

# National Platform'27 FEEDBACK

## 1. Evaluate the Chairing Team's work – 9.2 Comments:

Everything was very smooth. It's really a good idea to have a WPA helping out with presentations - it caused less technical problems than it was the last time.
The chairing team was great.
They had a performance to start the National Platform that I enjoyed a lot and gave all of us a laugh.
Guys did an amazing job - timing was good, they were clear about what was going on, they knew how to deal with the group (how to make them come back to plenaries on time, when to finish the WS/SS, how to make everyone silent during presentations). I literally have nothing bad to say.
The time tracking was a bit lacking and the speakers should be constantly reminded when their time is up. Also, the chairing team should be able to discreetly end the comment and question round, especially when some verbal fights arise.
They mixed up a lot of things. We got a lot of "Now I invite <Random presenter> to present... oh wait, sorry, not this presentation".
WPA pushing slides? Should prepare better next time. It's CT job. People should have proper laptop in front of them with proper tools. Theatre awesome, protocol awesome, Karolis awesome hosting. Next time put budget report first day or at least in the morning.
I mean, who could give less than 10 for such a tummy-hurting start of NP? :D
Head Chair seemed distracted and made few mistakes during invitation to present slides, forget our guests and people from auditorium had to correct him. Other responsibilities were covered perfectly.
It was alright, although confusion at some points could not be avoided. Also, it was somewhat passive (in my opinion), as well as either too formal or too informal.
Organised, responsible, on time but not flexible to the listeners - they needed energizers but Chairing Team didn't use it from OC.

## 2. Evaluate activity of participants – 7.53

### Comments:

I still do not understand if participants do not ask questions because they do not understand and they are not interested.
Sometimes too quiet during the questions. Maybe too shy to say something in front of new people. :) Some activity that would involve knowing each other even a little bit might change the problem.
I think NB should find out why sections never have questions about the budget. Is it because they do not understand anything or something else. It was quite nice to see the NP more awoken when the Coordinators reports started. This is how NP should be all the time. :)
They were kind of active. But many just sleeping. Some of them should learn etiquette, because you shouldn't swear in such official events.
Lack of NEEDED questions on important topics; some sleepy realities; inappropriate language...
Huge compliments from me goes to all the participants - it was really amazing that everyone tried their best to be active to cooperate with others.
They were not really active, maybe only during question round for NC.
Sometimes it is really hard to think about, for example budget, and understand importance of some topics. Even if you do understand, sometimes it is hard to think fast of questions. When you are new, it is really hard to keep up with the pace sometimes, so because of that I would cut some slack on this issue.
What I hated the most about activity of participants is the results of voting. There were a lot of sections which were abstaining. Some decision could have been entirely different and would save some money for ESN Lithuania. I think a lot of people were thinking how not to hurt the feelings of the people.
As always, people could be more into the discussions. Sections could express their opinions more often.
Comparing this to the last NP, the activeness of the participants was much more improved. Even though sometimes opinions were needed on certain important topics. And it seemed like only half of the sections are asking questions. So, still there is some room for improvement.
Lack of questions, National Board has to send one person and they choose from NB member. It's not fair and nobody asked about it. Members have to arise this question.

### 3. Evaluate the Catering – 7.56

Comments:

The food in the university and outside was great. But as always, too little. :D It was great that during the second day coffee breaks were moved to another place, so it was easier to get access to have a coffee faster. :)
The portions were small. Coffee breaks without good food.
It was nice that not only vegetarians, but also vegans had something to eat for dinner.
Not enough drinks and food... Usually when I was coming for coffee breaks there was almost everything gone...
On the first day the food was slightly cold and there wasn't enough on a plate. We didn't feel full and ready to move mountains so we had to go to the shop and buy extra snacks.
Food was tasty, yet it was too little of it (lunch). Especially on second day. Food at coffee breaks was ok.
It was pretty good. The portions could have been bigger. I enjoyed the fact that we went to restaurant and got our food served warm.
I felt hungry after lunch. First dish - soup - would be highly appreciated next time. Due to small room for coffee breaks it was difficult to get it.
I guess most of us did not feel full after lunch... have you guys ever considered increasing the participation fee in order to improve the ongoing food situation on NPs?
People who spent more time in the last WS didn't get buns like all the people who participated in the self-development WS, so probably OC had to buy/order more, because it wasn't enough for all NP participants.
It was delicious!
The lunch place was well picked according to the number of people and the food was good. Also, I liked the proper coffee at the coffee breaks. But during those, I would suggest to use larger place.

### 4. Evaluate the Accommodation – 6.7

Comments:

Shower, electricity, bed - what more do you need? And the placing was very good for the evening part.
I had a VIP room! And the location was great, it was clean and calm, no complaints.

The rooms were good and very close to the evening part. But it was sad that half of people were separated to other hostels.
Accommodation good, but bad organization for it, because for some of us needed to wait for 30 minutes to go, because we left without place.
I would recommend to distribute places by names of participants before NP.
First, we had to walk a really long way, when we could have taken a bus. Secondly, we went to the hostel which was really far away and it was full. We had to wait long time and after we went to the totally other hostel...
Loved the place. BUT! Hated that we were persuaded to wait way too much before getting there.
Sofa that I got during accommodation was comfortable. Yes, I got sofa. Secretly. Because OC couldn't find be a bed for me.
Good company :)
Far from plenaries.

## 5. Evaluate the Evening programme – 8.1

### Comments:

OC dance. :) Games were split, but maybe could have been to involve more people, not just boy+girl. :)
WOW! The dance - never saw such thing during NP. And it was really great that the games were not made only at the beginning and then "do what you want".
No activities at all... Just a couple of games and then just sitting and doing nothing.
The DJ and the songs that he was playing because sometimes he was killing the mood :)
On my opinion there should have been more activities that could have made all the participants connect with each other a bit more. Also it was a bit unclear until when the more formal part had to go and when was the time just to party and relax.
There was no program... The dance was amazing, but between the appearances on stage there were huge amount of time, so you looked unprepared. You have to have in mind, that people who are living in Kaunas have to go home (some for 30 minutes or more by a bus), rest and come back to a second NP day, so you can't stretch your program all through the night... People were leaving after 1am because there was nothing going on. You should have greeted all the people, showed your program, with little 15 minutes breaks and then leave people to dance, talk and party on their own.

<p>It was okay, I liked the concept, but there was a lack of program and people didn't have that moment when program is ended and it is your personal choice where to party or sit down somewhere and talk. During all evening part people were not able to feel comfortable.</p>
<p>Music could have been better, but I liked the theme, I liked that there was a program and some games, that included ESN'ers. Well done!</p>
<p>I liked the formal idea, costumes and chill music style. I was very satisfying, especially when Egidijus told that guys must dance with at least one girl. That was my favourite part. Ribbon competition and those events were well thought through - I'd give 10/10, but I felt bored during the long breaks between activities. music is not fitted to dance like in the club, but not too boring to fall asleep. 9/10</p>
<p>Expected a little bit different evening programme.</p>
<p>Good choice of place.</p>
<p>I enjoyed the party. Have to say so far the best 'social evening' I experienced in ESN. Well still, I would not really call it like that. If evaluating the atmosphere and place, it was right for the amount of people which was good.</p>

## 6. Evaluate work of Organising committee (ESN KK and ESN Vilnius University in Kaunas) – 8.54

Comments:

<p>There was not enough food during lunch and coffee breaks, I have always felt hungry. There was not enough place for coffee breaks, there was too small to fit so many people and I disliked fact we cannot get into plenary room with food -I have never drunk my cut of tea fully then, I had to leave it. Accommodation lists should be provided before NP. Now miscommunication of OC caused many misunderstandings and 5 people had to sleep in 4 beds.</p>
<p>Plenaries room was good, comfortable, you can see and hear everything. The rooms for WS/SS were also good. They had a lot of volunteers, they were visible and helpful. I am glad that the theme was fully visible, even during the plenaries, and all small details.</p>
<p>It seemed that only a couple of people were actually doing something big, but all in all it seemed quite okay except for the drinks and food in the faculty itself.</p>
<p>Plenaries rooms were spacious, but the coffee break place was a bit small.</p>
<p>Great choice on evening part and accommodation mixture, good plenaries place and reach between so so, but what the hell there was no toilet paper in WCs on plenaries.</p>

<p>OC also did an amazing job! Plenaries room was big enough for everyone to sit and see/hear everything, there were always hot water, enough coffee, tea and sugar for the coffee breaks.</p>
<p>For plenaries it was good, just computers didn't work properly, only two microphones...for SS and WS too small rooms.</p>
<p>Overall good, OC were helpful and friendly, helped all the time; there could be more signs of where each WS/SS room is (old building was confusing a little), some people had to change location because there was not enough space in the main building of R-hostel (maybe OC could see this in advance as number of participants is known).</p>
<p>In my opinion there were some lack of basic OC information (where the hostel is, who is leading participants there and when does the other day of plenaries start. It is really important to point out, that there is time difference between both days).</p>
<p>There were some problems with accommodation - some people were being transferred from one hotel to other, so me even didn't get the rooms! This is a huge issue as not all of the people have friends in Kaunas and have a place to stay in case of emergency, even if they do, it's sad when you don't have a chance to spend a night with your section.</p>
<p>They were working really hard; it was able to see that. But it's bad that not all of them showed that they are doing something... But I am proud what they done.</p>
<p>I would suggest for coffee breaks to choose a bit bigger room, than it was.</p>
<p>Plenaries auditorium was sooooo tight, don't do NP there again please.</p>
<p>Not all OC members were kind and polite all the time. I understand perfectly that it is not that easy to keep smiling all the time but rude comments should be kept. We were guests and it is normal that we were asking all the time where is one or another class.</p>
<p>It seemed like everything was done by two or three people, when there were dozens of them. Apart from that they were great, very helpful, very friendly and created memorable and friendly atmosphere that stayed there over the whole weekend.</p>
<p>Everything was great, THANK YOU very much :)</p>
<p>There was problem with lack of communication and organisation in 'hostel dilemma'. People had to go to different places and it took a lot of time and energy.</p>
<p>Everything was good, but maybe it could better with food (I needed moore food, like soup and meal) and it was cold, talking about coffee breaks, it was hard to make coffee.</p>
<p>The best NP I have been so far. Everything was set on time, it did not feel that the Platform was too long. The location of the Platform was also very good. Just great job.</p>

## 7. Which time you are in National Platform?

- First time- 29 %
- 2-4 – 50 %
- 5-6 – 17 %
- 7-8 – 1 person
- More than 8 – 2 persons

## 8. Could you compare this NP to others you have participated?

The topic was original, I liked preparations and positive energy all the time.
It was one of the smoothest ones and quite interesting. Though I still miss activeness of sections regarding important questions.
Not bad on IT stuff in comparison, the plenaries room was okay with provided plugs and internet and stools, awesome thing on theatrical stuff and theme, nice organising, but bad catering and breaks.
+This NP was with a good atmosphere ;) -Just behaviour of NB's members is not that professional as it should be.
As presentation of OC at NP26 suggested, the theme was really creative. The opening (parodies of ESN LT board) was a great and funny idea :) WS/SS were less interesting this time but evening part was much better than previous time.
It is a great example of cooperation! Interior was prepared very nice but OC should create smooth atmosphere not to distract it.
During this platform I saw the best CT and it is really great idea to use infomarket instead of all presentations of all sections. The beginning of this platform (I mean that little theatre) was something special!
If my memory serves me right this was the best National Platform ever organized in ESN Lithuania. The atmosphere, the people, smooth work of CT, lack of technical or communicational problems. It felt like everyone really cared about what was going on and were involved in everything, that what every NP should look like. Also, the theme was very well done and those small details like photo wall and gadgets made it quite appealing.
The place for NP this time for sure was better than during the previous platform. We were invited into a spacious auditorium which created more formal and serious atmosphere. One more thing that I liked, in comparison with the previous platform, is that VU KHF had an

inside yard, where we could get some fresh air during coffee breaks. Also it was a good decision to organise lunch break outside of the platform's territory, because it was good to have a short walk and it was more convenient to eat there.

Sunday was too long and seems like we don't need workshop for Sunday, It's took a lot of time, but in positive aspect OC was really kind and helpful and finally the evening part was amazing.

Both of them we're quite similar, although I liked the workshops very much. Sadly, I can't really say that something extraordinary happened and my expectations were heavily surpassed.

The previous NP seemed more interesting.