

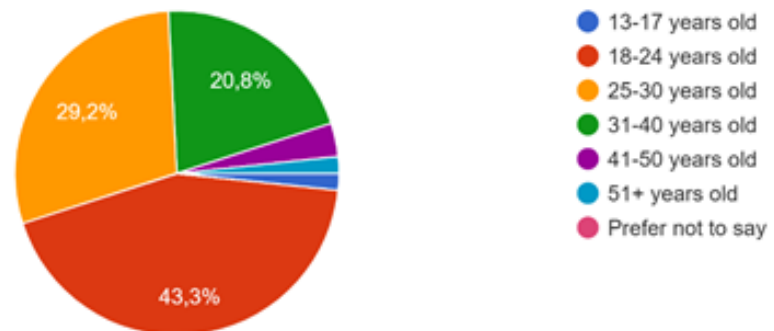


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## Participation on the Erasmus+ and ESC projects in the future - The results from the survey

The first part of the survey was consisting of demographic questions. Participants were answering questions about their age, gender identity and country of residence. They also shared important information regarding their connection with Erasmus+ and ESC projects and their involvement in the youth work.

### What is your age?



*Pie 1.1. Age of participants in the survey*

As you can notice in the *Pie 1.1.*, we had respondents of different age, starting from underage youth to experienced youth workers who are older than 50. Still, the majority of respondents were between 18 and 40 years old, or to be more precise, 52 respondents were between 18 and 24 years old, 35 were between 25 and 30 years old and 25 respondents were between 31 and 40 years old. We believe this is important information because people of this age (both young people and youth workers) are the one who are most active in Erasmus+ projects. Almost 75% of respondents were female (as you can notice in *Pie 1.2.* on the next page) which was not a big surprise since our own experience, as well as several researches and publications show the gender gap in Erasmus+ mobilities with majority of participants being females.

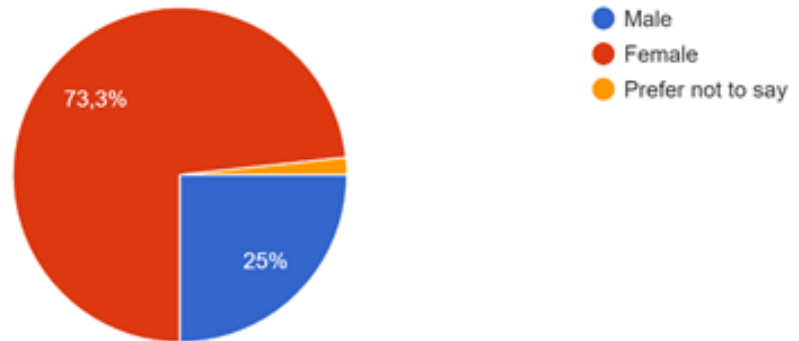
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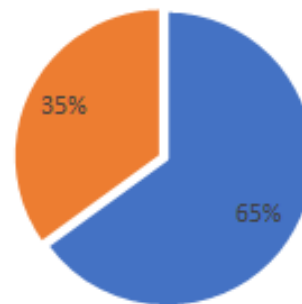
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How do you currently describe your gender identity?



Pie 1.2. Gender identity of participants in the survey

To which of the following groups do you belong?



- A youth worker (working or volunteering in an NGO, youth centre, school, informal group)
- A young person (not active in working with youth)

Pie 1.3. Ratio between youth workers and young people who participated in the survey

From the 120 respondents to our survey, 78 of them (65%) were in some way active in youth work, either through NGO, youth centre, informal group or working as a teacher in school. We also had 42 young people (35%) filling the survey (Pie 1.3.). If we prolonged the survey, it would result with higher number of respondents, but we decided not to do it for a very long period, because situation regarding coronavirus is changing and the replies participants in the survey are giving could change as well. That is why we

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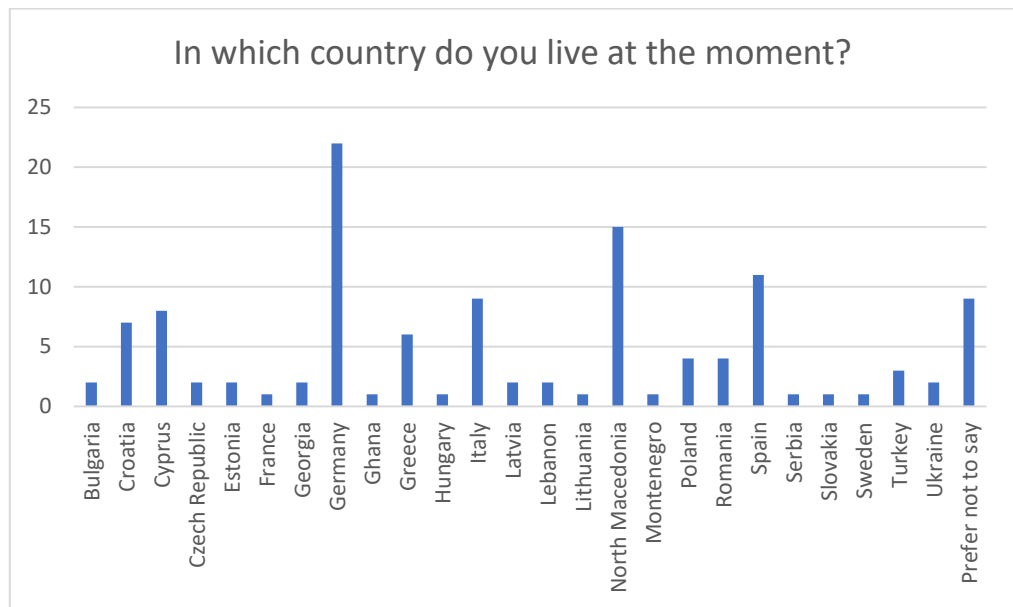
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ended the survey after two weeks, in order to have relevant and updated information at this moment, that could help us and everyone else in planning international mobilities this summer.

Graph 1. is showing us the countries in which participants of the survey are living at the moment. In total, we had 25 countries represented in the survey. Most of the participants were from Germany (22), followed by North Macedonia (15) and Spain (11). Majority of the respondents were from programme countries (over 85%) which can also be relevant information, considering that countries from European Union are opening their borders gradually.



Graph 1. Country of residence of participants in the survey

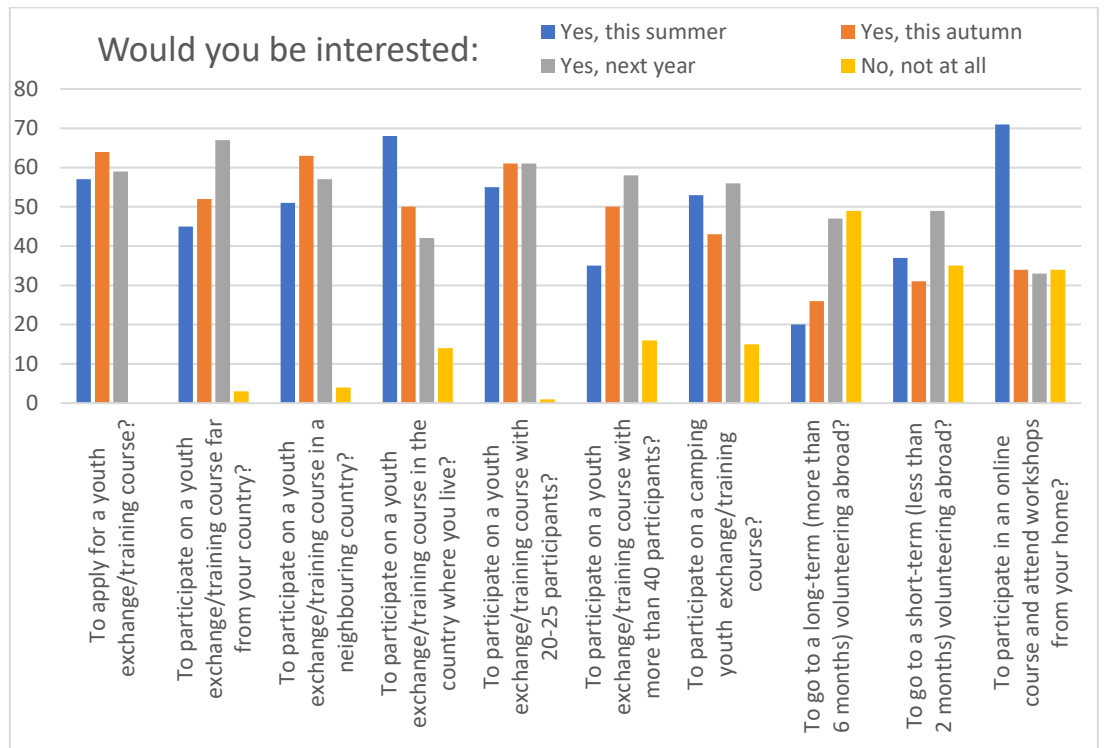
The last two questions of the survey were also probably the most important one. It was necessary first to find out are the participants in the survey even interested to participate on the Erasmus+ and ESC mobilities in the future and if they are, when do they see themselves participating in those mobilities, already this summer, in the autumn or they are planning to wait until the next year before applying and participating in international projects. The second question was focused on different scenarios and conditions that are possible in international mobilities in the next period and we wanted to find which of them are acceptable for the young people and youth workers and what are the adjustments that organizers of mobilities will need to think about.

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Graph 2.1. Interest for participation on Erasmus+ and ESC mobilities in the next period

One of the reasons why we did this survey is to see how do young people and youth workers feel about participating in international mobilities, is it something that they are considering at the moment and when would they be interested to participate on a different Erasmus+ and ESC mobilities. It is important to notice that on this question, multiple answers were possible. In the *Graph 2.1.* you can see how the respondents answered each sub-question. It was good to see that all participants in the survey are interested to apply for future youth exchanges/training courses and they are almost equally interested to do it this summer (57 replies), this autumn (64) and the next year (59). The survey also showed us that respondents are more willing to participate this summer on mobilities in the country where they live (68 replies), comparing to the neighbouring (51) and the country far from the place where they live (45). The respondents would rather participate on mobilities with 20-25 people, than the ones where there is 40 or more participants on the mobility. The difference is most notable when we are talking about the exchanges and training courses this summer so this can also be something that we need to take into consideration while planning mobilities. It was interesting to notice that more than 50 respondents are interested to participate on a camping mobility this summer and more than 70 of them (almost 60%) would participate in an online course this summer and attend the workshops from home. This is a very encouraging result and it

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might be worth considering organizing online mobilities in case residential will not be possible because of coronavirus. The survey also showed us that young people would go on short-term volunteering this year, while they would be equally interested to participate on a short and long-term volunteering next year.

In the last question of the survey, participants were sharing their opinion about different hypothetical situations that could happen before, during or after the international mobilities. The participants were able to choose one answer and the results are shown in percentages in the *Graph 2.2* on the next page. From the 120 people that participated in the survey, 64,17% of respondents would be willing to share a room with other participants, 59,17% would bring their own bedsheets/towels to the mobility and 60% wouldn't mind using common shower or the toilet. The survey also gave us important information regarding the preparation of food and the results were very positive. Majority of respondents would be willing to wash their own dishes after the meal (80,83%), to prepare their own food (65%), to cook for others during the cultural night (79,17%) and to eat food prepared by other participants (76,67%). The respondents were less positive towards keeping social distancing during the free time and having a curfew after 11PM, but there was still a lot of people who would participate on mobilities under these conditions. On the other hand, 67,50% participants said that they would participate on workshops where they are going to have physical contact with other participants. The survey also showed us that participants would still be interested to go on a daily trip during the mobility, either by privately organized transportation (89,16%) or public transportation (68,34%). They also didn't make big difference regarding the travel to an exchange/training course. 74,17% would be willing to travel to the mobility by plane, comparing to car (72,50%) and public transportation such as bus and train (68,34%). The respondents were more positive towards having all workshops outdoor (67,50%) than to wearing a mask during all workshops indoor (35,83%). More than a half of respondents (56,66%) would also be willing to sleep in a single tent during the camping mobility which confirms the interest of youth workers and young people for participation on a camping mobility. The last sub-question was about self-isolation after the return home from the international mobility. The results were mixed with 35,83% willing to go to self-isolation, 39,17% who would not participate in that case and 25% of respondents were not sure what their decision would be. As we earlier said, you can see the full results in the graph on the next page.

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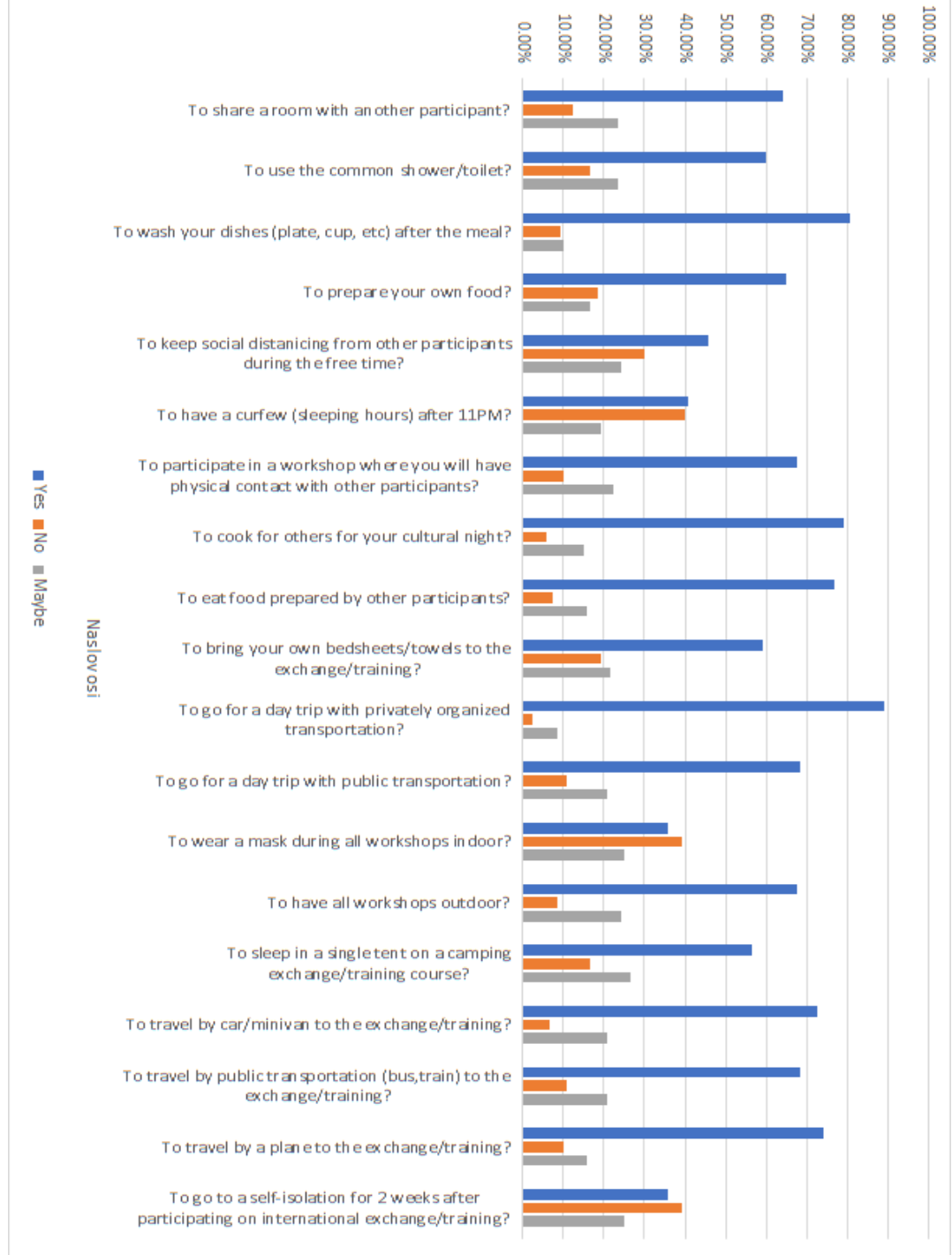
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## If you would participate on a youth exchange/training course in the next period, would you be willing:



Graph 2.2. Conditions under participants in the survey would participate in the future mobilities



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The results of the survey were very positive and they made us optimistic regarding the future Erasmus+ and ESC projects. The survey showed us that there are a lot of youth workers and young people who are interested to participate on international mobilities and that they are willing to make adjustments and sacrifices in order to participate on those mobilities. The adjustments from our side as organizers of the mobilities will definitely be necessary, but the gathered information is at least giving us some help and encouragement with continuing with the work and planning of what is yet to come. We also believe that it would make sense to repeat this survey in the future and to see what changed and what is the mindset of youth workers and young people at the end of the summer or next year.

We want to thank you for the time spent reading this document. We hope it will be useful for you while organizing or participating in projects in the future and that we will have the chance to meet on some of those projects.

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