

Lithuania Weekly:

European Parliament election

Lithuania | Week 40 | Month 10
June 3rd - June 9th, 2024

New observations this week: 9

Main channel: Kremlin-aligned media outlets, Facebook pages

Main keywords:

European Parliament, elections, turnout, voting, conservatives, Gražulis, government

Main narratives:

- General anti-government sentiments;
- Doubts about the transparency of democratic elections;
- Discrediting the elections in general;
- The incompetence of the current government.

Overview:

Lithuanian media with a pro-Kremlin bias focused heavily on domestic issues this week. During the analysed period, the European Parliament elections took place, and they took up most of the media coverage. Considering these elections, a few things were the main highlights: the poor turnout, explained by The Chairperson of The Central Electoral Commission of the Republic of Lithuania (CEC), that election fatigue got in the way (two rounds of the Presidential elections in the past month); the victory of conservatives party, that is always heavily criticised by the Kremlin-aligned actors; and Petras Gražulis, a controversial Lithuanian politician, former Member of the Seimas, winning a seat at the European Parliament. Finally, elections were concluded with general doubts about their transparency while questioning their results, discrediting elections generally, claiming that they have no effect and "everything is decided prior", and finalised with anti-government sentiments, criticising those who are in charge and already targeting those who are planning to be shortly.

