Participatory Rights as a Part of

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) within the Russian Oil Sector

PARTICIPATION?

Right to information,

Right to participate in project planning,

Right to grievance mechanisms.

- Most global CSR regulations already include participatory rights
- Russian environmental law includes very little participatory rights
 - enterprises are often not required to listen to local peoples' viewpoints
- Willingness of oil companies vary depending on the involvement of
 - International financial institutions → participation in project planning and benefit sharing
 - Indigenous peoples

 sometimes involvement in planning benefit sharing
 - Participatory rights included also in a benefit sharing agreement between Lukoil-Komi and a local NGO of (non-officially recognized) indigenous peoples

METHODS

The project group has made several field trips (e.g. in NAO, KMAO, Komi Republic, Sakhalin Island), conducting semi-structural interviews with different stakeholder groups (governmental sector, businesses, NGOs, local activists, community representatives and academia).

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Modern and rusty infrastructure in the Sakhalin Island



DISCUSSION

•Does participation matter in an illiberal state?

Local people in Russian oil regions

participatory rights

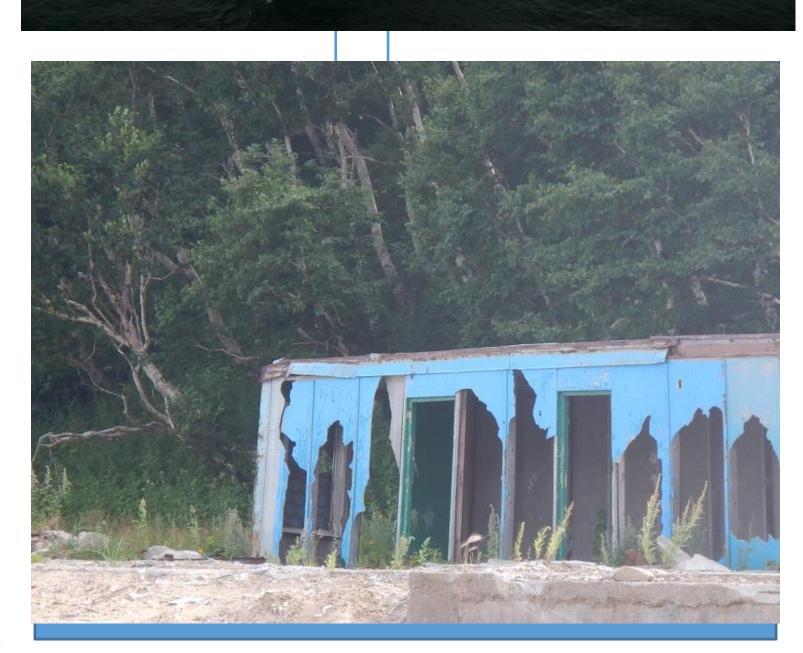
important even if there is frustration,

too.

 Participatory rights based on CSR help to achieve social licence to

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operate and may improve the living

environment of local people.

Also legislative changes would be

badly needed in Russia.

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