

Erasmus+ Youth and the key competences

www.researchyouth.net/facts

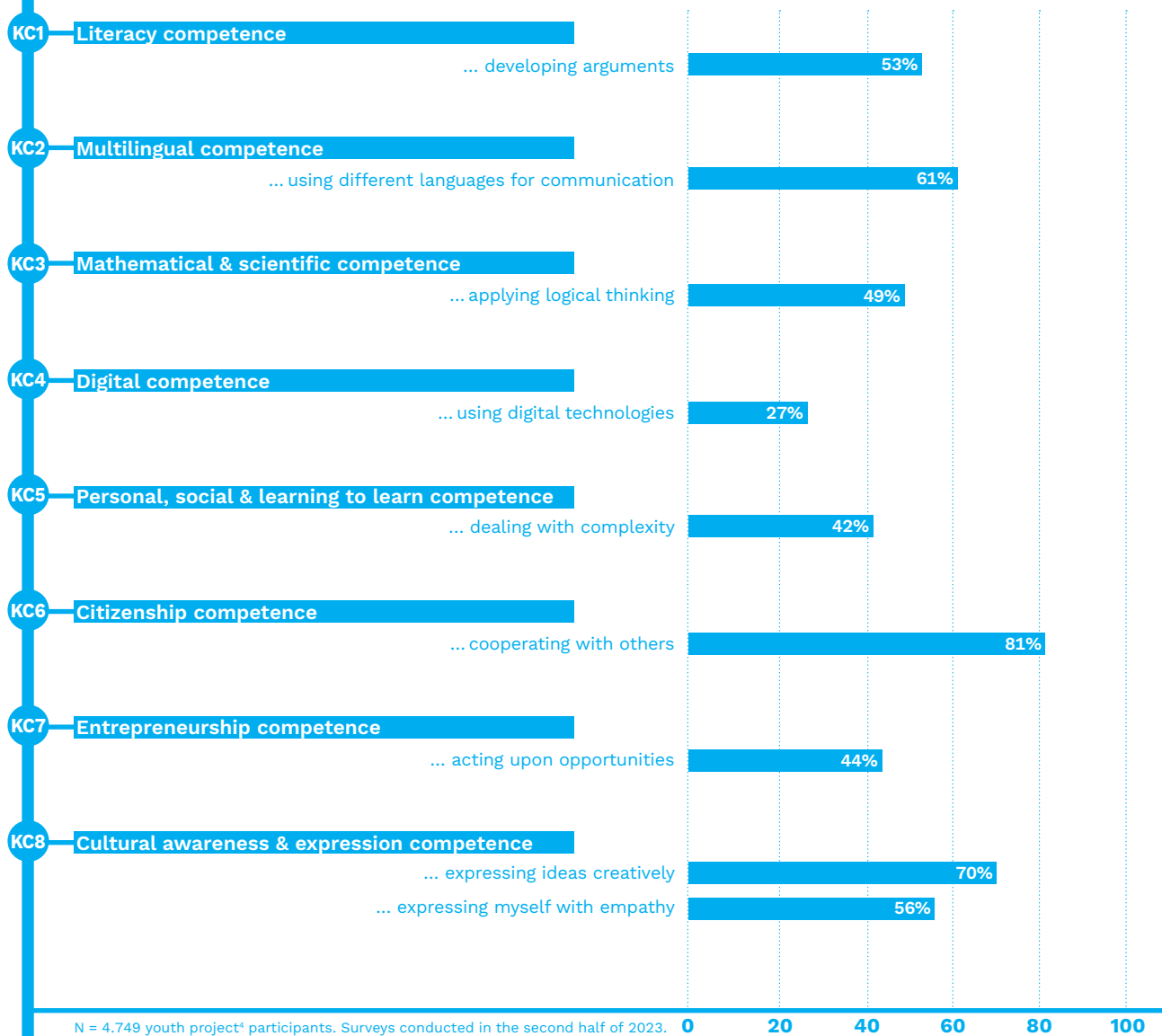
34 COUNTRIES

The RAY Network is the open research network of National Agencies of the European youth programmes and their research partners.

A COMPETENCE BOOST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Erasmus+ Youth is the European Union’s learning mobility programme for young people and youth work organisations, networks and institutions. The programme seeks to strengthen European identity and citizenship through intercultural dialogue and non-formal learning¹. One specific objective is to strengthen the key competences² of young people. Our research shows that Erasmus+ Youth is successful in achieving this objective and contributes to **“empowering young people to contribute to the development of inclusive, sustainable, democratic, plural and peaceful societies”**, one of the aims of the European Youth Work Agenda³.

More than 80% of 4.749 participants in youth projects⁴ say that through their participation in an Erasmus+ Youth project they improved at least three of the key competences for life-long learning:



1 European Parliament and European Council (2021). Regulation establishing Erasmus+ Articles 3 ff. Luxembourg: Official Journal of the European Union.
 2 European Commission (2019). Key competences for lifelong learning, p. 5. Luxembourg: Publications office of the European Union.
 3 Council of the European Union (2020). Resolution on the Framework for establishing a European Youth Work Agenda.
 4 We surveyed participants of youth projects in Erasmus+ Youth, youth exchanges (KA 151 and KA152) and youth participation projects (KA154).