

Erasmus+ Youth and active citizenship

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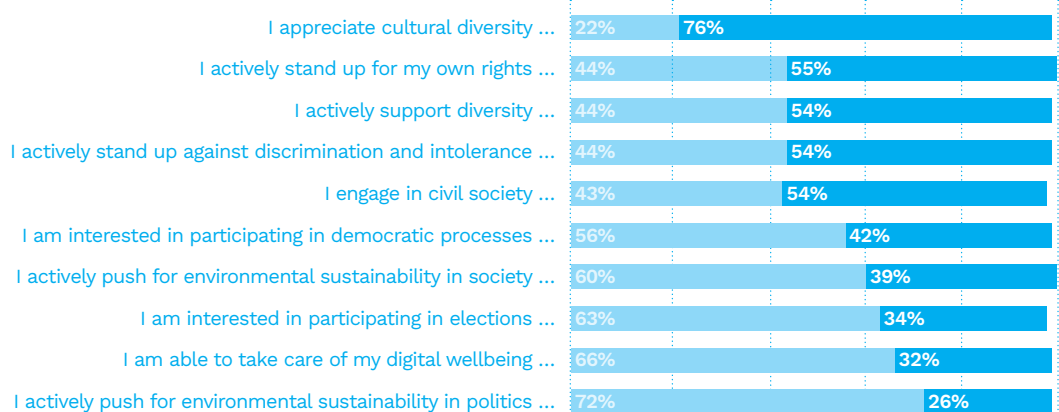
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Erasmus+ Youth is the European Union's learning mobility programme for young people and youth work organisations, networks and institutions. One specific objective of the programme is to promote active citizenship and participation of young people¹. Our research shows that Erasmus+ Youth is successful in achieving this objective and underpins and supports the ambition to give **“young people greater freedom and responsibility within our societies and democracies”**, as Ursula von der Leyen phrased it in her political guidelines² for the European Commission 2024–2029.

Effects on active citizenship of participants of youth projects

The 4.749 responding participants of youth projects³ strengthened their skills for and reaffirmed their commitment to active citizenship through their participation in Erasmus+ Youth:

- same extent as before project
- more than before project

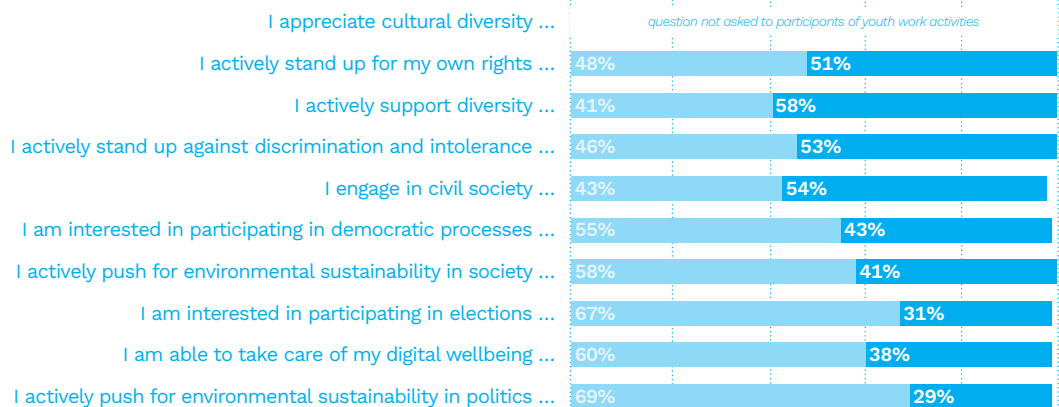


N = 4.749 youth project³ participants. Surveys conducted in the second half of 2023. All aspects part of parallel modules with varying n: 2299, 1160, 1158, 1156, 1144, 1142, 1194, 1142, 1202, 1194.

Effects on active citizenship of participants of youth work activities

The 5.296 responding participants of youth work activities⁴ also strengthened their skills for and reaffirmed their commitment to active citizenship through their participation in Erasmus+ Youth:

- same extent as before activity
- more than before activity



N = 5.296 youth work activity⁴ participants. Surveys conducted during the same time. All aspects part of parallel modules with varying n: n/a, 1338, 1335, 1335, 1317, 1315, 1353, 1318, 1260, 1363.

Sequence in decreasing order for the response option 'more than before'

Sequence is in same order as above for easier comparisons

1 European Parliament and European Council (2021). Regulation establishing Erasmus+. Articles 3 ff. Luxembourg: Official Journal of the European Union.
 2 Ursula von der Leyen (2024). Political Guidelines for the next European Commission, p. 20. Brussels: Strategy paper of the European Commission President.
 3 We surveyed participants of youth projects in Erasmus+ Youth, youth exchanges (KA 151 and KA152) and youth participation projects (KA154).
 4 We surveyed participants of youth work activities in Erasmus+ Youth, youth worker mobilities (KA 153) and training and cooperation activities (TCA).