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Inclusion of youth with disabilities in the new cycle of Erasmus+ programme

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Inclusion and diversity in the new Erasmus programme cycle 2021-2027

Top priority
of the new
Erasmus+
programme

- Inclusion and Diversity Strategy
- Implementation Guidelines – Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy



Equal opportunity and access,
inclusion, diversity and fairness
across all actions.



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Inclusion and diversity



Target groups:

- Disabilities,
- Health problems,
- Barriers linked to education and training system,
- Cultural differences,
- Social barriers,
- Economic barriers,
- Barriers linked to discrimination,
- Geographical barriers.



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What are the programme's mechanisms to support inclusion and diversity?





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The role of organizations in preparing, rolling out and following-up projects

Implementation Guidelines – Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2021

Networking and capacity building for inclusion and diversity

Equitable and transparent selection of participant

Awareness raising and outreach

Preparation and support of participants in all project stages

Encourage and support community participation



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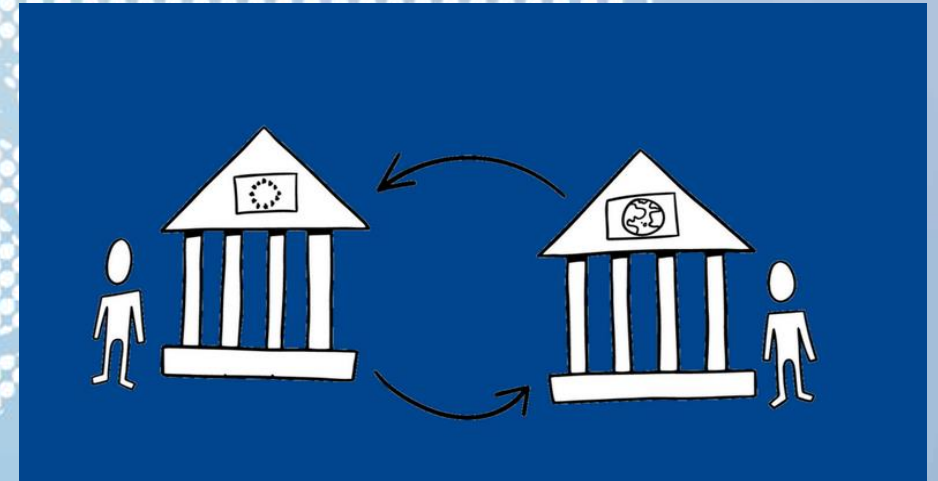
Inclusion in Erasmus+ mobility: what's in for students with disabilities?



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Understanding International Credit Mobility

- Limited period of studying abroad for the purpose of gaining credits.
- Bilateral agreements between universities in Europe and universities in other parts of the world.
- Send and host each other's students and staff.
- Student mobility: study (2-12 months)
traineeship (2-12 months)





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Understanding International Credit Mobility

Physical
mobilities

Blended
mobilities

New!



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International Credit Mobility: eligibility

To study or train abroad, you should:

Be registered in a HEI and following studies leading to a recognised degree

Complete the first year of Bachelor studies before applying

Your institution must be located in one of the countries participating in Erasmus + mobility for HE

Fulfill the selection criteria defined by your HEI



HEIs should define internal selection procedures that take into account equity and inclusion.



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International Credit Mobility: application

How to
apply?

Contact the International
Office of your HEI to get
informed about the
conditions of participation

Application is done
through your own
HEI

What's
next?

Learning agreement
*(signed between mobility user, sending
and receiving institution for study
programme definition aims, learning
outcomes and credit recognition aims)*



Once selected



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Measures to support participation of SwD

Extra financial support

Indicate your needs and extra costs in order to apply for the Erasmus+ special needs support grant.

HEIs can apply to NAs for additional grant support

HEIs and NAs will decide on the additional grant amount you may receive



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Why should I be Erasmus+ mobility user?

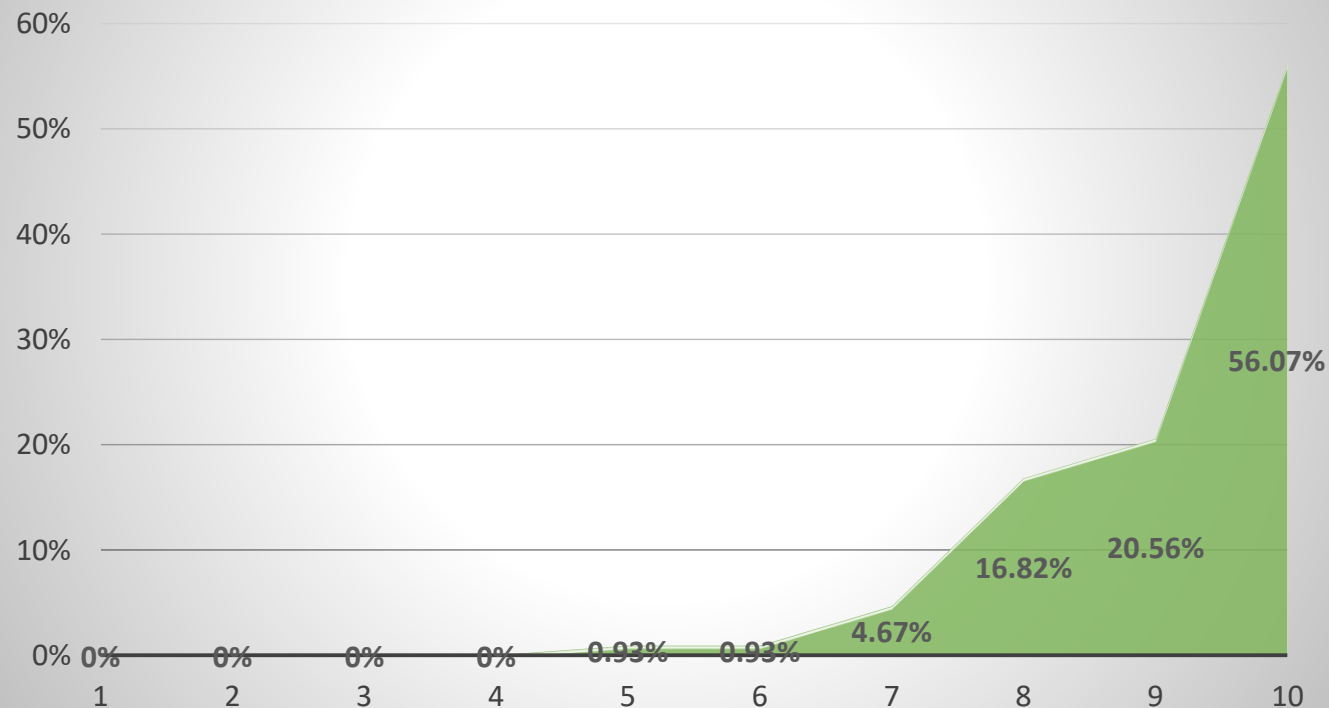
- Expose to different views, knowledge, teaching and research methods as well as work practices in study field,
- Develop transversal skills such as communication, language, problem solving, inter-cultural skills and research skills,
- Develop forward looking skills, such as digital skills, that will enable to tackle the challenges of today and tomorrow,
- Facilitate personal development such as ability to adapt to new situations and self-confidence.



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Why should I be Erasmus+ mobility user?

From 1 to 10, to what extent are you satisfied with your mobility period?



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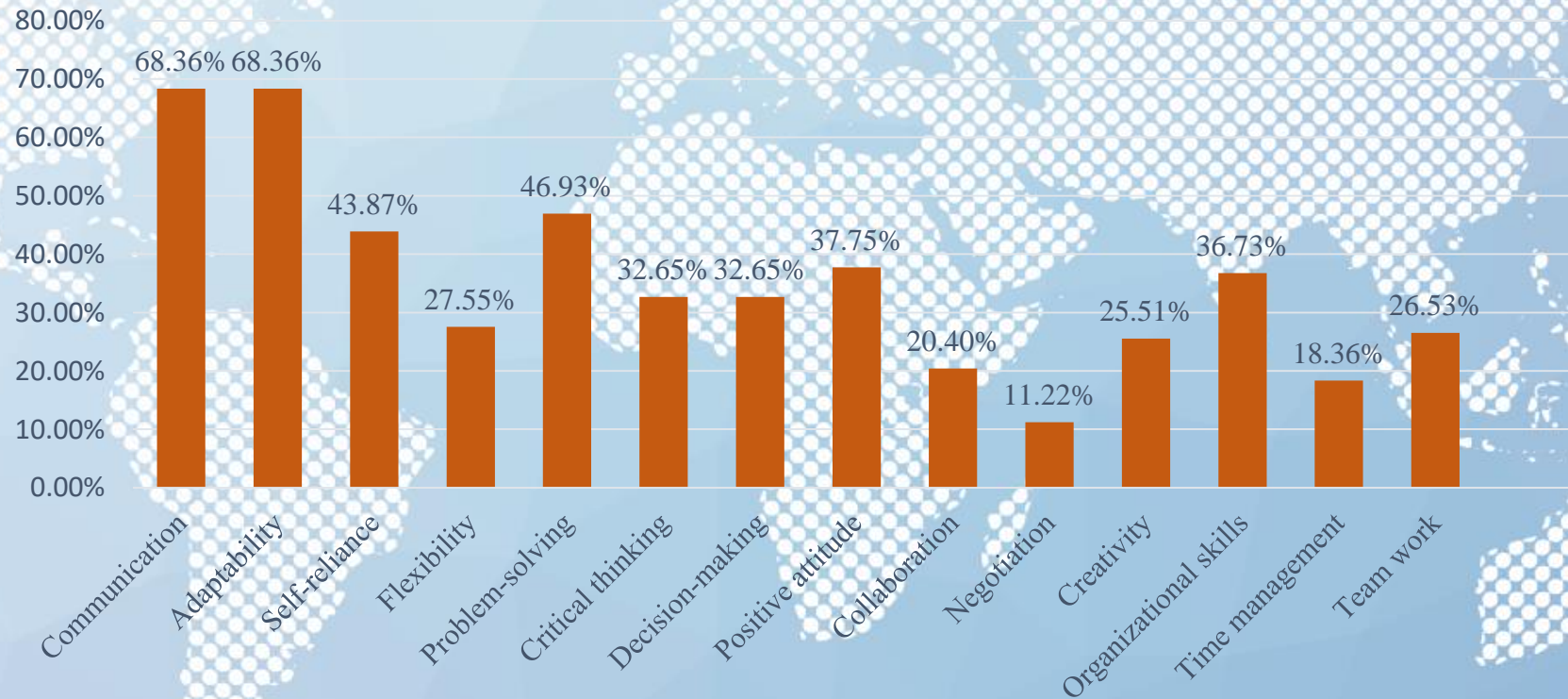
Average grade of students' satisfaction with their mobility period



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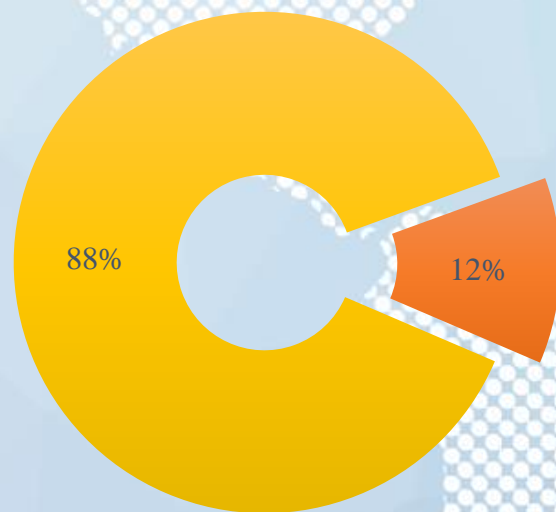
Pick top 5 soft skills gained during mobility





Impact at personal level: cultural aspects

Did you have prejudices about the nation and culture of the hosting country prior to mobility period?



■ Yes, I had ■ No, I didn't have

“I thought German people are cold and unfriendly, but I realized that that was not true when I was living there.”

“I imagined Turkish people to be very introverted and not helpful to others. I made sure that it's actually quite the opposite, they are very happy to help others and are a more open-minded nation that I expected.”

“I've perceived Polish people as cold and distant before going to Warsaw on mobility, but during that period I was proven otherwise. Also, I was amazed by their progress in economic and technology terms, since I've expected Eastern Europe feel to the country.”

“Image of Bulgaria that media sometimes present I don't find very true because in Bulgaria there are so many beautiful things to see, starting from nature beauty to people that are mostly kind and helpful.”

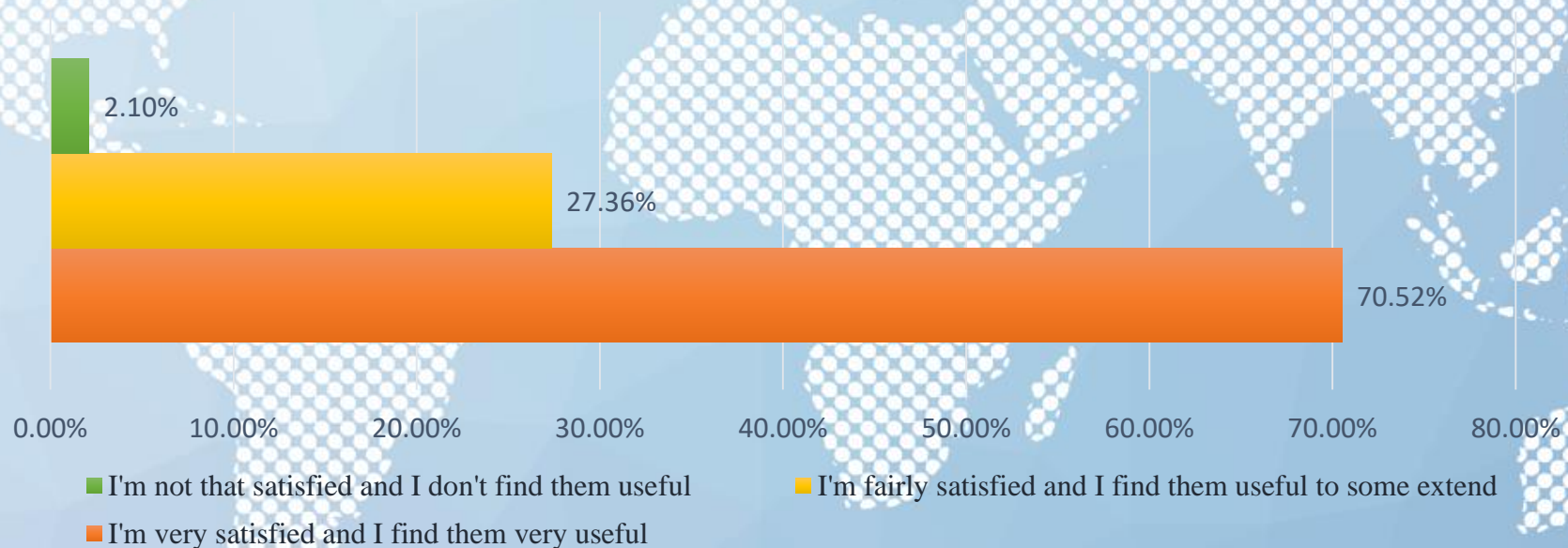
“I made friends that completely changed my perception of Germans and the Western Europe generally. I thought they were cold people but it is not true.”



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Impact at professional level

How satisfied are you with the professional skills you gained during your mobility? Do you find them useful for your future carrier development?

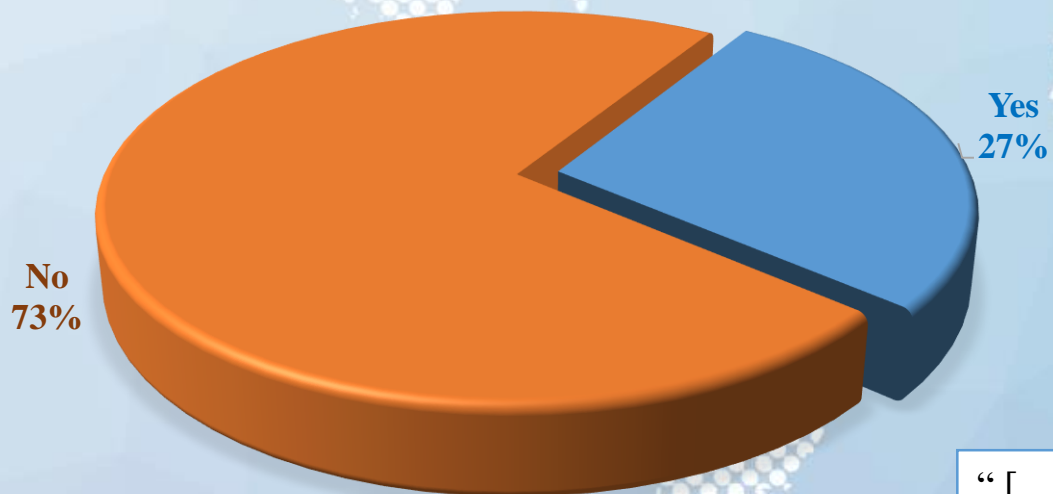




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Impact at professional level

**DID MOBILITY PERIOD HELP
YOU FIND A JOB?**



“ [...] all the time on the interviews my mobility experience was something that interviewers found interesting, would like to talk about and made me different from other candidates.”

“Learning how to deal with different cultures, respecting and understanding them and learning a new language, opens the doors everywhere.”

“I was hired by an international non- governmental organization thanks to my Erasmus experience.”

“International organizations or companies are more than often looking to employ people who have had an international experience aboard and that can work in an multicultural environment.”

“All of my employers particularly appreciated my international mobility, as it demonstrated unique skill set that I gained [...].”

“ [...] people love employees who have seen the world and have the world within themselves.”

“Of course. [...] In this way you have more arguments on popular interview question ‘Why should we choose you’.”



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Erasmus+ students recommendations

Don't be afraid and seek for opportunities. Go for new experiences!

Less think, just do it!

Go out of your comfort zone and rise wiser and stronger!

Do the exchange because it's a life changing experience that you can learn a lot from.

Don't waste this unique opportunity and apply for Erasmus+!

Take a chance and make yourself happy. Make a change in your life. You won't regret!

Let that be your biggest adventure

Don't be afraid of a change!

If you are thinking to apply for this kind of exchange, do it immediately because this experience can only improve you in many ways.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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