**Erasmus+ Youth in Action and the youth sector**

**AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR THE YOUTH SECTOR**

Erasmus+ Youth in Action is the European Union’s learning mobility programme for young people and youth work organisations, institutions and professionals. The programme promotes intercultural dialogue, non-formal learning, equity and inclusion. One specific objective is to foster quality development in youth work. Our research shows that Erasmus+ Youth in Action is successful in achieving this objective and contributes to “actively engaging youth organisations in the development, implementation and evaluation of policies affecting the lives of young people”, one of the key principles of the EU Youth Strategy 2019–2027.

**Effects on youth organisations of project participants**

The majority of the 7,104 respondents in training and mobility projects state that through their participation in an Erasmus+ Youth in Action project their organisations benefited through...

- ...increased competences for the provision of non-formal education. 39% agree, 78% strongly agree
- ...more contacts/partnerships with other countries. 35% agree, 77% strongly agree
- ...more networking at the European level. 39% agree, 76% strongly agree
- ...increased knowledge transfer of good practices within the organisation. 41% agree, 76% strongly agree
- ...increased appreciation of cultural diversity. 38% agree, 76% strongly agree
- ...increased project management competences. 36% agree, 71% strongly agree
- ...increased commitment to include young people with fewer opportunities. 38% agree, 68% strongly agree
- ...more international projects. 35% agree, 67% strongly agree
- ...increased participation of young people in the organisation. 38% agree, 66% strongly agree
- ...more intensive involvement in European issues. 37% agree, 64% strongly agree

N = 7,104 project participants. Surveys conducted from October 2017 to April 2018.

**Effects on youth organisations of project leaders**

The majority of the 5,007 respondents state that through their coordination of an Erasmus+ Youth in Action project their organisations benefited through...

- ...increased competences for the provision of non-formal education. 37% agree, 87% strongly agree
- ...more contacts/partnerships with other countries. 28% agree, 88% strongly agree
- ...more networking at the European level. 34% agree, 84% strongly agree
- ...increased knowledge transfer of good practices within the organisation. 39% agree, 86% strongly agree
- ...increased appreciation of cultural diversity. 34% agree, 90% strongly agree
- ...increased project management competences. 36% agree, 85% strongly agree
- ...increased commitment to include young people with fewer opportunities. 36% agree, 80% strongly agree
- ...more international projects. 33% agree, 80% strongly agree
- ...increased participation of young people in the organisation. 37% agree, 84% strongly agree
- ...more intensive involvement in European issues. 40% agree, 76% strongly agree

N = 5,007 project leaders. Surveys conducted from October 2017 to April 2018.