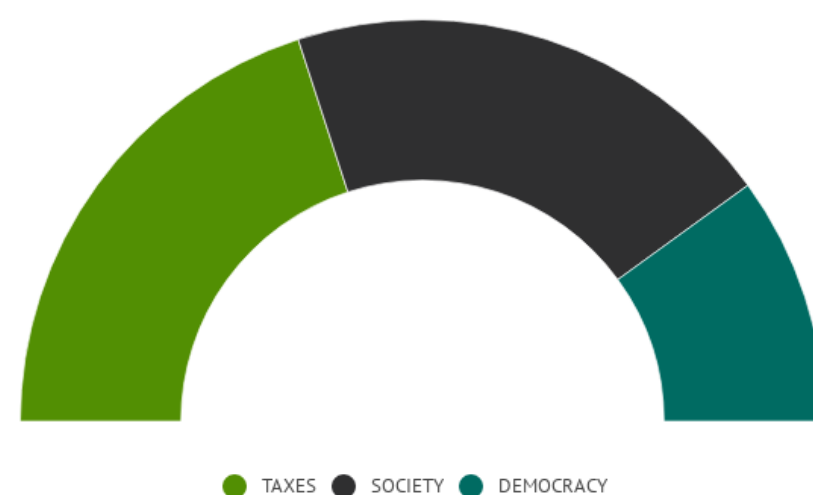
Presented and Published Initiatives



68%

National level initiatives have become the law

TOP-3 Subjects Affected by Initiatives

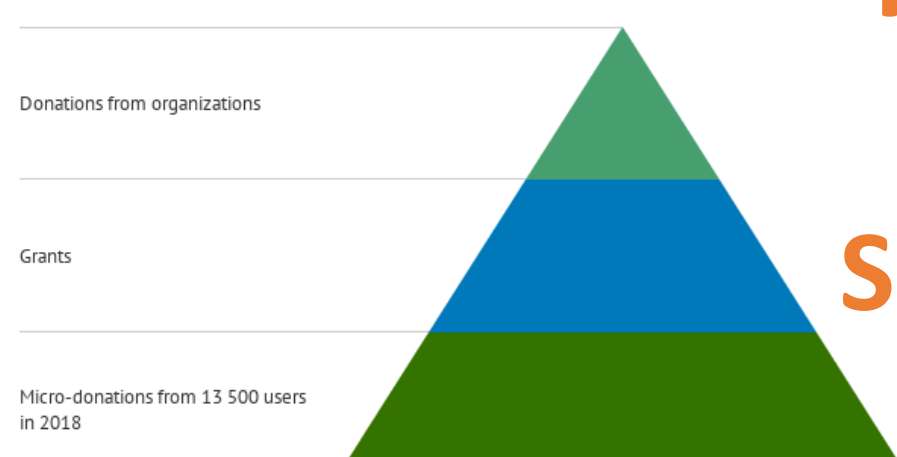


HIGHEST KNOWN SUCCESS RATE

TOP-5's Most Popular Initiatives

The property tax cancelation for single property 44,566 signatures	Responsibility for violation of the oath of the deputy of the Saeima 17,686 signatures	The Saeima which dissolve do not rely additional compensations 15,809 signatures
Cancel existing model of toll tax, impose a tax on Estonian pattern 24,994 signatures	On the conservation of the bilingual education 14,804 signatures	To apply reduced VAT rates for foodstuff 14,665 signatures

Sources of Financing of Manabalss.lv



FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINABLE:

Micro-donations from ~30 000 people
No government financing

"Manabalss now puts Latvia at the forefront of European efforts to shift some forms of political participation to the Internet."
The New York Times

WHY IT WORKS?

National context

- Openness of the political system
- Legal rights and technological options to initiate laws

Organization

- Non-governmental platform

Initiative

- Quality check of submitted ideas is performed

Performance

- Real legislative impact including changes in constitution

Challenges:

- Funding for growth,
- Competing in media with the content from political parties
- Institutional growth: partners and seed funding
- Interest groups (including Kremlin, disinformation, black PR, political campaigns etc.)