

# RAY Network

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Achievements and challenges of the European youth programmes in the area of inclusion and diversity



# ACHIEVEMENTS

*learning and experiencing inclusion*



**The programmes are  
intercultural learning  
at its best**



*“After the project, ...*

*... I mproved my ability to get along with people who  
have a different cultural background”*

**92%**

*Erasmus+ Youth*

**91%**

*European Solidarity Corps*



**The programmes  
empower young  
people to stand up  
for inclusion**



*“After the project, ...*

*... I actively stand up against discrimination  
and intolerance more than before the project”*

**53%**

*Erasmus+ Youth*

**46%**

*European Solidarity Corps*



# The programmes strengthen empathy and solidarity



*“In the project, ...*

*... I have learned about expressing myself with  
empathy”*

**80%**

*Erasmus+ Youth*

**81%**

*European Solidarity Corps*





*“In the project, ...*

*... I learned something new about solidarity”*

**77%**

*European Solidarity Corps*



44%

*Participated in their project to build a more inclusive society*

57%

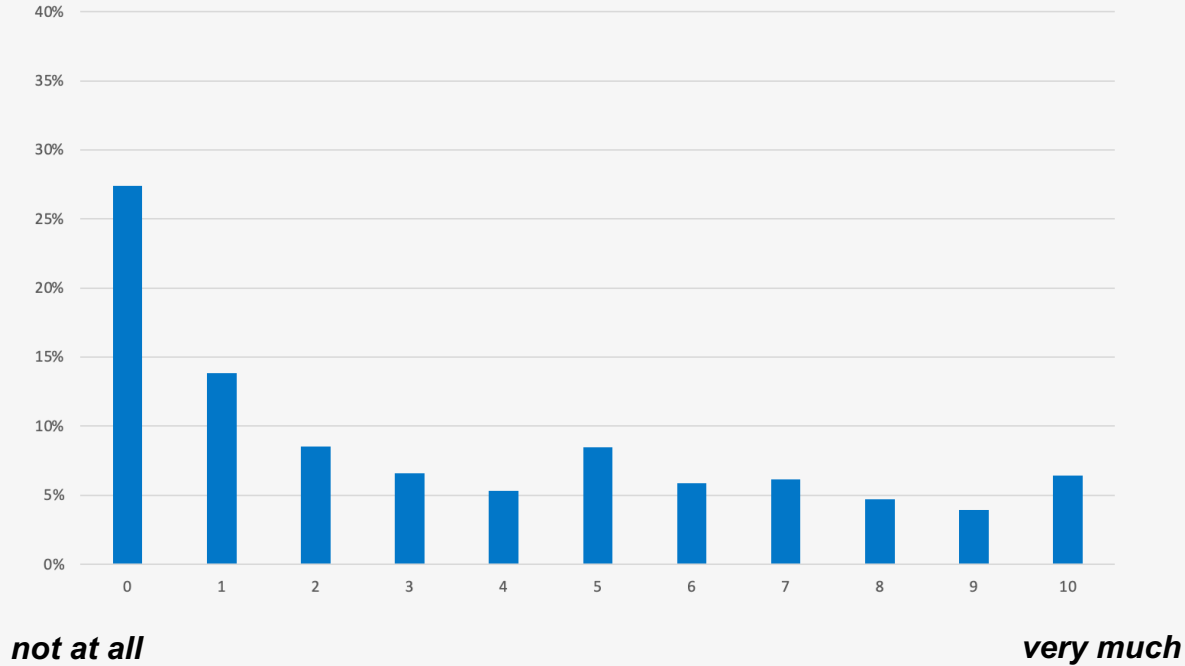
*Participated in their project to experience solidarity*



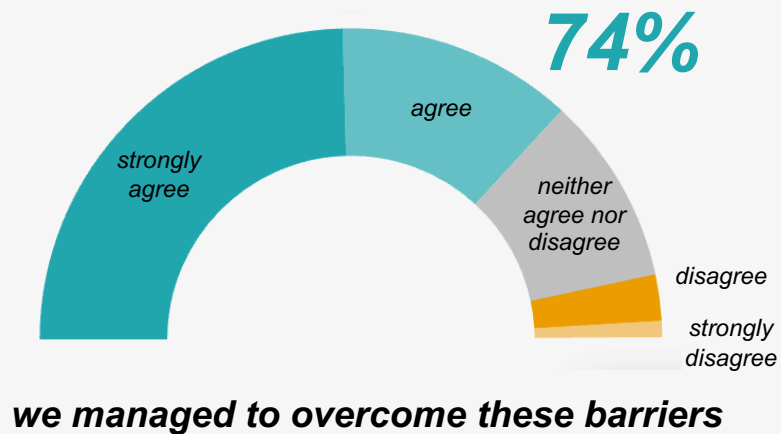
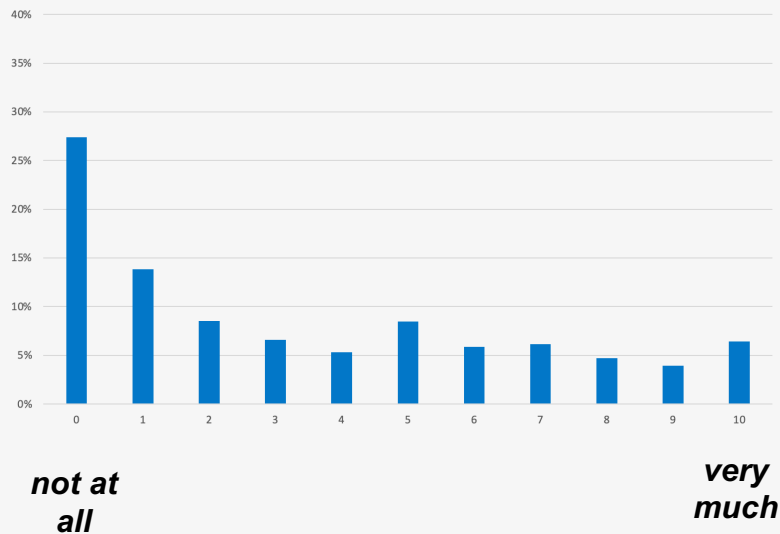
**The programmes  
promote inclusion in  
practice: learning  
through experience**



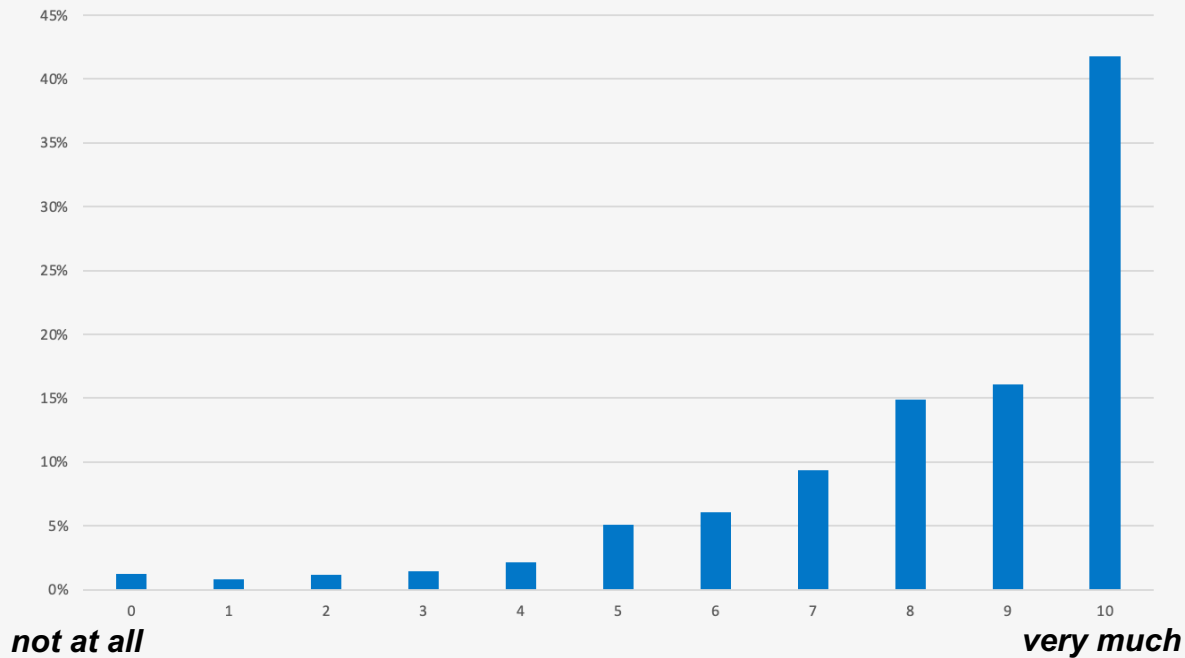
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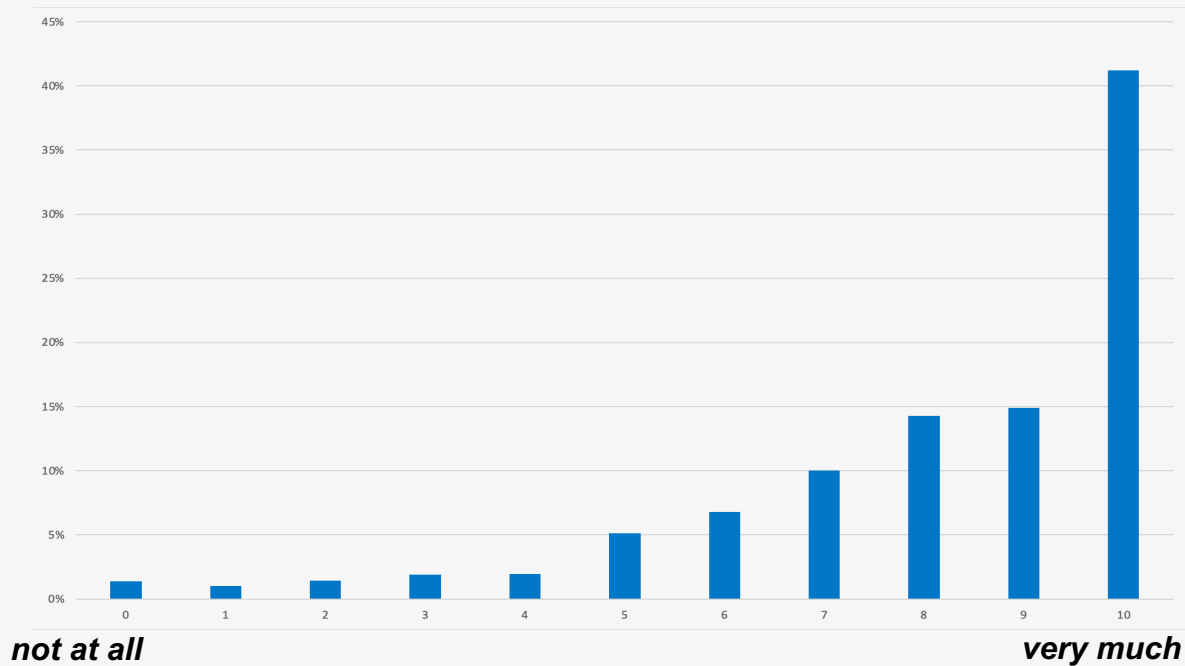


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# The programs do well at welcoming newcomers





***Have not participated in similar European projects***

**50%**

**Grand total**

**45%**

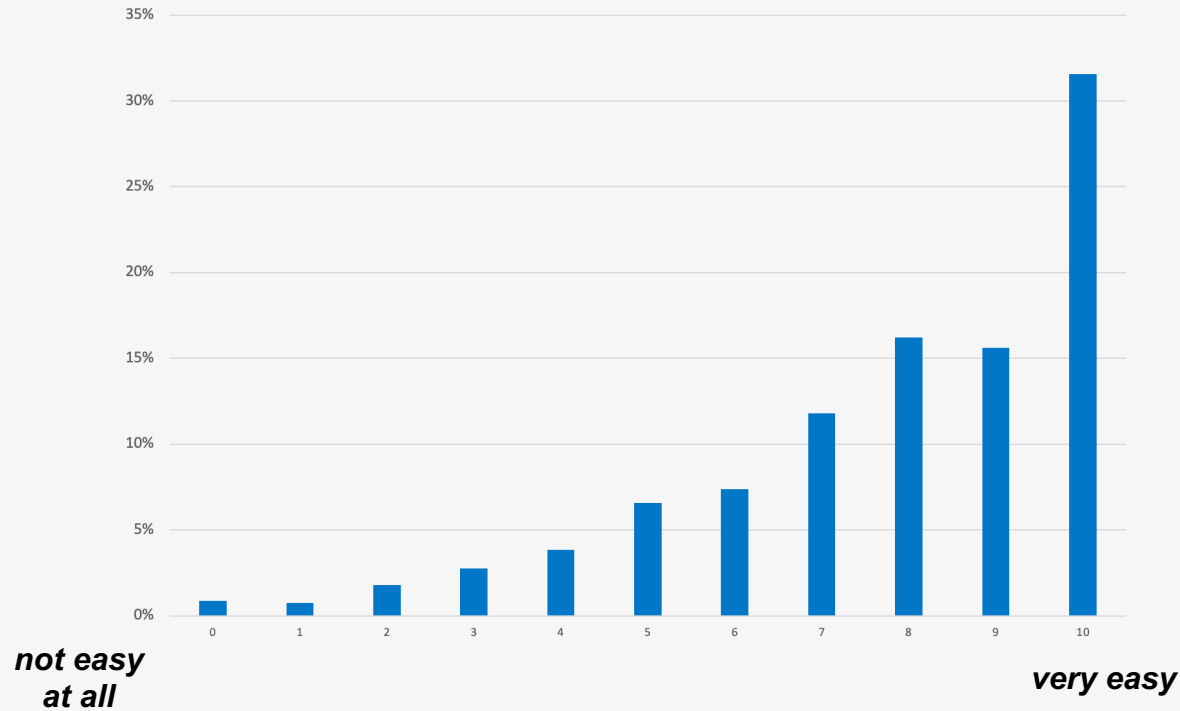
**Erasmus+ Youth**

**62%**

**European Solidarity Corps**

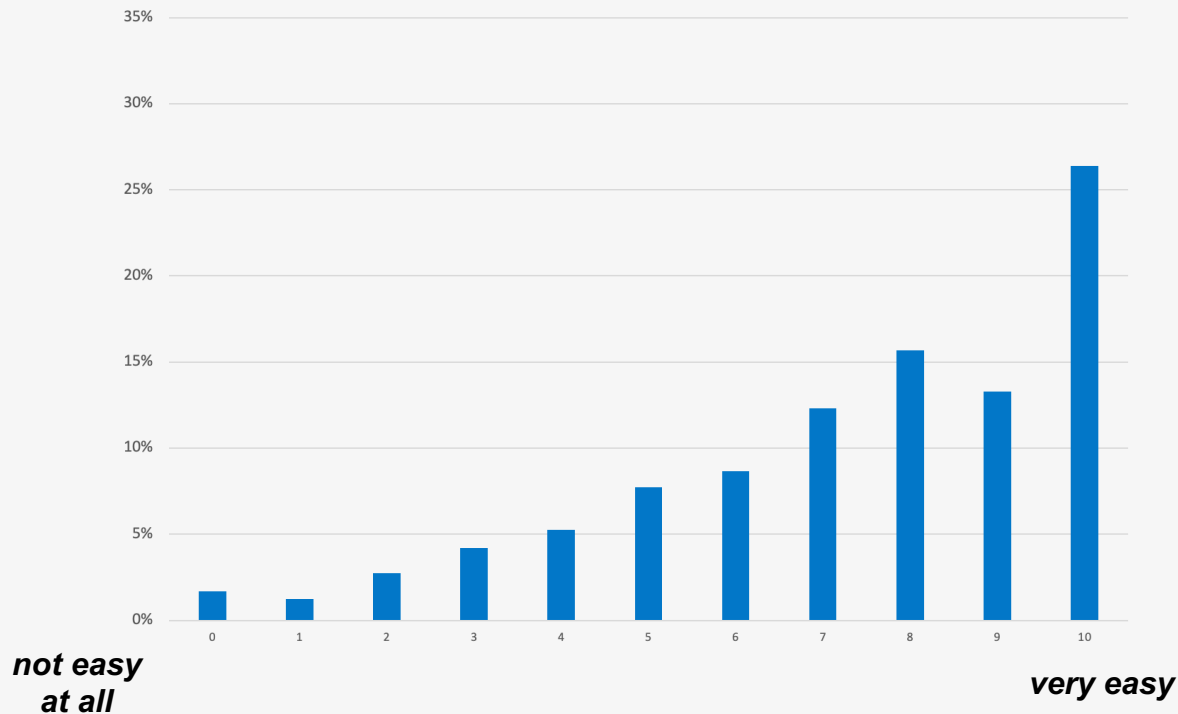


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# CHALLENGES

*outreach, accessibility and policy*



**Strengthening the  
diversity of participants  
remains an issue**



**55%**

*Erasmus+ Youth*

**63%**

*European Solidarity Corps*

***Have completed a higher  
education degree***



**85%**

*Erasmus+ Youth*

**89%**

*European Solidarity Corps*

***Whose desired level of education  
is a higher education degree***



***Compared to the way other people of your age live  
in your country, you...***

*...are getting somewhat  
less than your fair share of  
opportunities*

*...are getting much less  
than your fair share of  
opportunities*

*Erasmus+ Youth*

**23%**

**5%**

*European Solidarity Corps*

**22%**

**6%**





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**We need more adequate  
application formats**



***“In Erasmus plus it is very difficult to make projects inclusive in terms of people with disabilities, there is support one can apply for [but] there is too much bureaucracy to actually do it, there is a clear barrier”***


*RAY LEARN, upcoming*



***“Keeping the volunteering programmes of the grassroots organisations running is a challenge, it is too much bureaucracy.”***

*RAY LEARN, upcoming*



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# **Creating more meaningful policy dialogue within the programmes**

**33%** of project team members say their project contributed to strengthening cooperation at the level of organisations

**8%** say their project contributed to strengthening cooperation at the level of policies



**26%** of project team members say their project contributed to strengthening inclusion at the level of organisations

**12%** say their project contributed to strengthening inclusion at the level of policies



# ***After the project...***

***I actively push for environmental sustainability in SOCIETY  
more than before the project***

**38%** youth  
exchanges

***I actively push for environmental sustainability in POLITICS  
more than before the project***

**24%** youth  
exchanges





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**40%** participation  
projects



# Summary

- **The programmes do great at promoting and creating inclusion for young participants**
- **Outreach and accessibility of the programmes could be improved**
- **The programmes have the power to create meaningful policy dialogue and we should use that power!**

# Thank you!

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