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CAMELOT PROJECT

Final Report

THE PROJECT

The **Camelot** project, Cities And Metropolis in Europe Labouring Onward Together (CAMELOT), was approved by the European Commission in 2020.

The project leader is the Metropolitan City of Milan, while the other partners involved in the consortium are:

- Metropolitan Area of Porto
- Verband Region Stuttgart
- Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
- City of Zagreb
- Metropolitan Area of Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot
- Metropolitan City of Bari
- City of Craiova
- European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA).

The project is financed by the European Programme “**Europe for Citizens 2014-2020**”, which aims at bringing citizens closer to the European Union and by doing so, at favouring the integration in the decision-making process on a broader European level.

The European Programme consists of two main themes: “European Memory” and “Democratic effort and civic participation”.

The latter is composed of three sub-measures: Town Twinning, **Networks of Towns**, and Projects of the Civil Society. Camelot project belongs to the second sub-measure mentioned, whose goal is to create networks in a long term perspective. This allows to set and **strengthen international cooperation** by financing projects which are oriented to the **exchange of experiences and best practices** on strategic issues, which are at the heart of the European debate.

The Camelot project was intended to last 36 months (March, 1 2020 – February 28, 2023), with a total budget of € 148.680,00.

The main goal of Camelot is the **reinforcement of the metropolitan identity** through the construction of a network of urban areas, which will **share experiences** on the **management of European funds**. The common thread is understanding how the proper use of European funds can **improve the life of citizens**, even in the most economically and socially disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

In detail, the project entails the organisation of nine international events.

These conferences also represent an opportunity for citizens to learn **key insights on European institutions and decision-making processes**. The main goal of workshops is to consolidate a mature and active European citizenship.

Moreover, each partner will organise local activities linked to international events where local actors and citizens will have the opportunity to discuss the project issues, stimulating a proactive civic participation in the political decisions regarding their urban area.

Local activities have the task of engaging other stakeholders (for instance universities, economic operators, research institutes and so on) in the public life of metropolitan areas.

PARTNERS

Partners involved in the Camelot project:

1. Metropolitan City of Milan (project leader);
2. Metropolitan Area of Porto;
3. Verban Region Stuttgart;
4. Metropolitan Area of Barcelona;
5. Association of Agencies for Local Democracy (ALDA);
6. City of Zagreb;
7. Metropolitan Area of Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot;
8. Metropolitan City of Bari;
9. City of Craiova.



PARTNERS



**Città
metropolitana
di Milano**

The Metropolitan City of Milan (MCM) rules the most vast metropolitan urban area of Italy. It includes the city of Milan and other 133 municipalities, that together constitute an area of more than 3 million people.

MCM implements and coordinates activities of strategic planning, sustainable mobility and urban public transports, including green topics, territorial development, digital agenda and European policies and programmes. MCM realises pilot experimental and innovative projects through its Department for European Policies and Programmes in order to promote the participation of citizens in European projects and programmes on its territory. MCM supports the active participation of its citizens in the democratic life and in the decision-making processes, uniting citizens and decision-making actors to plan inclusive policies for the local development.



The Metropolitan Area of Porto (AMP) is an inter-municipal entity which gathers 17 municipalities and carries out the fundamental role of fostering cooperation among them. AMP has duties defined by law, which are the active participation in the definition of planning policies, and the management.

of the strategy concerning the economic development and the social and environmental planning. AMP has also created networks in which the interested parties are invited to participate and exchange their opinions and needs: the strategic Council for development; the Metropolitan Council of Strategic Planning AMP 2020; thematic Networks composed of responsible councillors from different sectors.



**Verband Region
Stuttgart**

The Verband Region Stuttgart is the political entity which includes the city of Stuttgart and its five surrounding districts. It has a population of 2,8 millions inhabitants, and it is made of 179 municipalities. The region is the first in Germany to have its own parliamentary assembly, directly elected by its citizens.

The mandatory duties of the Verband Region of Stuttgart include key issues like regional planning, local public transports, regional transports' planning, environmental planning, development of enterprises and of tourism and some tasks regarding waste disposal. For what concerns voluntary actions, the region can be involved in the fields of sports and culture. The Verband Region of Stuttgart plays an active role in the German and European networks, tenders and projects.

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The Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) is the public administrative body of the metropolitan territory of Barcelona, with an area of 636 km², 36 municipalities and a population of more than 3,2 millions. It is the biggest metropolitan agglomerate of the western Mediterranean area.

AMB has competences in the sectors of social and economic cohesion, urban and territorial planning, mobility, transports, waste disposal, hydric supply, environmental safeguard, social buildings and metropolitan infrastructures. AMB offers public services to citizens and to private entities and organizations. Among these services, there are the management of public spaces like beaches and parks, the construction of social buildings and the development of transports' networks. It owns half of the total GDP of Catalonia.



According to the Croatian Constitution, the City of Zagreb, as capital of Croatia, owns a special status. Zagreb carries out self-governing public affairs for both the city and the county.

It is also the main location of the Zagreb's county.

Zagreb is the biggest city of Croatia in terms of surface and population. The official census of 2011 counted 792.325 residents. The population of the urban agglomerate of Zagreb is about 1,1 millions, basically one quarter of the total population of Croatia.



The Metropolitan Area of Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot is a consortium that gathers 59 municipalities, set in the Pomerania region, and which counts 1,6 million inhabitants.

The work of the consortium is organized around the implementation of specific strategies (the ITI Strategy and the 2030 Strategy) and around projects in the

sectors of social development (integration and inclusion), culture, economic development, clean energy, environment, transports and mobility, urban regeneration, joint purchases of goods and services and territorial planning. A key element of its cooperation is the exchange of experiences and best practices in the projects realized by local administrations. Since February 2014, the Metropolitan Area of Gdansk-Gdynia-Sopot acts also as intermediate administrative body for the management of the Integrated Territorial Investments.

PARTNERS



CITTÀ METROPOLITANA DI BARI

The Metropolitan City of Bari (CMB) is a territorial entity of vast area. According to the principles enshrined in the Constitution and in the Statute, it represents the local community and takes care of its interests by promoting the social, economic and cultural development of the territory, following

sustainability criteria. CMB carries out projects in order to engage its citizens on European programmes, and shares with its partners the good practices regarding civic participation in order to improve the governance systems of the metropolitan areas.

MUNICIPIUL CRAIOVA
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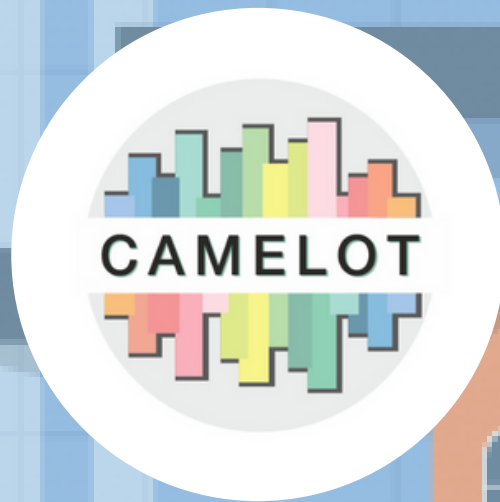
Craiova is located in the south-west of Romania and is the most important economic, social and cultural centre of the Oltenia region; it is included in the fourth pan-European Corridor. The main goals of the City of Craiova are:

- Configure a developed metropolitan hub of national and cross-border importance.
- Attract an increasing number of private investments to support the sustainable development of the metropolitan area and of its territorial and administrative unit.
- Gain access to sources of national and international financing through the request of local public administrations and associations, both eligible as applicants.



ALDA is an organization of the civil society dedicated to the promotion of good governance and citizens' participation, especially at a local level. It was founded in 1999 in order to coordinate and support a network of Agencies for Local Democracies (LDA), which was instituted during the 90s (a project by CoE).

ALDA is an organization based on membership, with more than 350 members (local authorities, associations of local authorities and organizations of the civil society included) from more than 40 European and international countries. ALDA focuses on different issues: European integration, decentralization, civic initiatives, human rights and sustainable development, in line with the priorities of the intervention areas. Moreover, ALDA manages local projects and supports the local entities involved.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Each conference was managed by individual partners, who were dealing with different topics of discussion.

A closing conference will show the project's results and represent a follow-up to strengthen, increase and expand the network of metropolitan cities.

MILAN

FIRST EVENT: METROPOLITAN CITY OF MILAN,
“MANAGEMENT OF EU FUNDS AND OPPORTUNITIES
FOR METROPOLITAN AREAS: MFF 21-27 - A DEBATE ON
THE FUTURE OF EUROPE”

The first conference was held in Milan from the 3rd to the 5th of November 2021 and took place at Palazzo Isimbardi, one of the institutional palaces of the Metropolitan City of Milan.

The debate focused on the management methods of European funds and the opportunities for metropolitan areas during the 2021-2027 period.

On 4th November, after the institutional greetings of the General Director of the Metropolitan City of Milan, Sebastiano Purcaro, Mr. Carmine Pacente, Chief of the European Programmes and Policies Department of MCM, introduced the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), analysing it from different point of views.

NRRP was assessed both as an instrument and as an opportunity to exchange European experiences. Following, the Director of the Programmes and Development Department and CEO of ALDA, Marco Boaria, illustrated the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027, as well as the challenges and the opportunities for European local administrations.

During the afternoon session, a Financial session was organised in order to provide partners with detailed information on the consolidated financial statement and financial reporting.

The partners have had the opportunity to discuss also about the communication and dissemination processes of the Camelot project in order to give more visibility to it.

The event closed with a guided tour of the Isimbardi Palace.

Finally, the 5th of November, the partners gathered alone once again for a debate on the future objectives of the project, ending the first conference of Camelot.



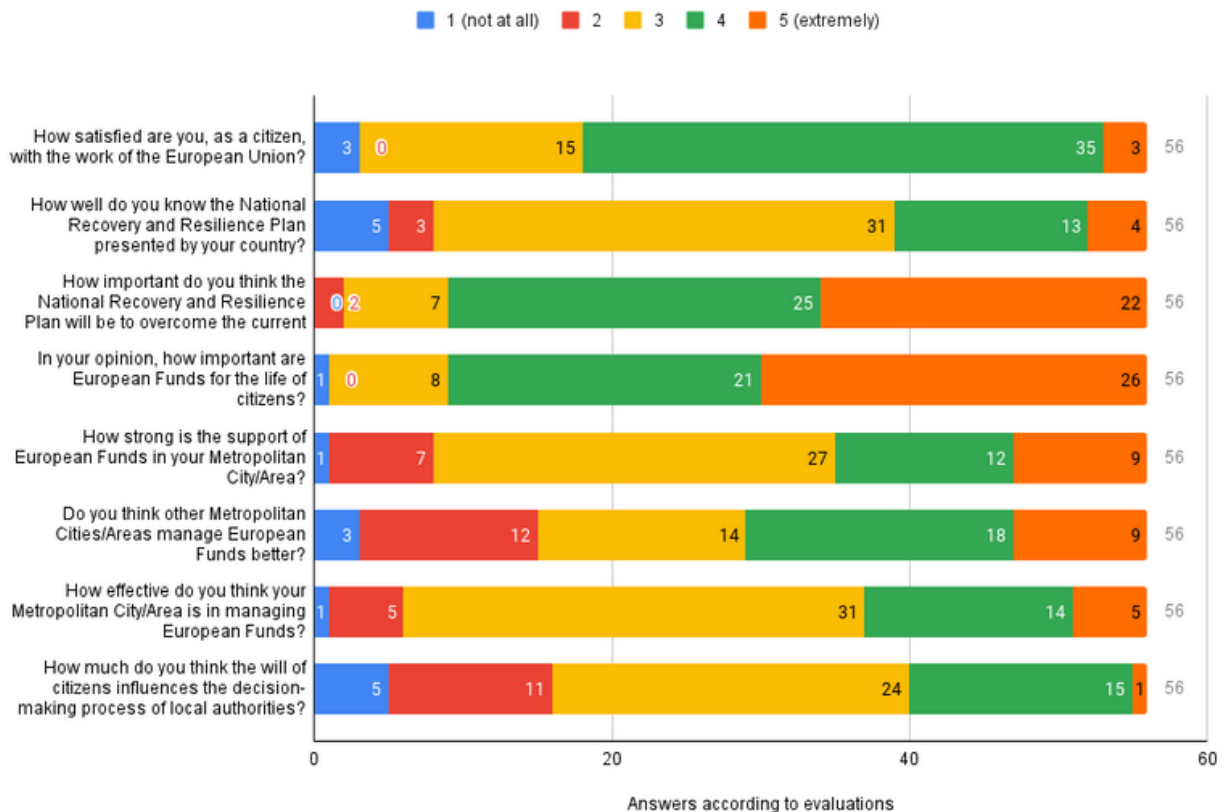
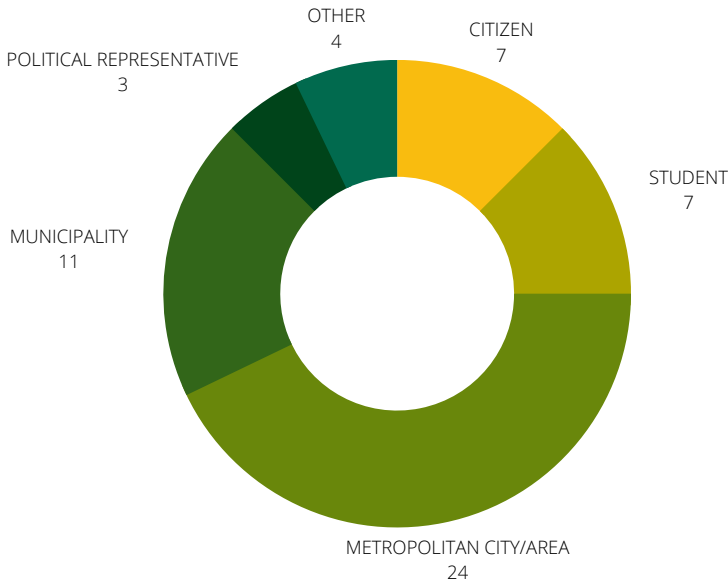
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PRE-EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Answers per target group



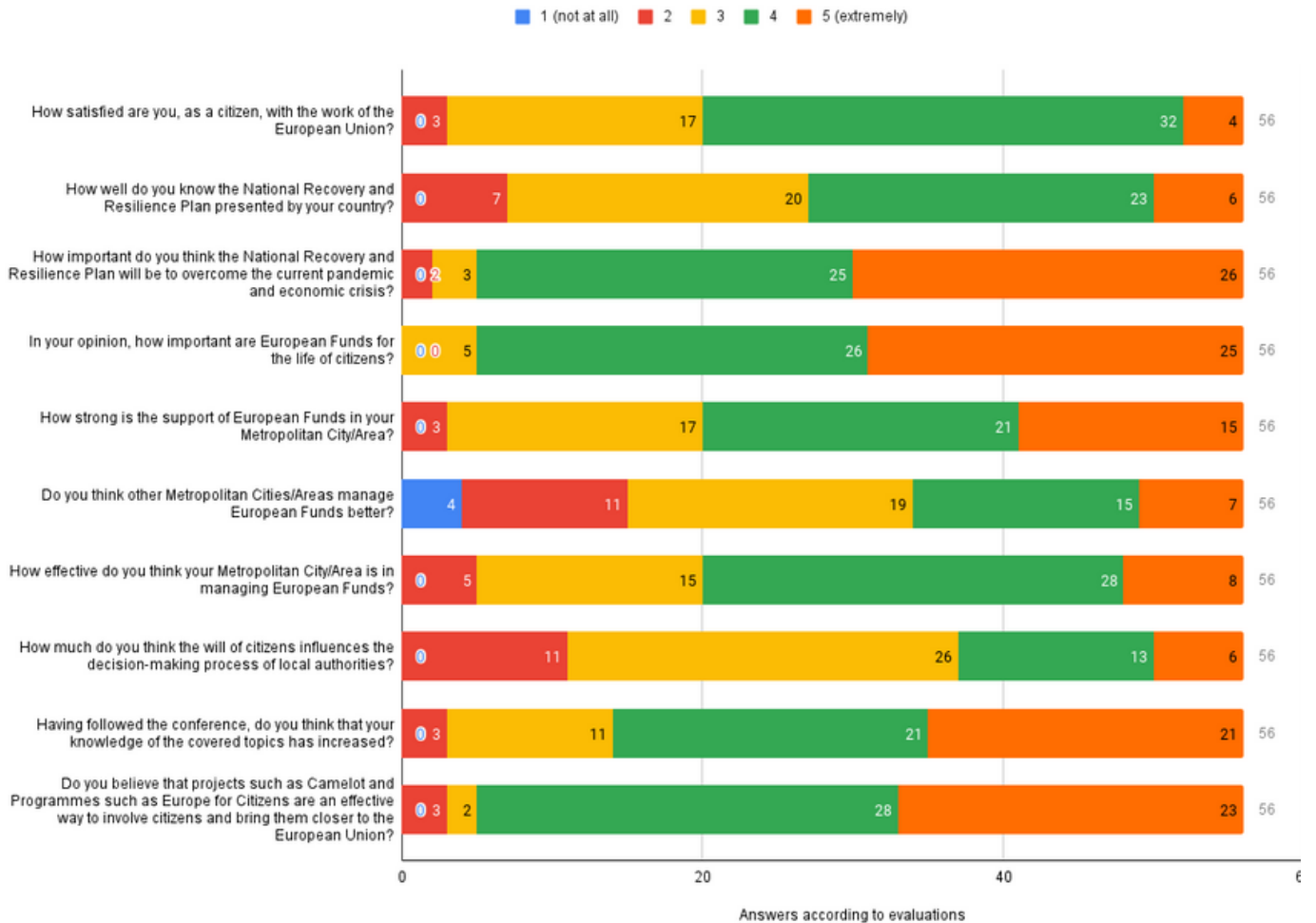
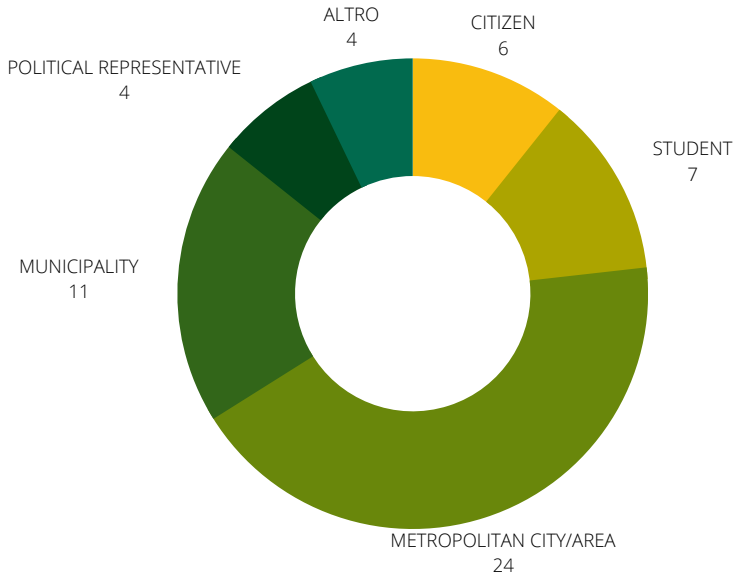
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POST-EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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BARCELONA

SECOND EVENT: METROPOLITAN AREA OF BARCELONA (ABM) “CAPITALIZATION OF ESIF PROJECTS OF URBAN AND METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENTS AND CITIZENS’ INVOLVEMENT”

The second conference was held in Barcelona on the 28th and 29th of March 2022 in the administrative location of AMB. The main theme of the debate was the study of ESIF projects in urban and metropolitan territories, with a focus on the promotion of programmes aimed at increasing the citizen participation.

The morning session was opened by the greetings of the representative of AMB, Xavier Tiana and the representative of MCM, Carmine Pacente.

Later on, Diego Villalba (Deputy Chief of the Communication and European Commission Department) made his online speech underlying the extreme importance of the communication strategy in projects funded by cohesion policies, by providing some examples.

Afterwards, two round tables were organized: the first was about sharing cohesion policy projects regarding urban and metropolitan areas. Stuttgart, Gdansk, Bari and Zagreb delegates presented different initiatives focused on energetic transition.

The second round table, on the other hand, was centered on the digital agenda, and discussed by the representatives of Porto, Craiova, Milan and the municipality of Gava (a metropolitan municipality of Barcelona).

The afternoon session was restricted to Camelot partners and started at 2.00 pm. Following a workshop, each of them had the chance to introduce its projects on different themes: mobility, digitalization processes, social issues, housing, environment and innovation.

The morning of the 29th of March was dedicated to visiting locations that had been renewed thanks to European funds, and park Güell; the tour marked the ending of the second event.

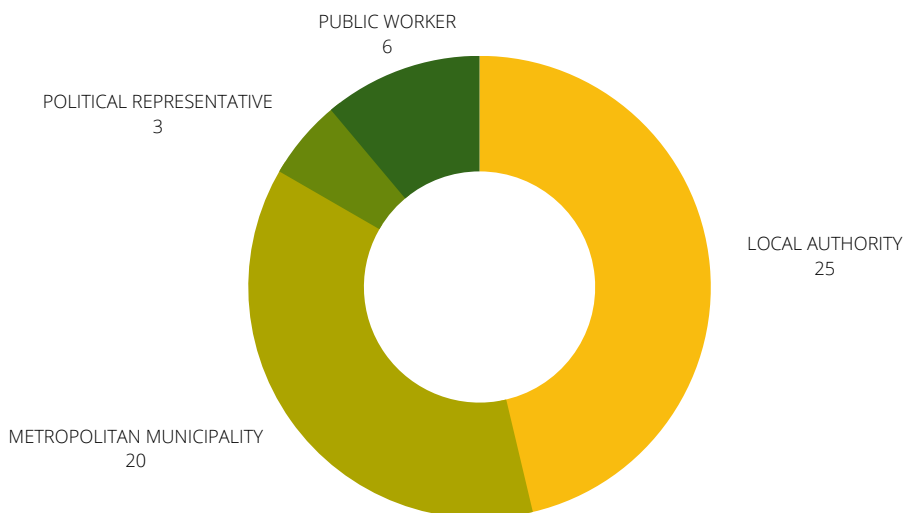
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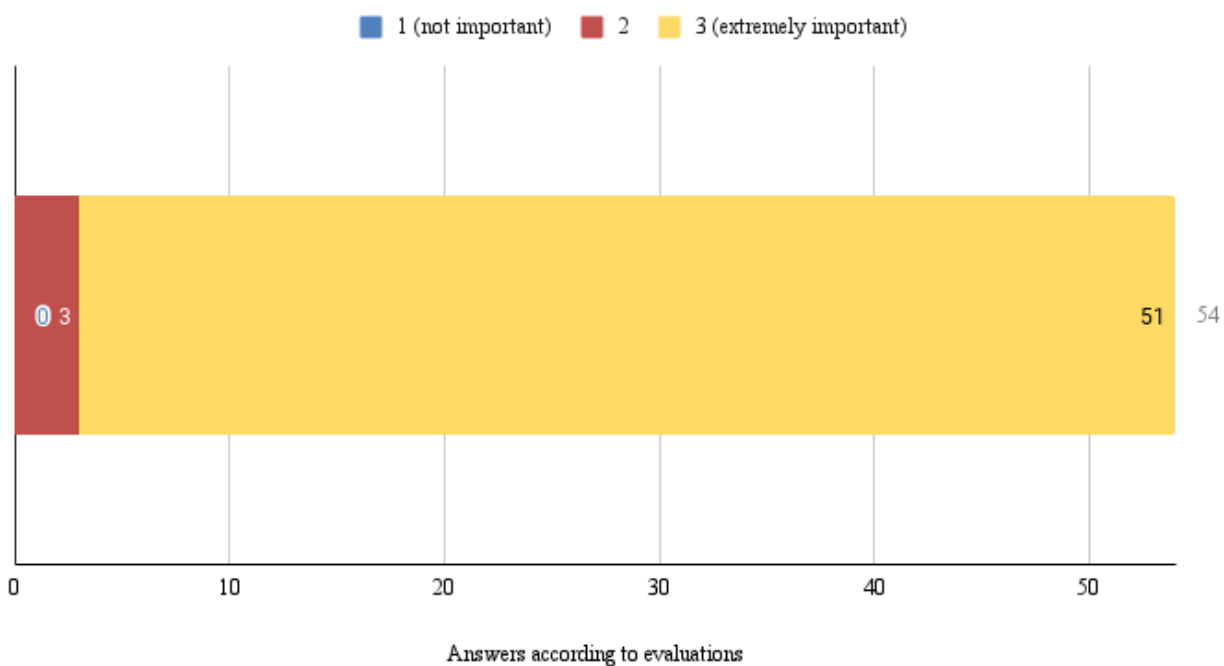
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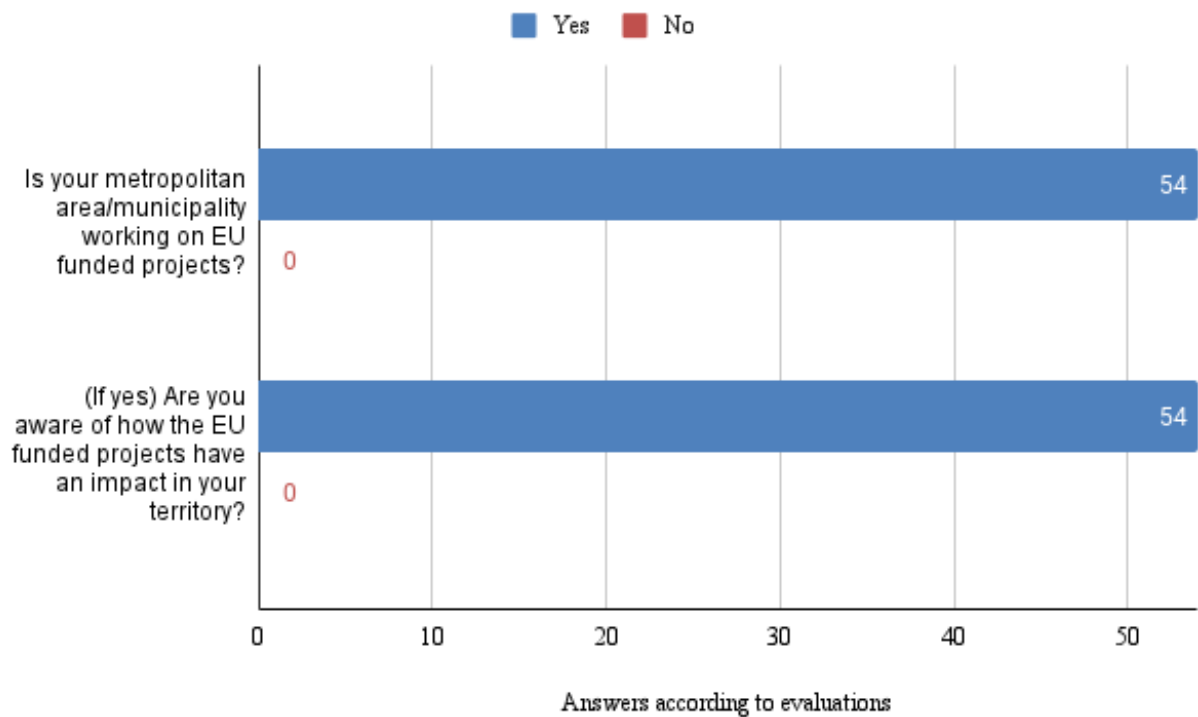
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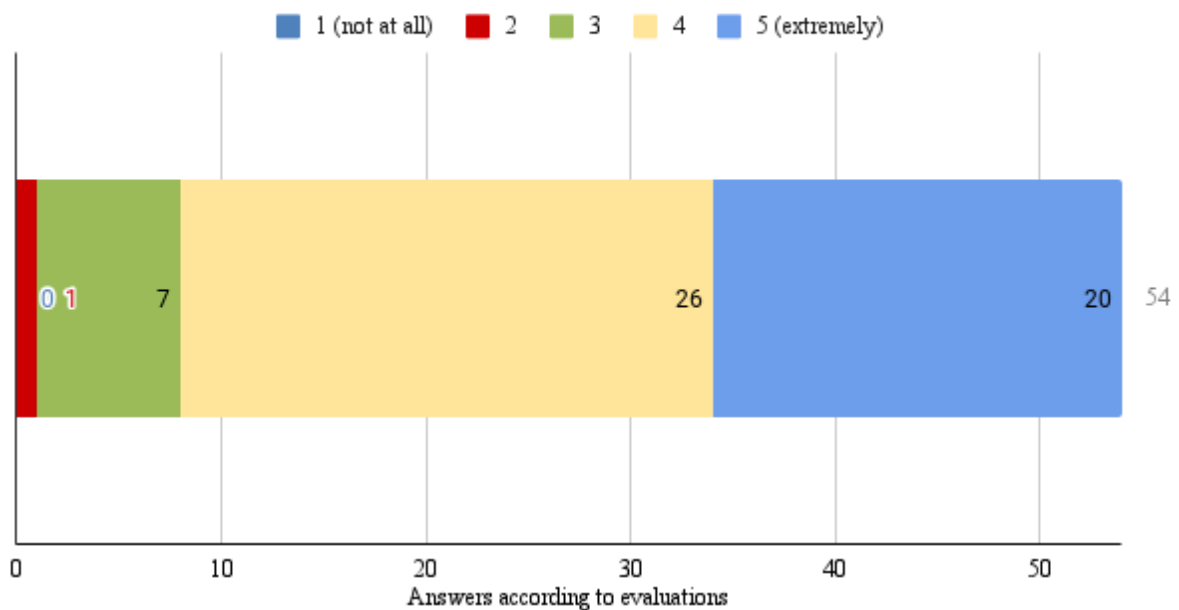
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BARCELONA



How strong is the support of European Funds in your Metropolitan Area or municipality?



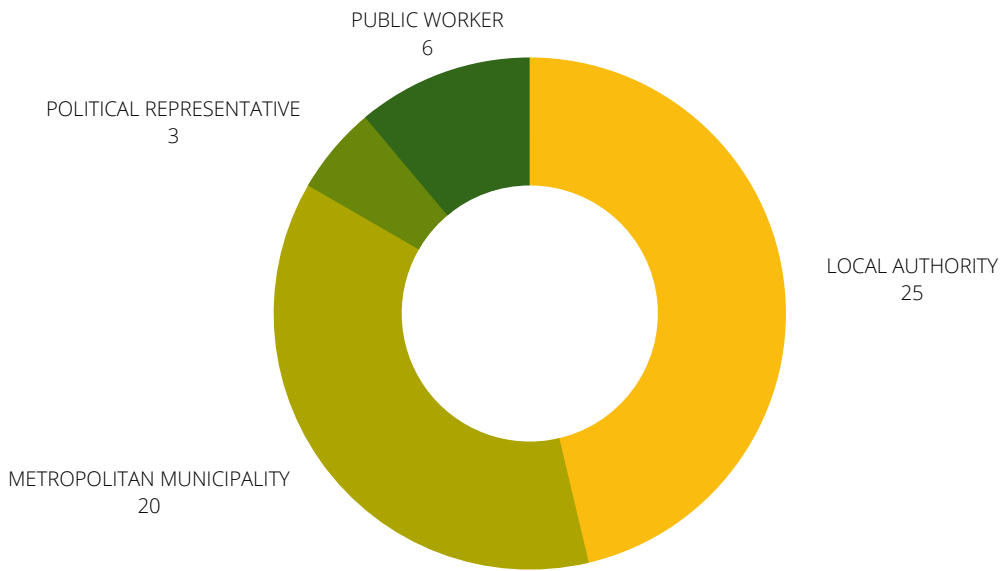
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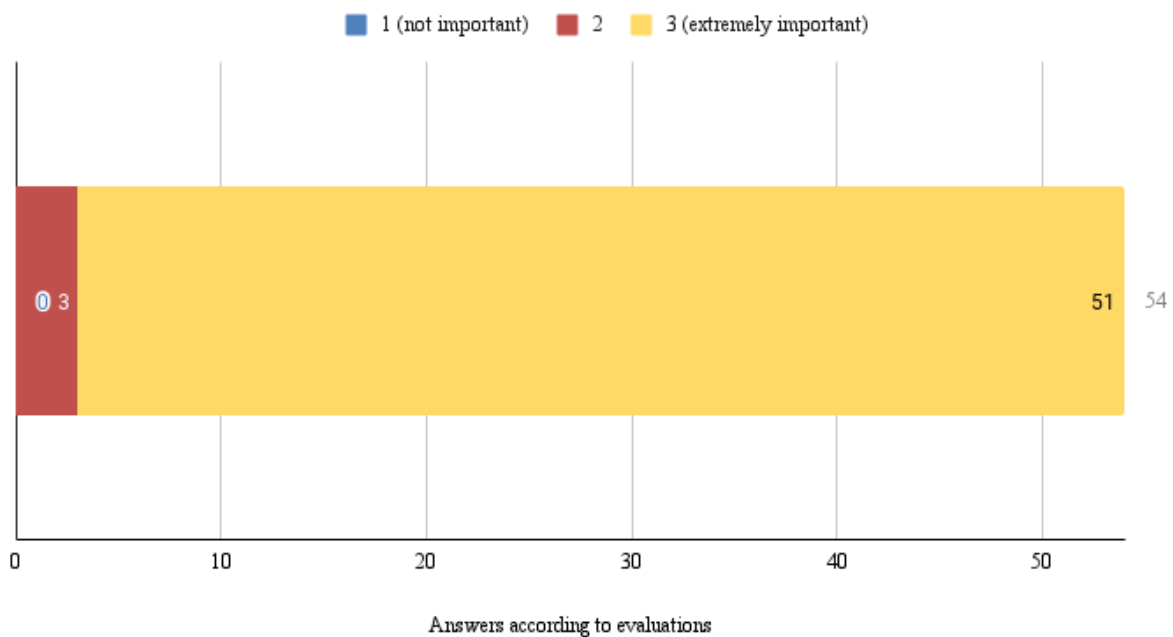
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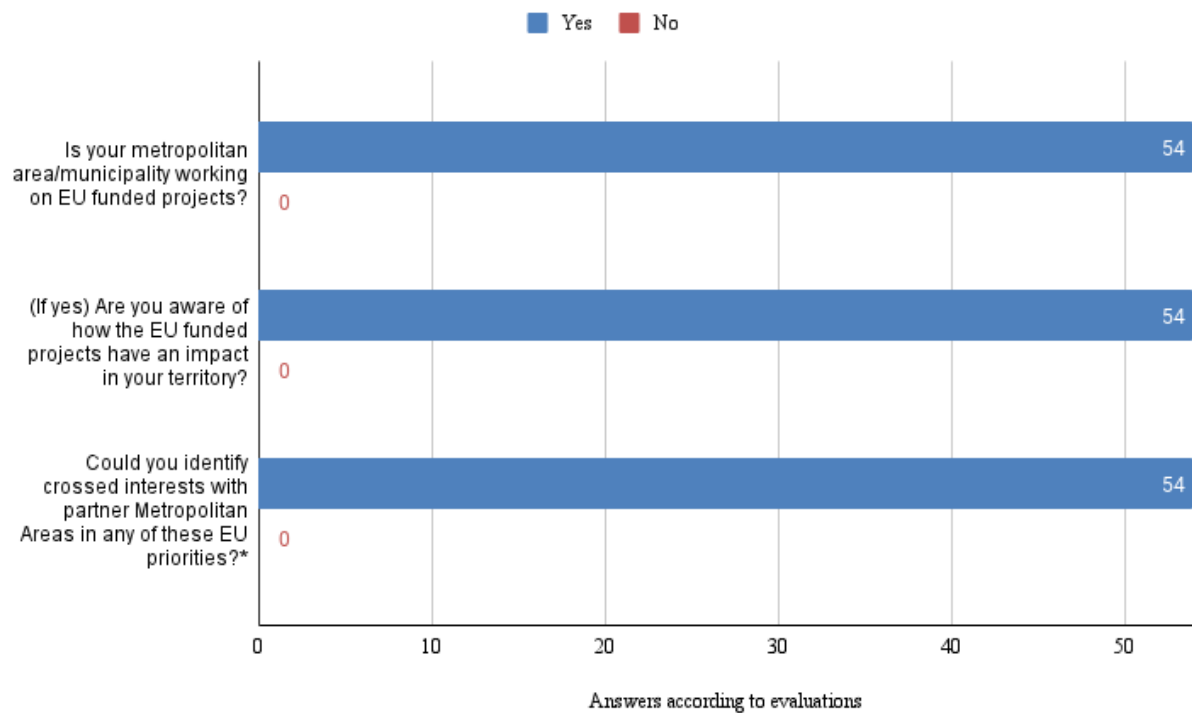
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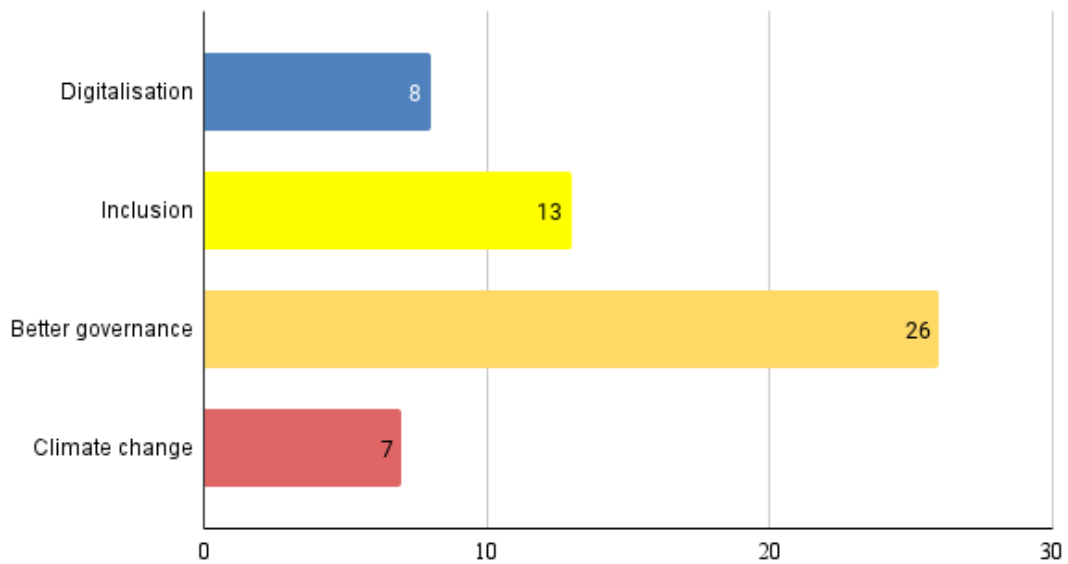
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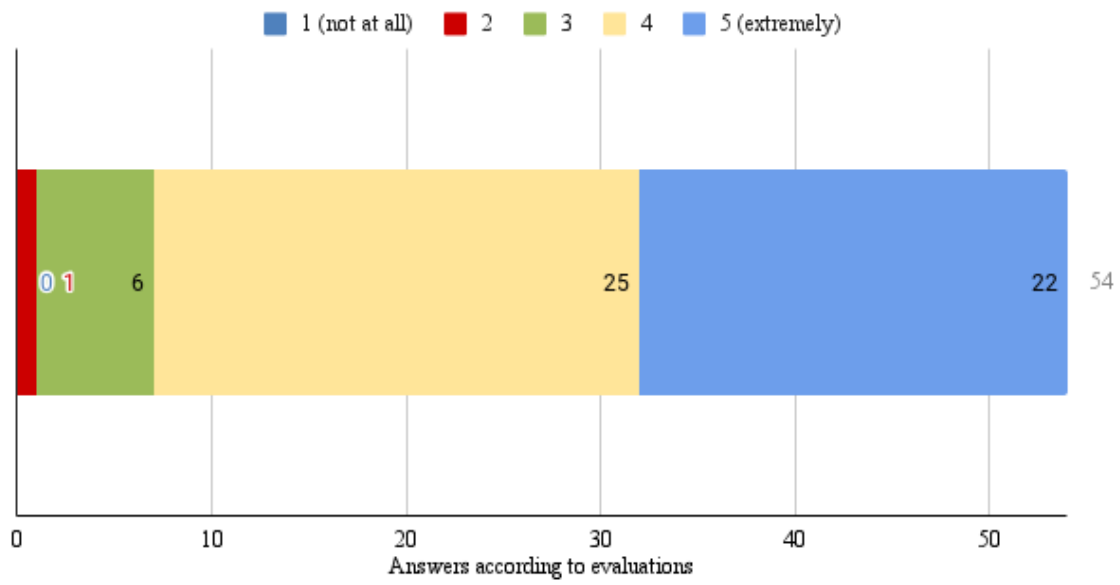


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BARCELONA

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ZAGREB

THIRD EVENT: CITY OF ZAGREB “ITI INSTRUMENTS FOR THE URBAN AGGLOMERATION”

On the 19th and 20th of May 2022 Camelot partners gathered again in Zagreb and held the third conference of the project, which took place in the Innovation Centre of the city.

As the title of the meeting suggests, the main focus of the conference was the study of the Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI) tool.

The institutional greetings were made by the vice-major of Zagreb, Luka Korlaet and then the conference started. The partners arranged a panel to share their experiences on financial tools, which helped them in the implementation of European projects, both in the past and in current times. Specifically, the experiences heard were those of the Metropolitan City of Milan, the City of Zagreb, the City of Zabok and the City of Karlovac. Then, they presented different strategies of implementation and the results of the local events.

In the afternoon session, the Steering Committee of the Camelot project came together to visit the historical centre of Zagreb.

The 20th of May was dedicated to a tour in the areas of the city which were subject to the use of European funds, such as the music school Elly Bašić.

Moreover, the partners had the chance to learn more about the project “reGENERATOR” and about the project “BRZA”, both realized in the city of Zabok.

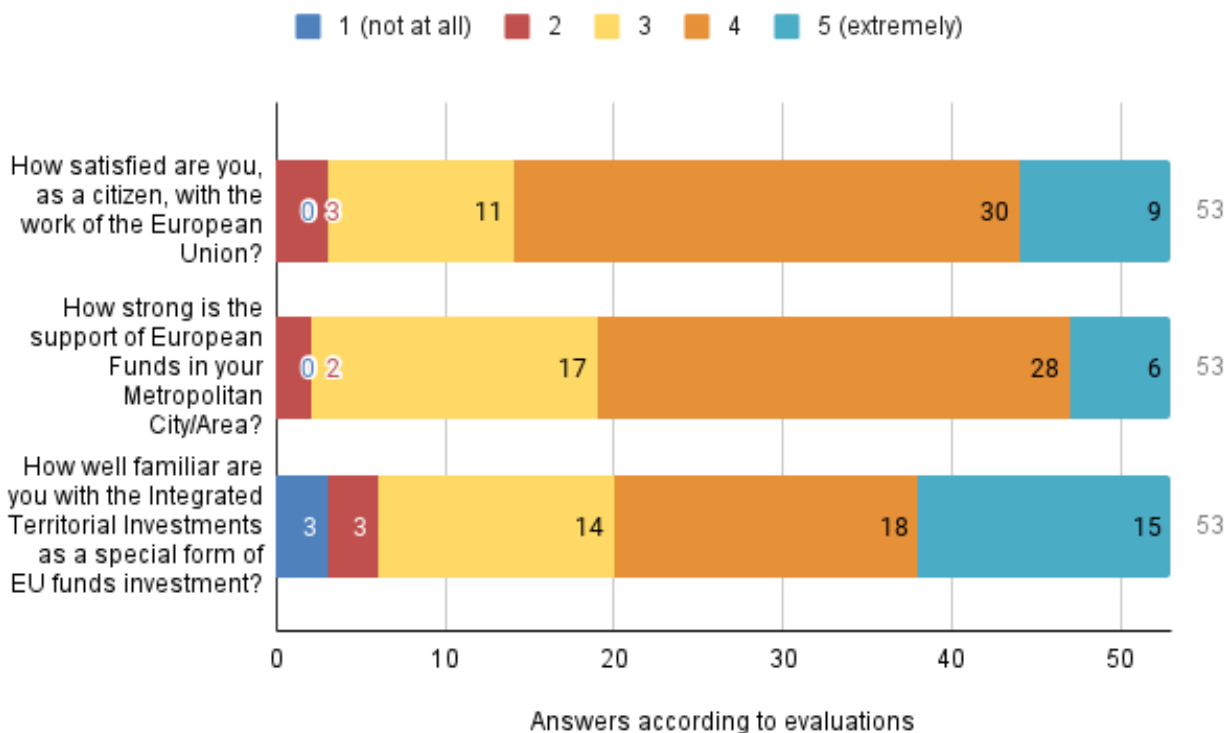
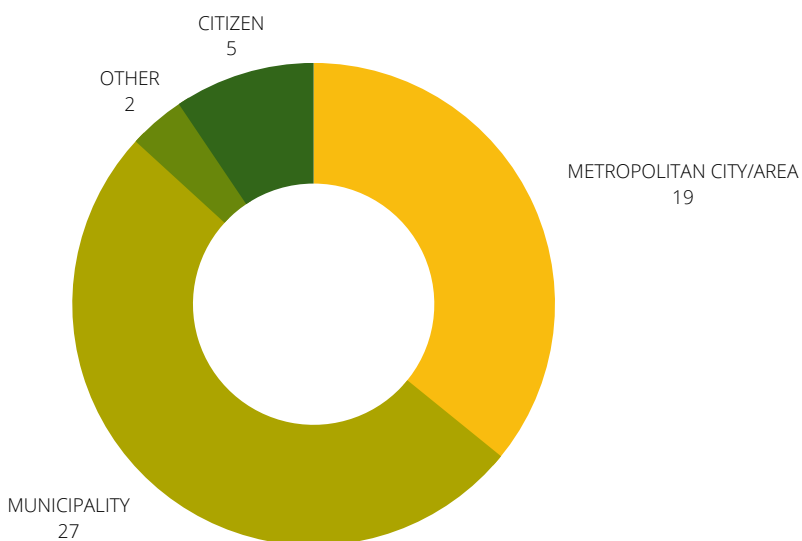
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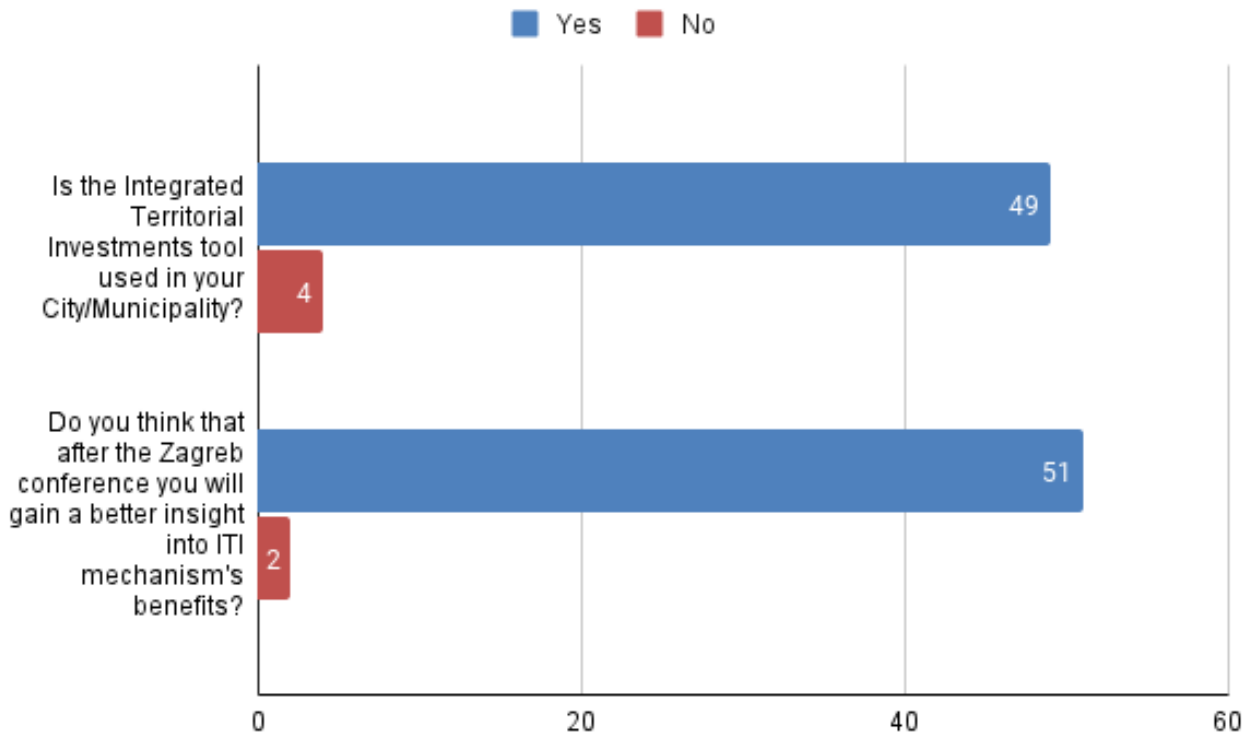
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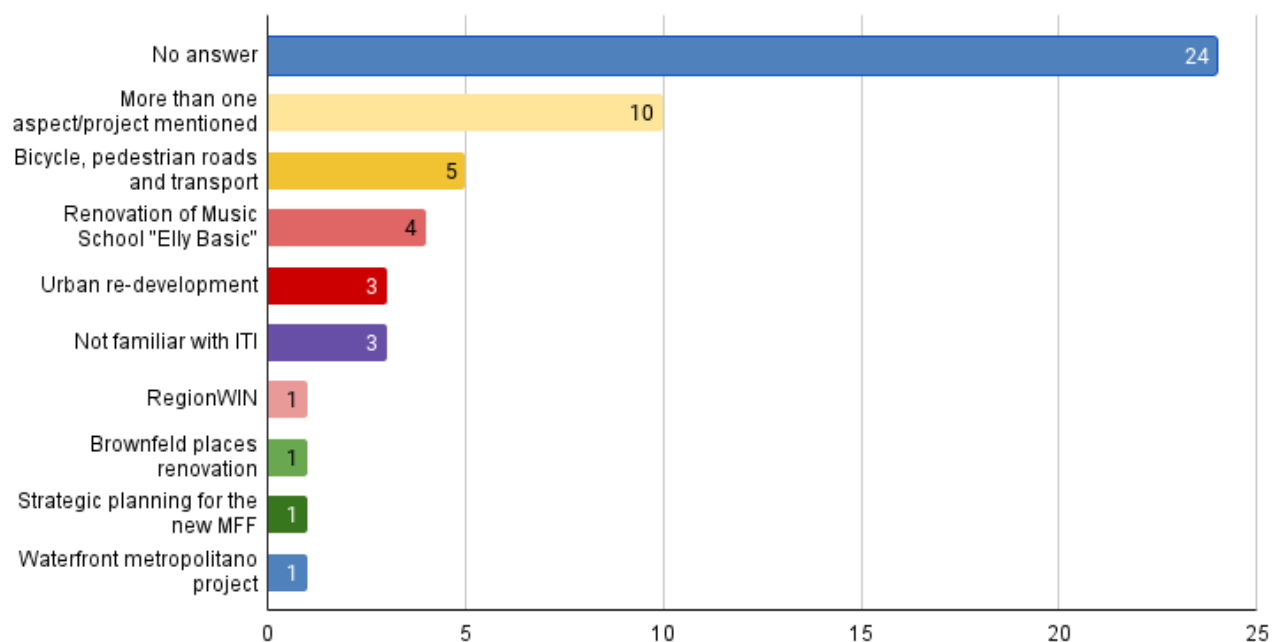
Answers per target group



ZAGREB



Please describe shortly a few examples of ITI mechanism usage in your City/Municipality



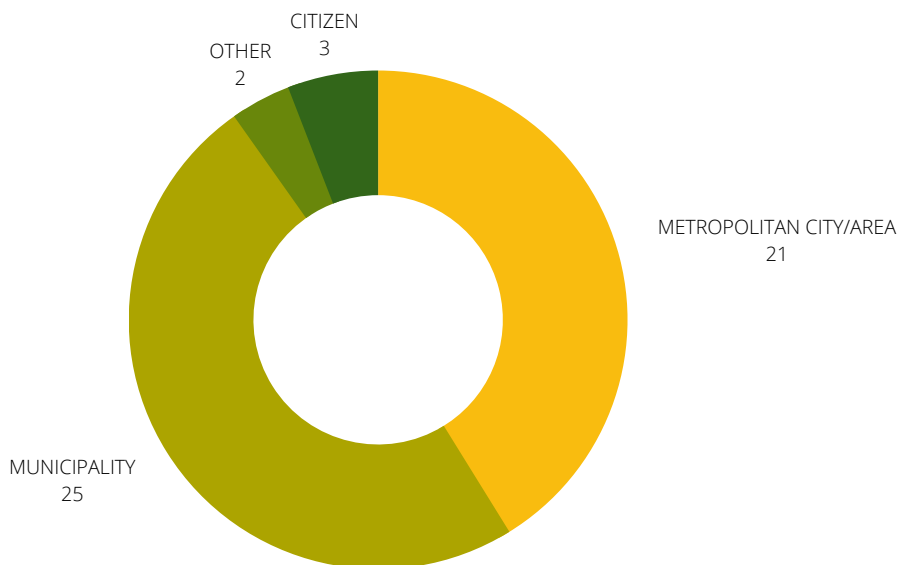
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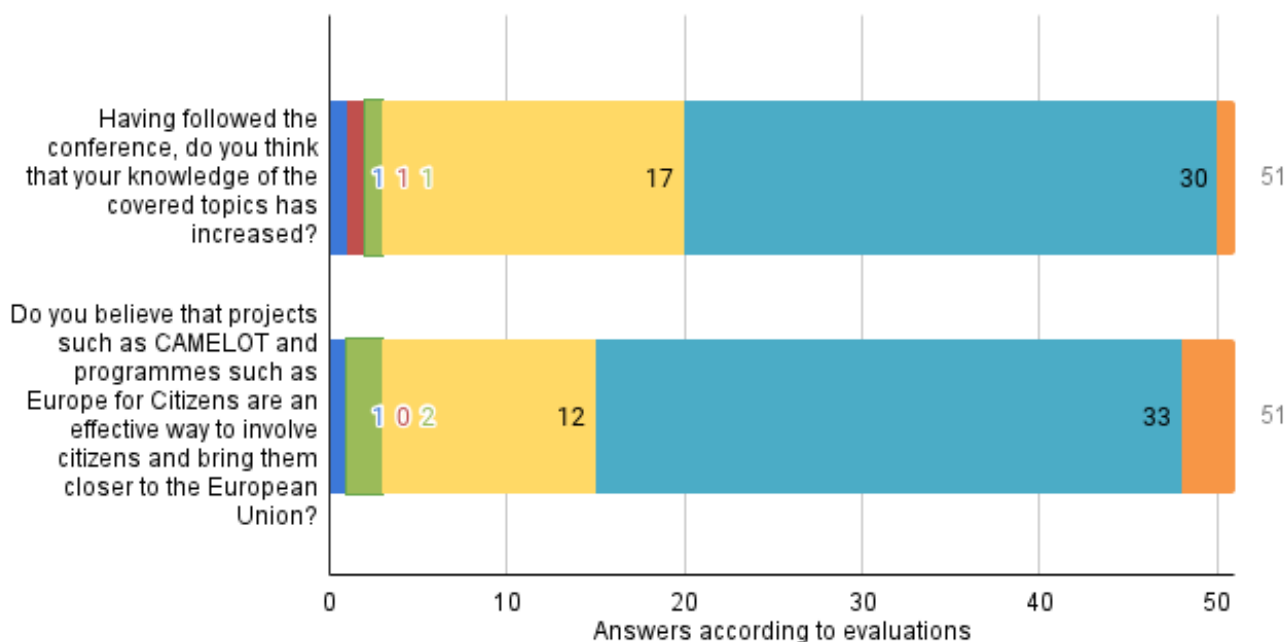
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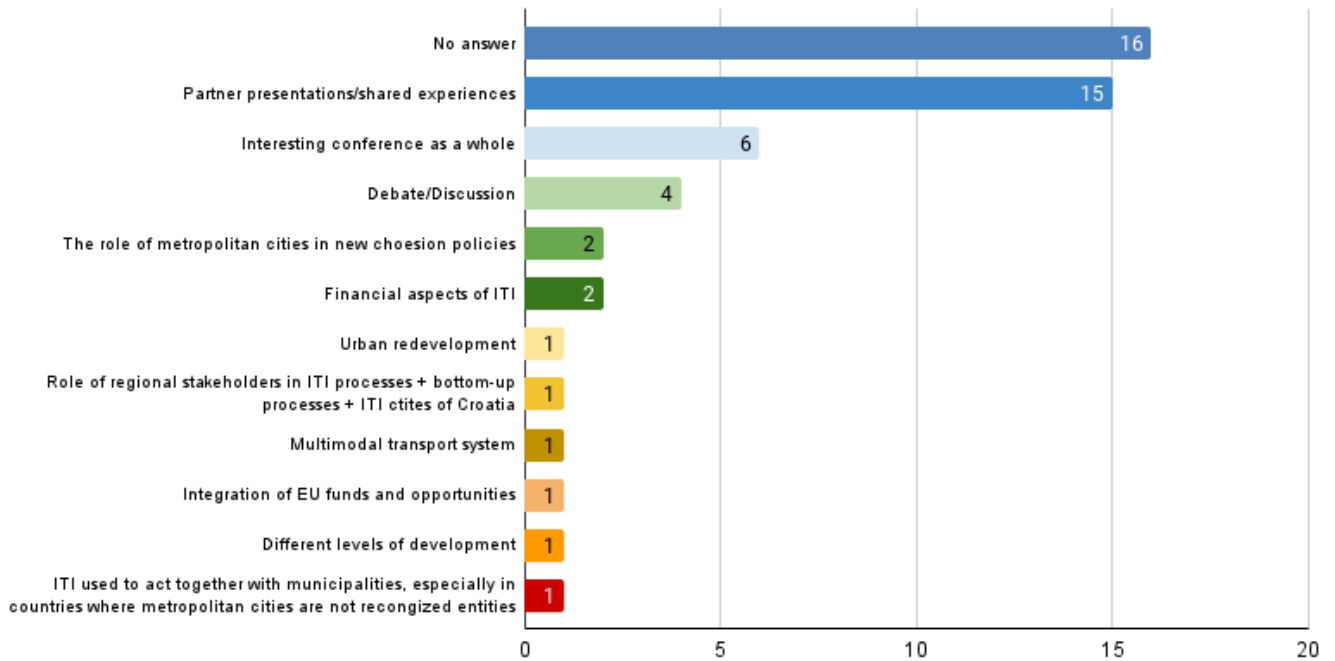


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ZAGREB

Which aspect of the ITI presented during the conference intrigued you the most



PORTO

FOURTH EVENT: METROPOLITAN AREA OF PORTO "METROPOLITAN AREAS AND INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL INVESTMENTS"

The fourth event was held in Porto on the 7th and 8th of June 2022 at the Palácio dos Correios; the subject of discussion was about the Integrated Territorial Investments and how to increase knowledge on the subject.

The conference was started by Manuel Pizarro, who presented his point of view, as a MEP, on Integrated Territorial Investments in metropolitan areas. Later, António Cunha, President of the Commission for Coordination and Regional Development of the North, spoke about the design and negotiation of the Operational Program North 2030. The experience of the Porto Metropolitan Area and the Lisbon Metropolitan Area was also discussed, showing the results and lessons learned from MPA2020 and AML2020, as well as the basis, expectations and strategies of MPA2030 and AML2030.

Afterwards, the partners shared their experiences on the success and failure of ITI (Integrated Territorial Investments). In the second part of the day, the Steering Committee met with the partners of the Camelot project; they provided useful information on its execution and on future events.

The following day was dedicated to projects financed by the EU, and in particular the recovery of the banks of the Leça river.

The day ended with a visit to Misericórdia Museum in Porto.



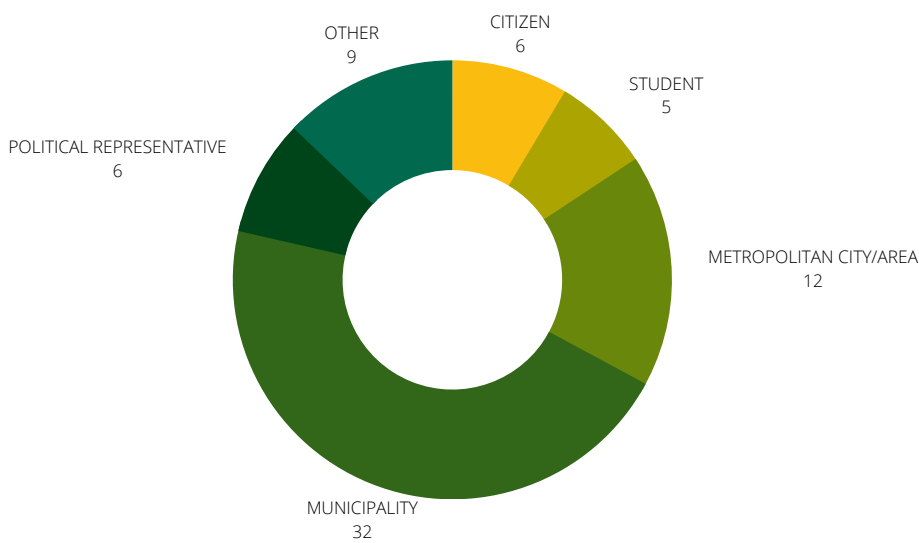
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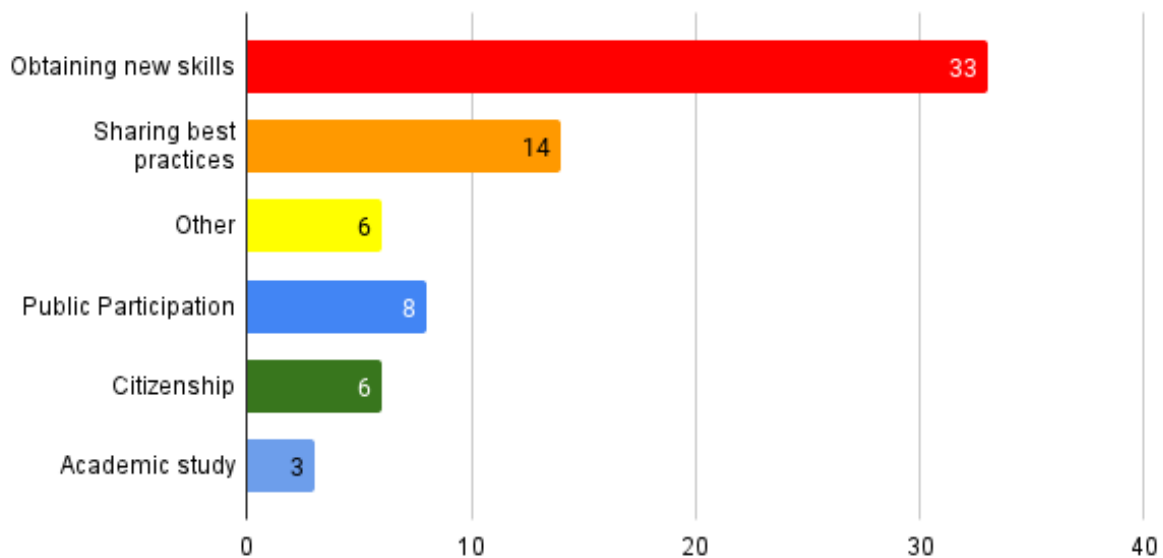
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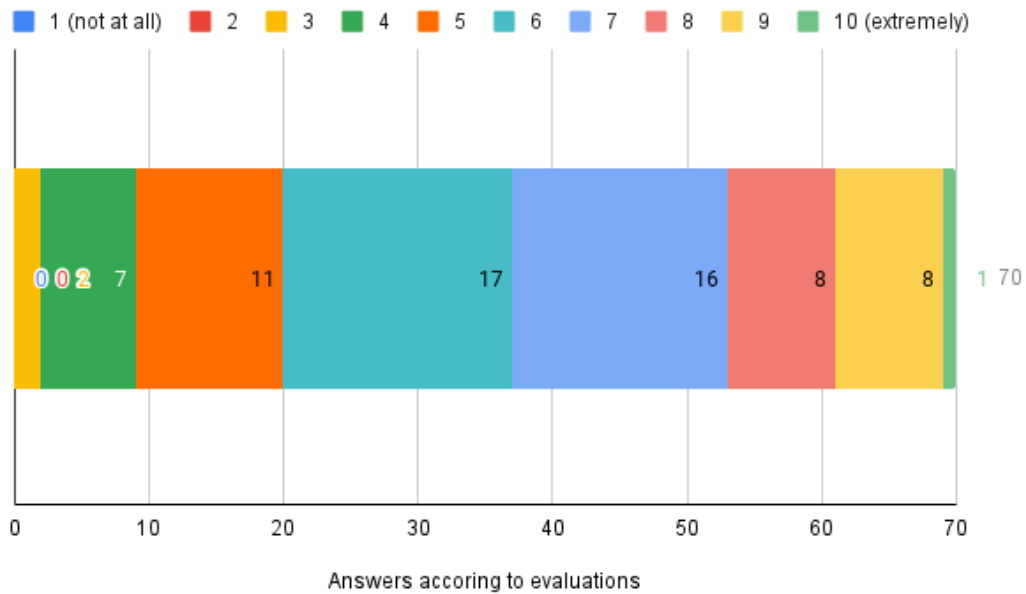


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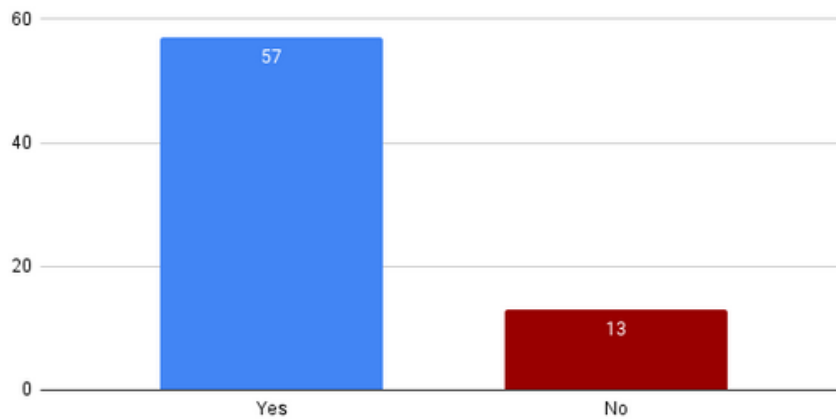


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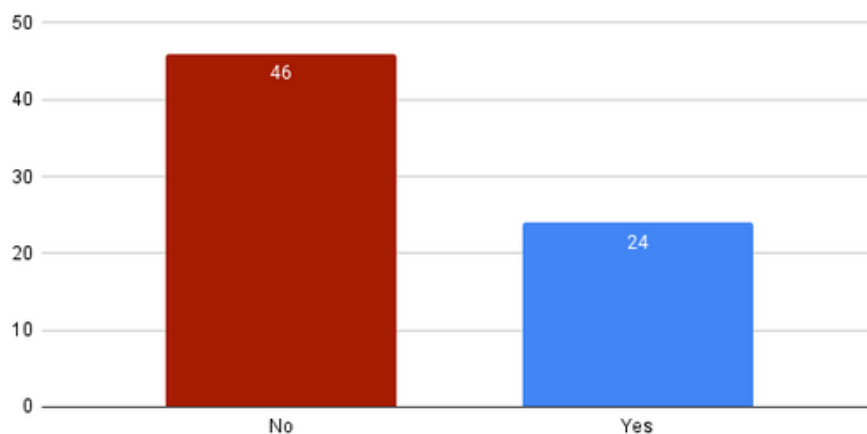
How well familiar are you with the Integrated Territorial Investments as a special form of EU funds investment?



Do you know if is the Integrated Territorial Investments tool used in your City/Municipality?



Have you participated in any event promoted by "Europe for Citizens"?



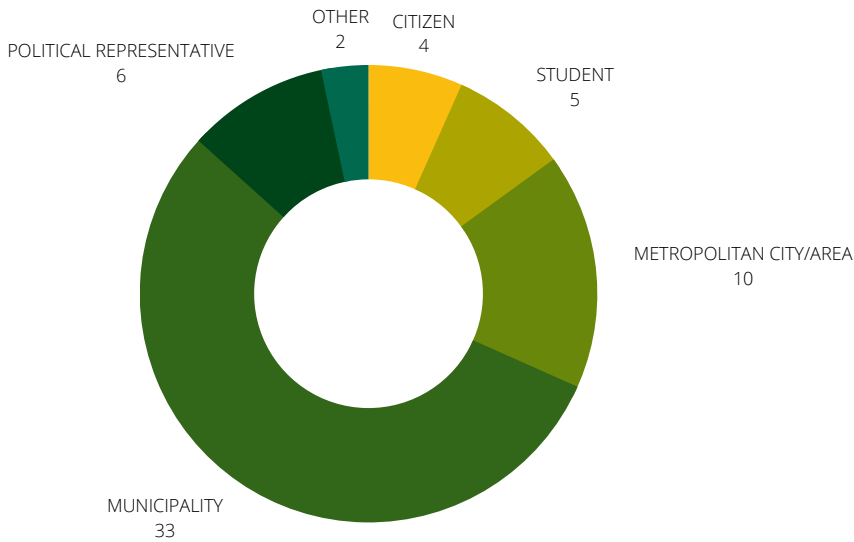
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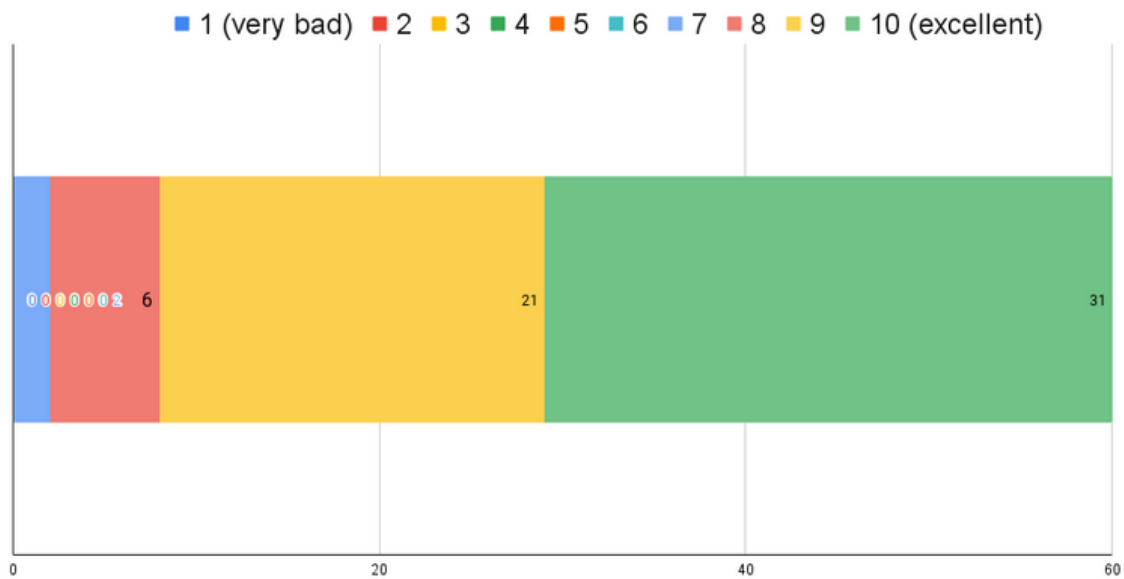
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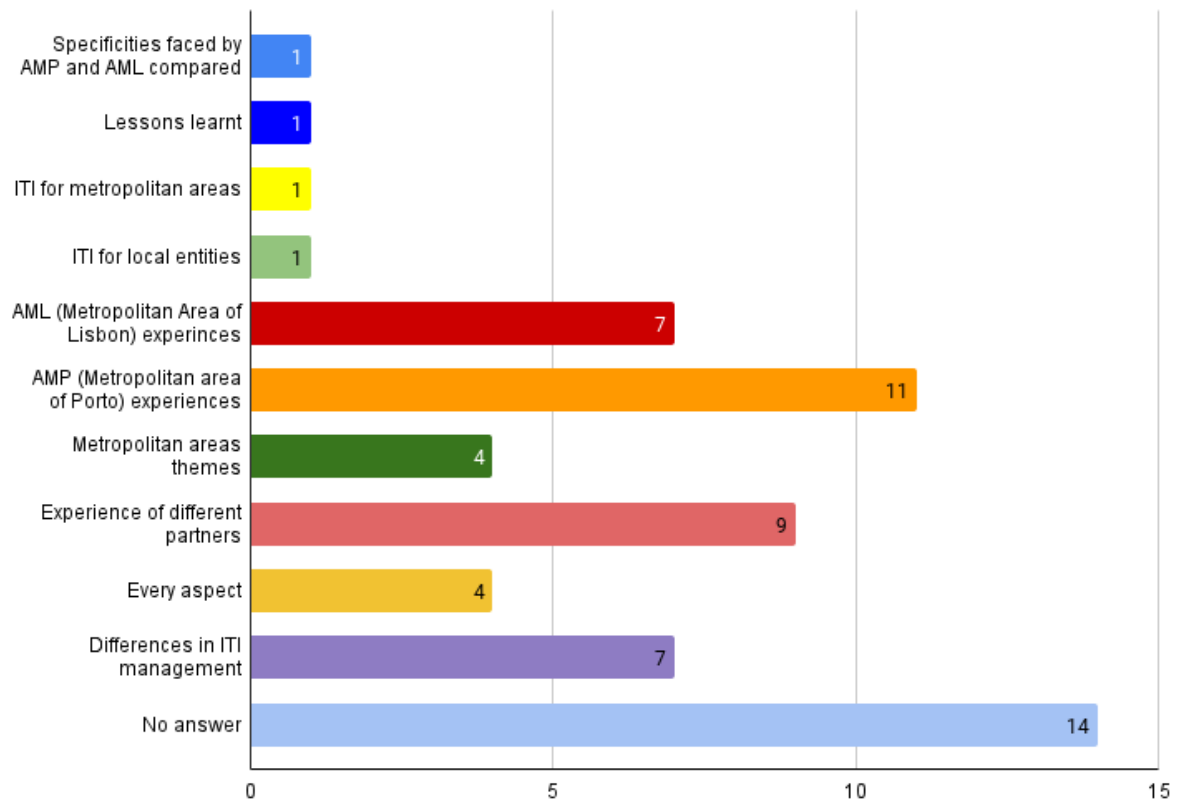
How do you classify the organization of the event?



Answers according to evaluations

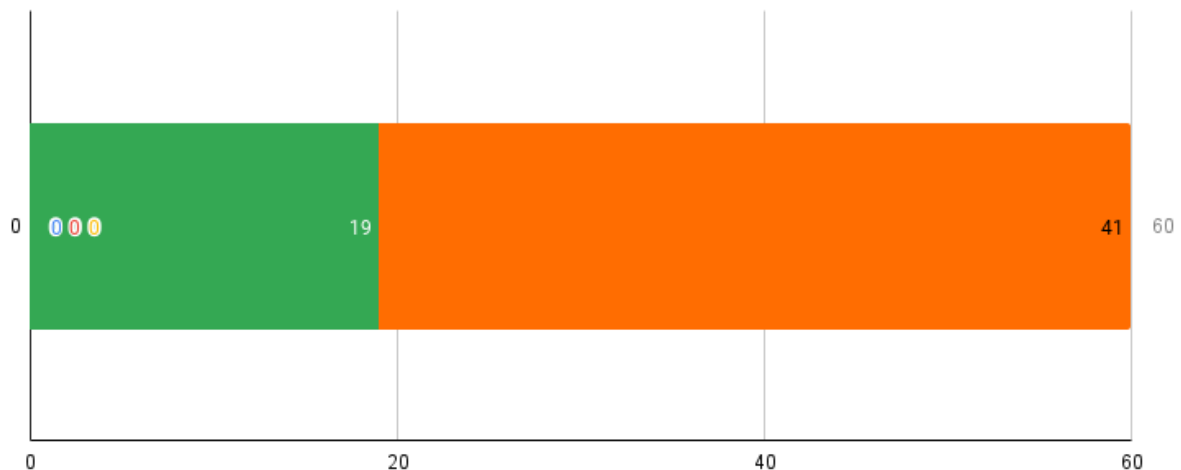
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In a few sentences please describe which ITI aspect presented during the conference interest you the most



Based on this experience, how likely are you to participate in events promoted within Europe for Citizens?

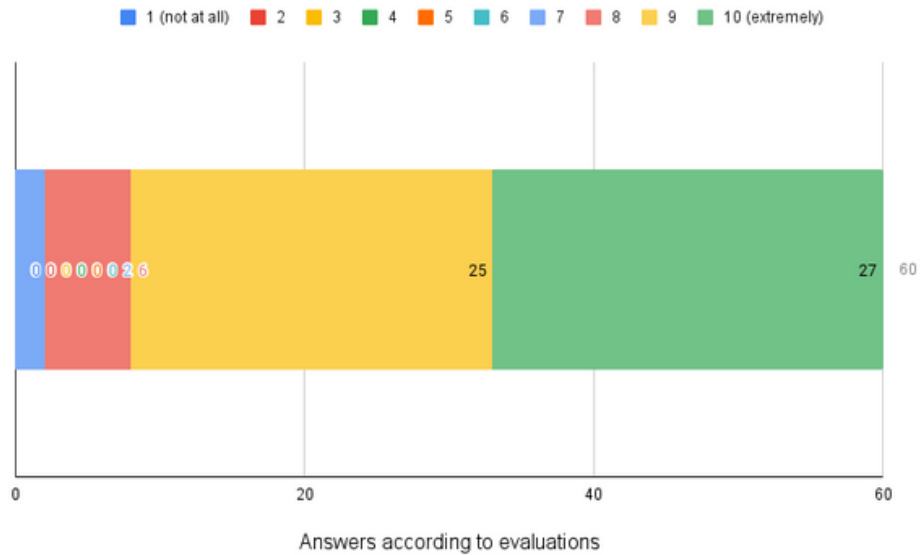
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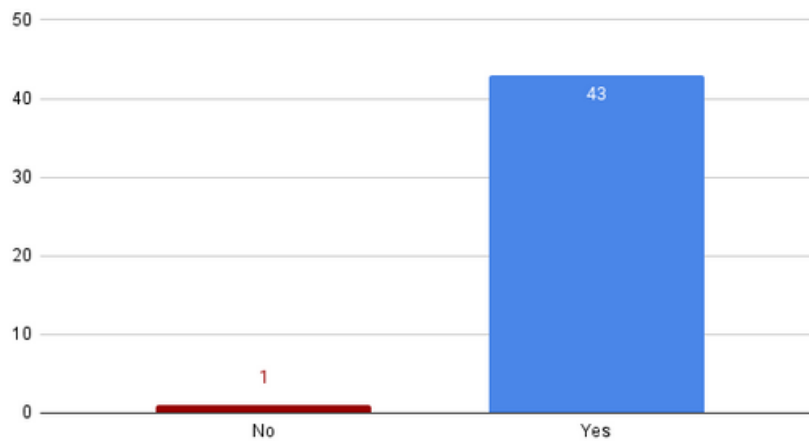
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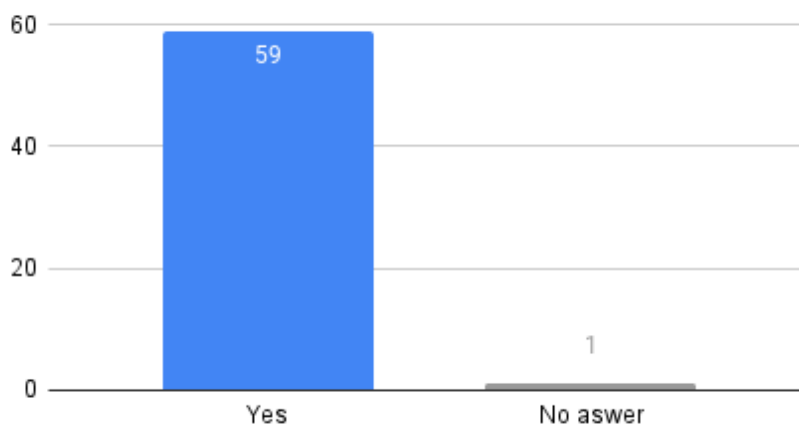
Do you believe that projects such as CAMELOT and programmes such as Europe for Citizens are an effective way to involve citizens and bring them closer to the European Union?



The event allowed you to gain new skills?



Did the event meet your expectations?





GDANSK

FIFTH EVENT: GDANSK-GDNIYA-SOPOT METROPOLITAN AREA

“ADAPTATION OF THE METROPOLIS TO CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITI PROJECTS”

The fifth conference was held in Gdansk on the 4th and 5th of July, in the Hevelianum - Dom Zdrojowy, in Gdansk; the object of discussion was about climate protection actions.

The first day began with a welcome to the participants. The first speech was held by Zofia Piwowarek, Head of the Positive Climate Program (UN Global Compact Network Poland), who focused on sustainable urban development in the climate crisis.

Afterwards, the partners presented the main actions and experiences of their metropolitan area in the context of climate change adaptation.

In the afternoon, the partners had the opportunity to visit the European Solidarity Center.

On the 5th of July, the event took place at the European Solidarity Center in Gdansk; the partners attended the “III Pomorskie Forum of Climate Solidarity”, a high-profile conference attended by: MEPs, representatives of regional and local governments, mayors, CEOs, as well as illustrious experts and specialists from the scientific sector.

Four topics were discussed during the forum: the impact of the war in Ukraine on energy transition in Europe, perspective of the development of offshore wind energy in Poland, adaptation to climate change at local and metropolitan level, climate impact on agriculture and climate change.

The day ended with the screening of a film, part of the "Green Film Festival" programme.

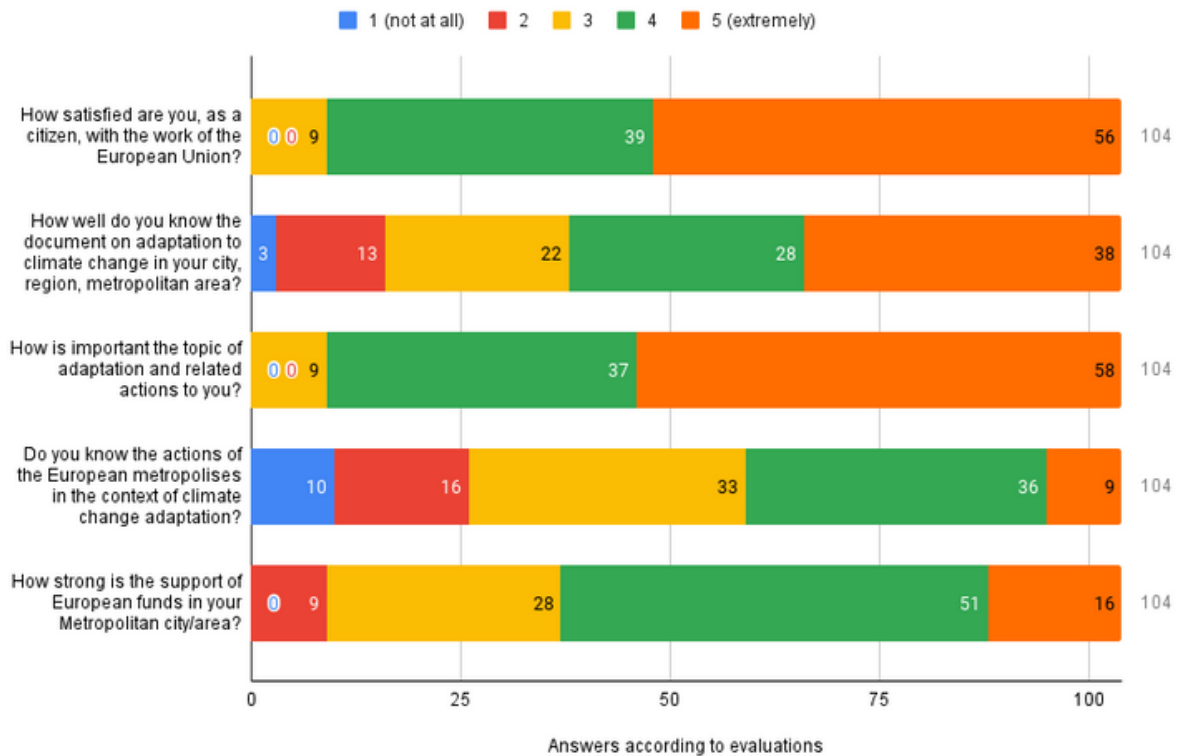
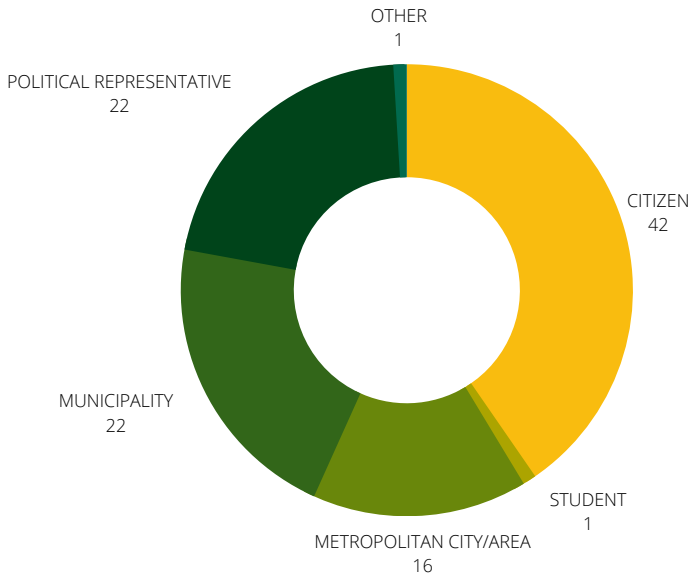
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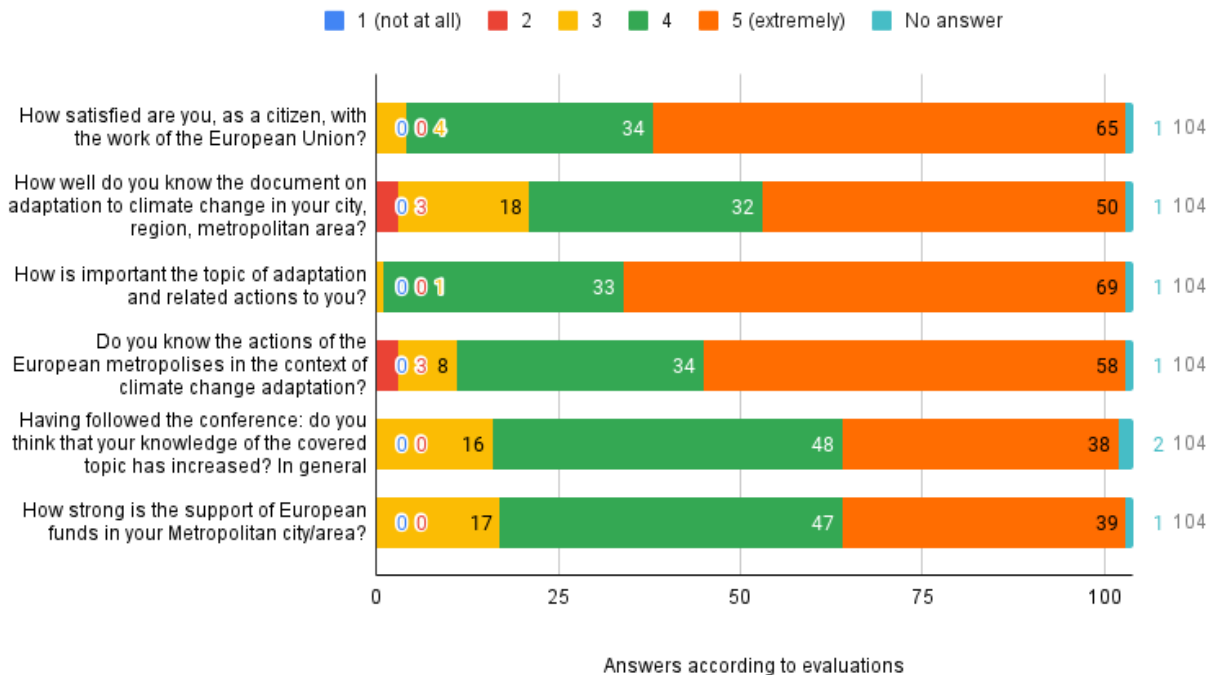
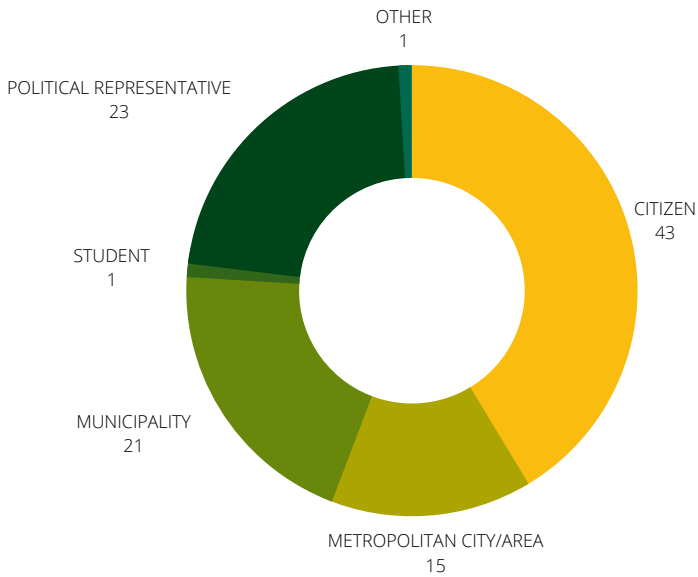
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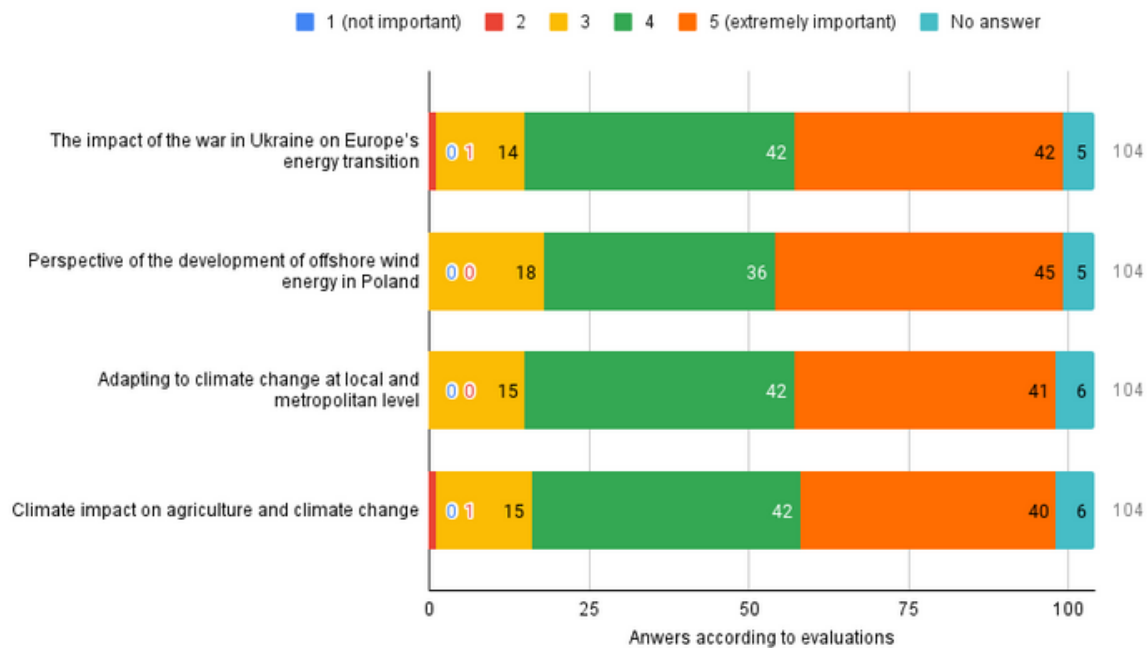
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GDANSK

Having followed the conference, do you think that your knowledge of the covered topic has increased:





BARI

SIXTH EVENT: METROPOLITAN CITY OF BARI "THE ROLE OF CULTURE IN EUROPEAN RELATIONS"

The sixth conference was held in Bari on October 14 and 15 at *Palazzo Città Metropolitana di Bari*, home of the "Corrado Giaquinto" Art Gallery, which has an important cultural value both for the region and the entire country.

The Councilor for culture Francesca Pietroforte gave start to the conference, then Giuseppe Teofilo delved into the initiatives and history of the "Pino Pascali Foundation", an important pillar for the local community.

In the second part of the conference, Susanna Torres illustrated various projects carried out by the Foundation thanks to EU funds: ArTVision+, MONET - culture in movement in the Adriatic Network of Museums, CRAFT-LAB.

Luigi Ranieri, as delegate of the Metropolitan City of Bari, explained the strategic cultural plan involving the metropolitan area of Bari.

Then, all the Camelot partners illustrated their cultural activities, projects, good experiences and practices implemented with the aim of explaining as well the role of infrastructures in support of cultural events.

The rest of the event took place in the "Corrado Giaquinto" Art Gallery, where, through a guided tour, the participants had the opportunity to admire the work of arts held there.

At the end of the visit the partners met to discuss future events and next steps.

The second day of the meeting was dedicated to the culture of the local area by joining a guided tour of the Archaeological Museum "Santa Scolastica" and the old-town of Bari.

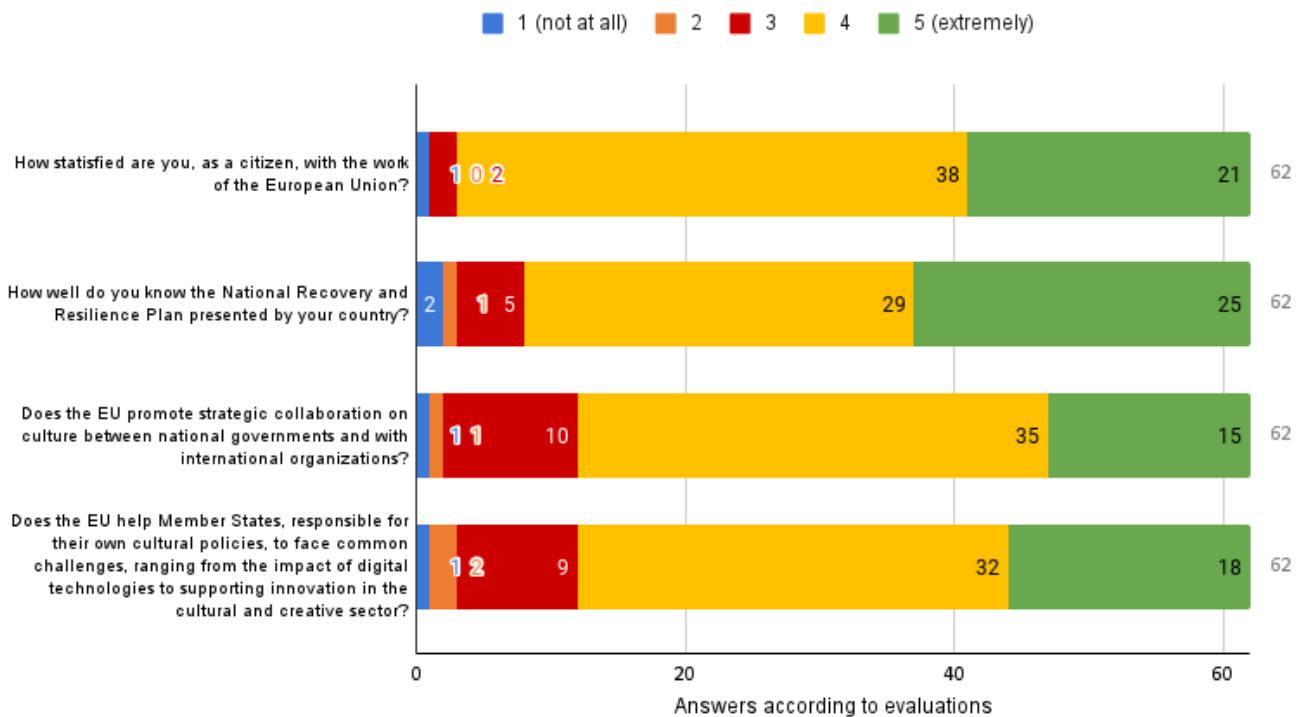
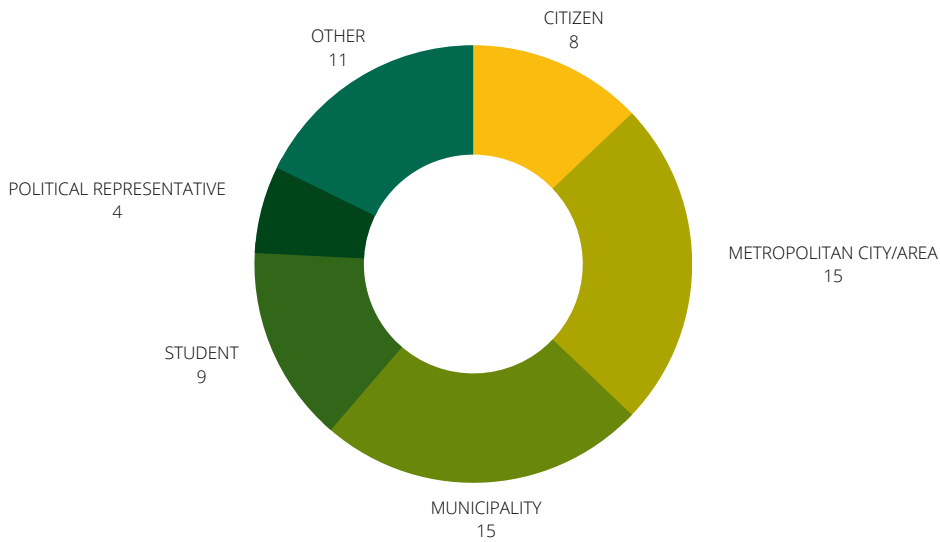
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PRE-EVENT QUESTIONNAIRES

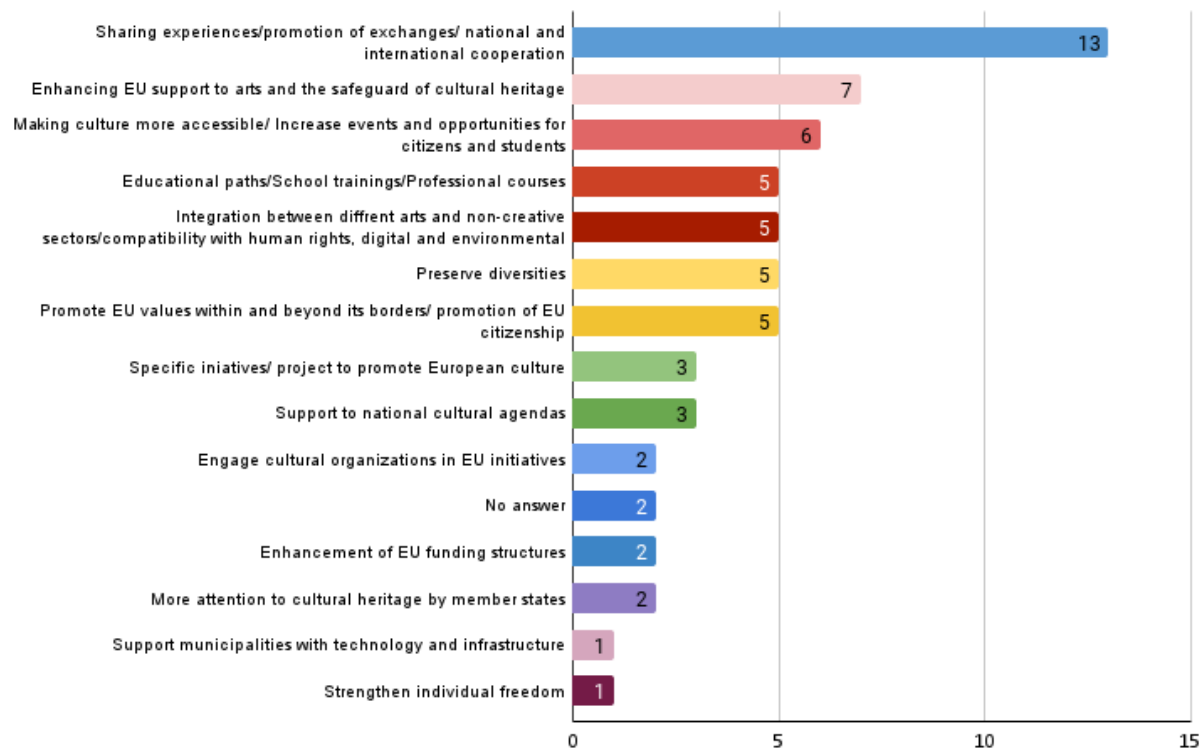
Attendees: 62

Received answers: 62

Answers per target group



What good practices do you think should be implemented within the EU to promote the dissemination of culture and knowledge of cultural heritage?



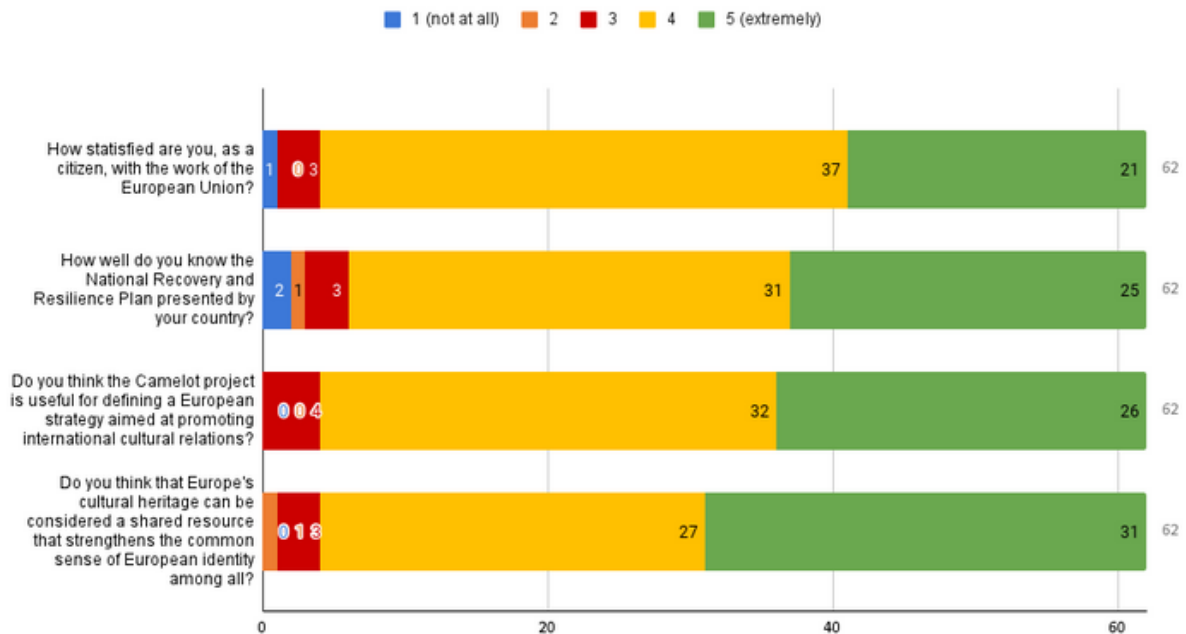
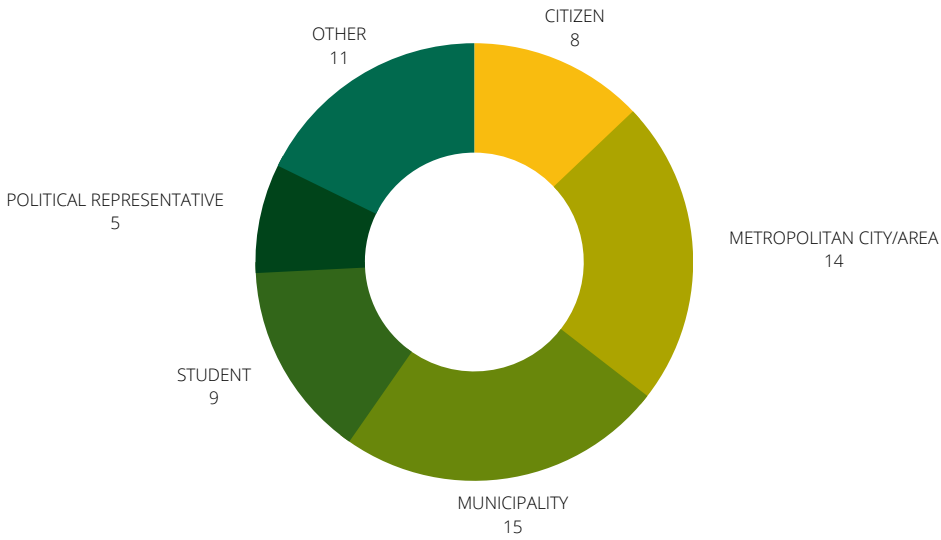
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POST-EVENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Attendees: 62

Received answers: 62

Answers per target group



Answers according to evaluations



CRAIOVA

SEVENTH EVENT: CITY OF CRAIOVA "DEMOCRATIC COMMITMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION"

The City of Craiova hosted the international event "Democratic Engagement and Civic Participation" on the 27th and 28th of October at the Art Museum of Craiova, with the aim of encouraging democratic and civic participation.

After the opening speech by the mayor of Craiova, Lia Olguta Vasilescu, the event began at 10.15 am.

The day started with the sharing of good practices implemented at the local level by the host municipality. 3 examples were provided in this regard:

- The cultural life of the city of Craiova, showed in a presentation entitled "The cultural life of a city - from an idea to street delivery" by Marina Andronache.
- The commitment to support young people, from active citizenship to job opportunities for the new generations. A dialogue opened by Ovidiu Fudulache.
- Accessibility to administrative procedures and the A.R.C.A. project, described by Oana Radulescu.

A round table started with the aim of sharing experiences related to projects concerning civic participation and democratic commitment.

A workshop was then held to discuss key actions to involve citizens in projects by local authorities.

An internal meeting between partners took place in the afternoon. Then, the partners visited the historic center of Craiova and the handicraft fair.

On October 28, instead, they had the opportunity to visit some of the cultural sites of Craiova receiving EU funding: Nicolae Romanescu National Park, the Summer Theater, and the George Bibescu House.

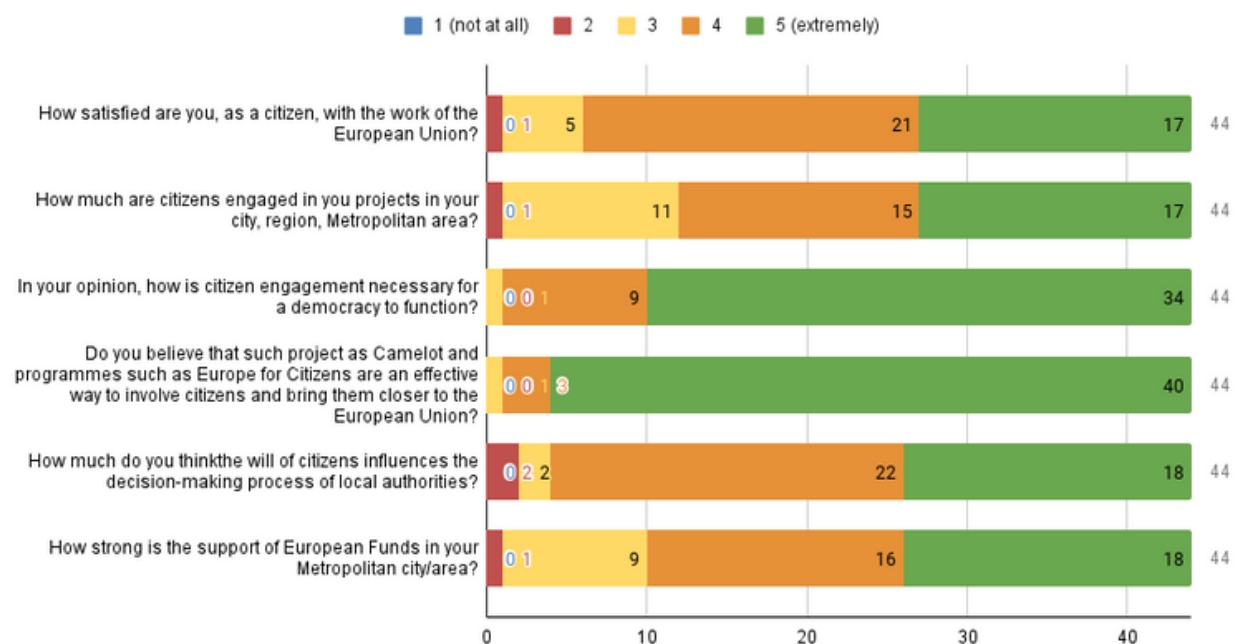
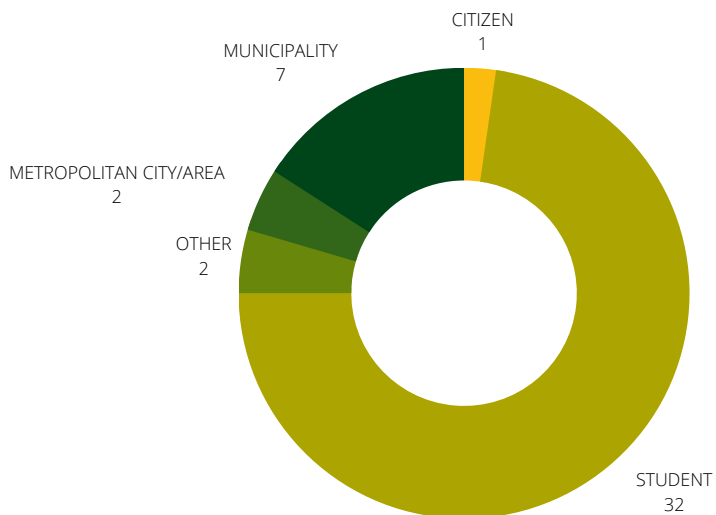
CRAIOVA

PRE-EVENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Attendees: 50

Received answers: 44

Answers per target group



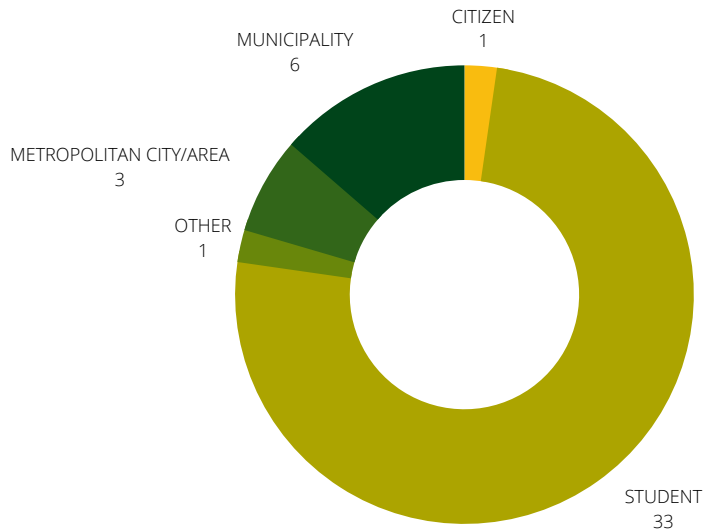
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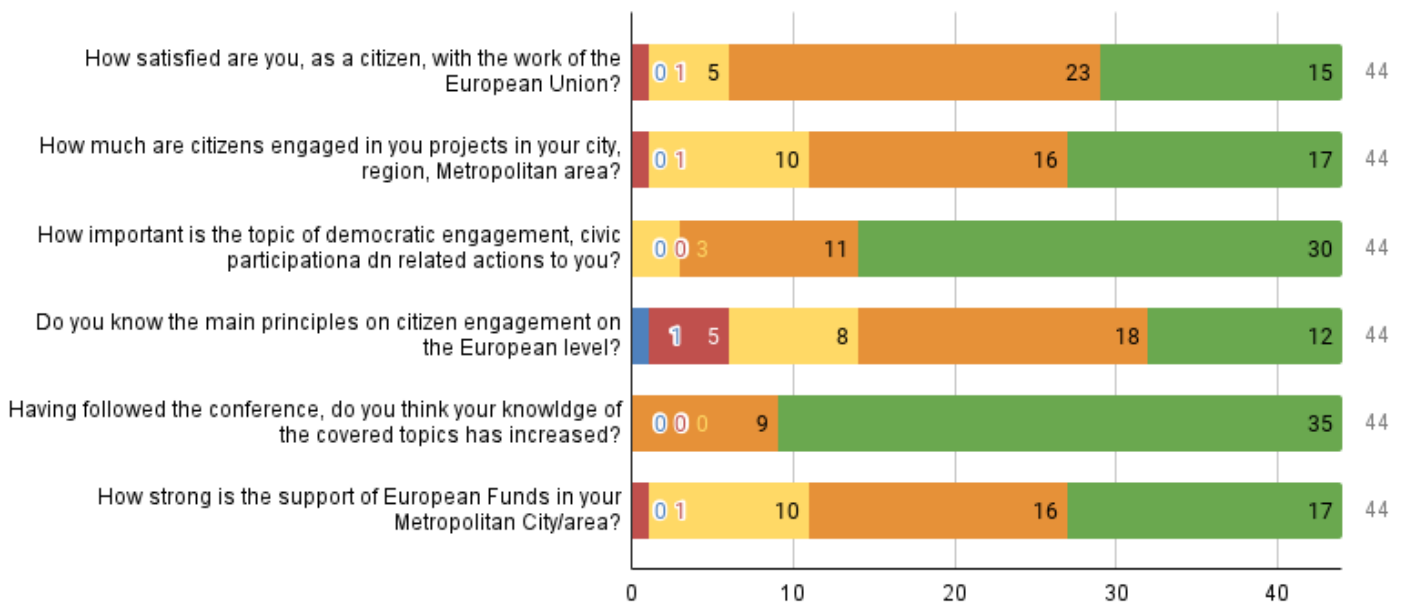
Attendees: 50

Received answers: 44

Answers per target group



1 (not at all) 2 3 4 5 (extremely)





STUTT GART

EIGHTH EVENT: VERBAND REGION STUTT GART “EUROPEAN TOOLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE METROPOLITAN DIMENSION”

The eighth CAMELOT international event was held on the 1st and the 2nd of December in Stuttgart. The main theme was how cities and metropolitan regions contribute to make Europe closer to citizens.

The panel included four experts, each one representing a different level of governance: the EU level, the Land Baden-Württemberg level and the local and metropolitan level of Germany and Spain.

The conference officially started at 10.00 am, following the guest registration, the distribution of questionnaires, and a welcome from Rainer Cessler, the Vice President of Verband Region Stuttgart.

The MEP Fabienne Keller presented the condition of Strasbourg, as a city that combines German and French culture. She was the mayor of Strasbourg, thus she played a leading role in town-twinning between Strasbourg and Stuttgart. The local level unites diverse people from both cities.

The floor then passed to Bernd Vöhringer, who underlined the need to strengthen the quality of representative democracy and citizen participation also outside the EU. Xavi Tiana added that metropolitan regions unite urban and rural areas, and that growing nationalism is not only a problem of the latter, but also of the former.

After the coffee break, the Camelot project partners presented best practices demonstrating how cities and metropolitan areas contribute to a Europe closer to citizens. Many of the activities and described projects are also funded by EU funding programs, and help promote European integration and citizen participation.

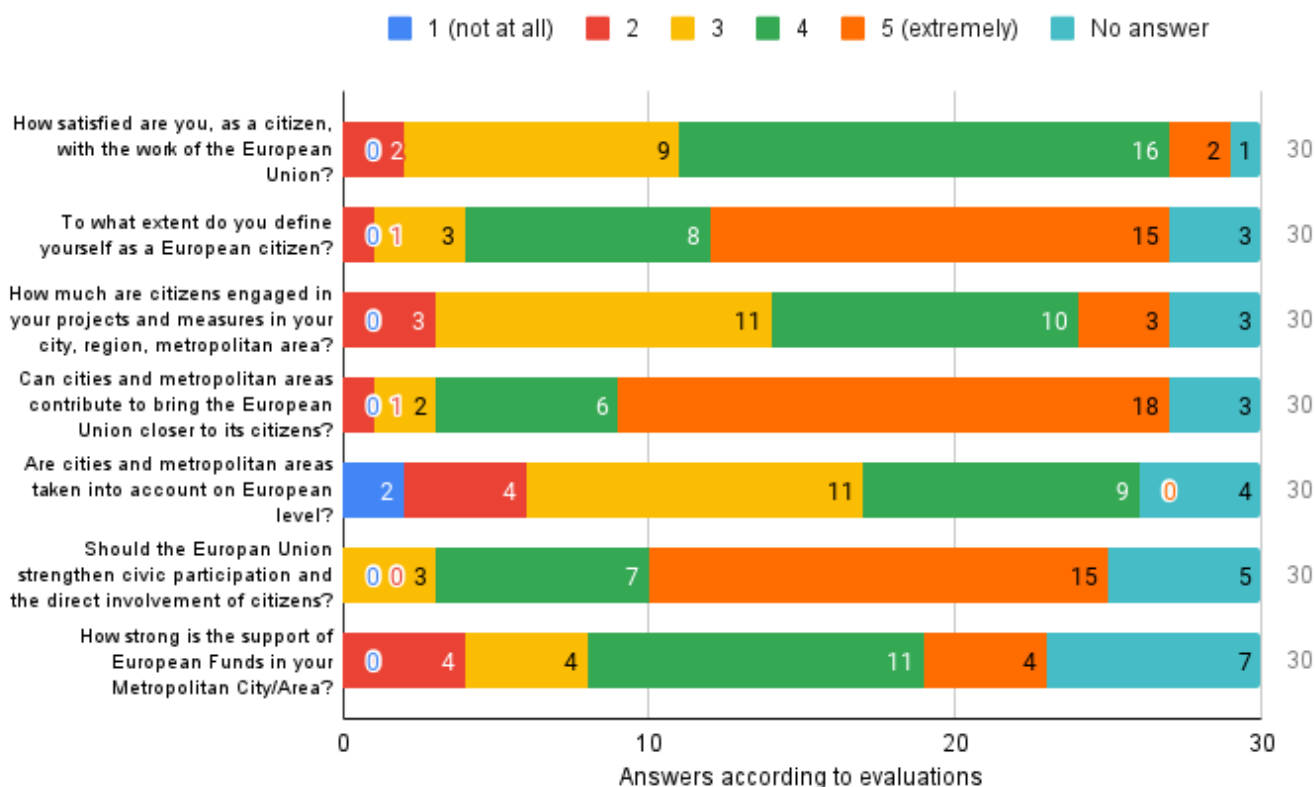
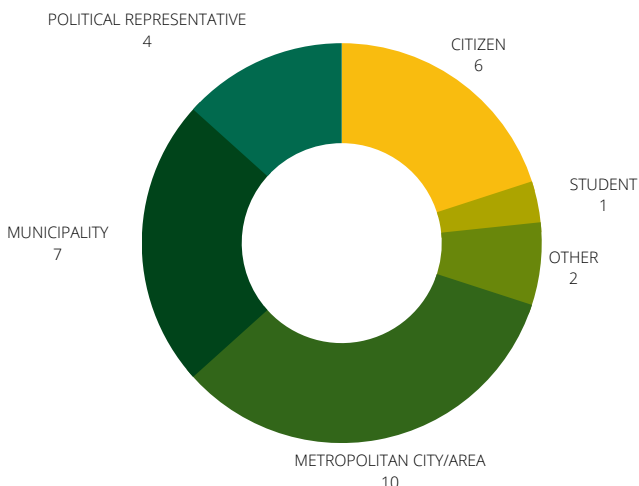
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PRE-EVENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Attendees: 63

Received answers: 30

Answers per target group



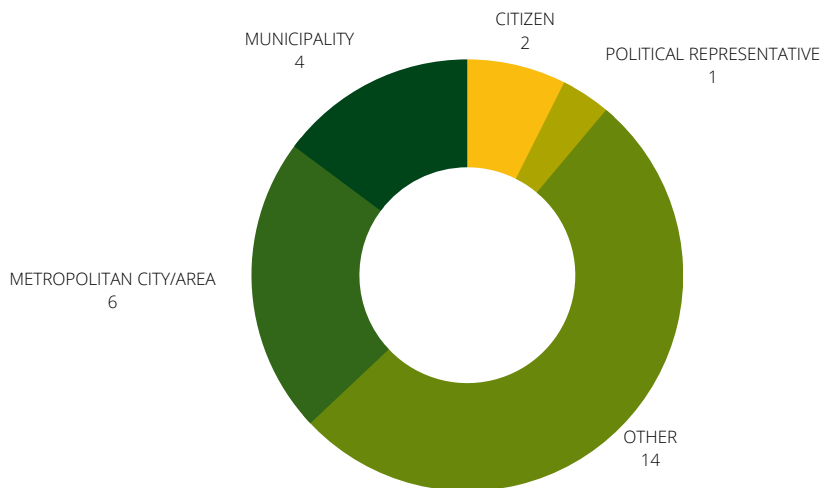
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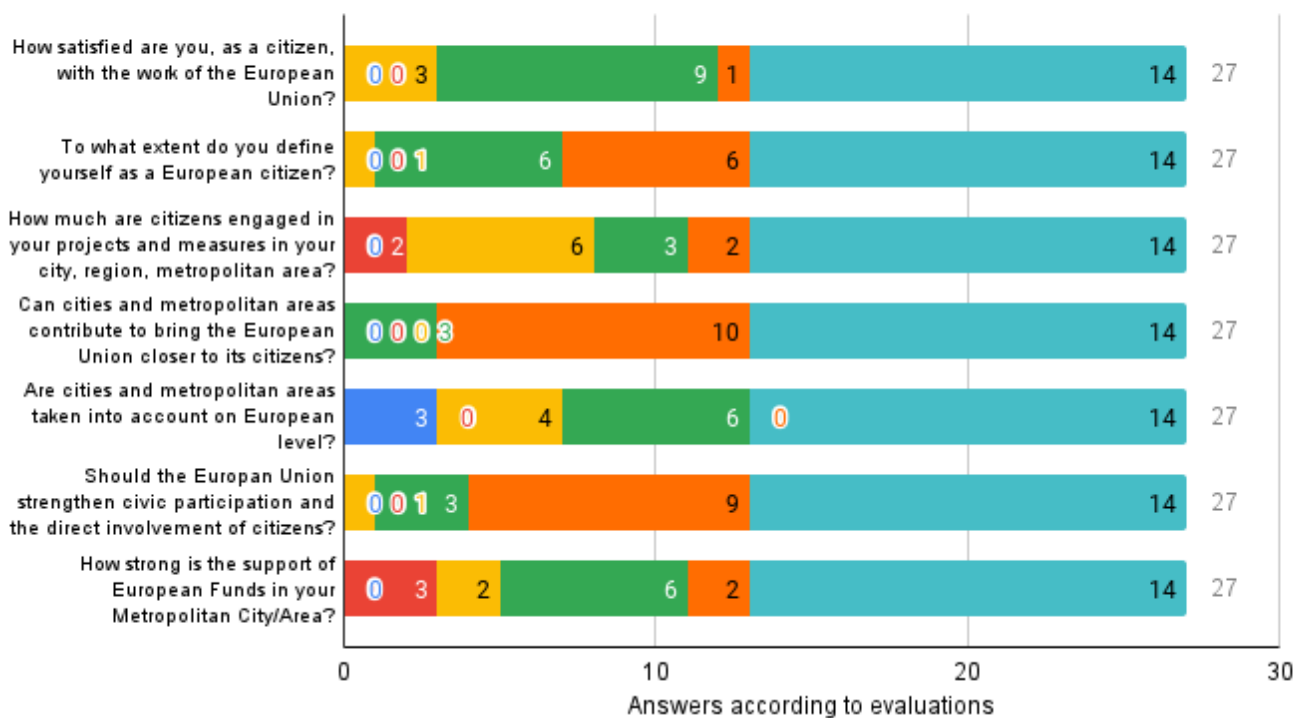
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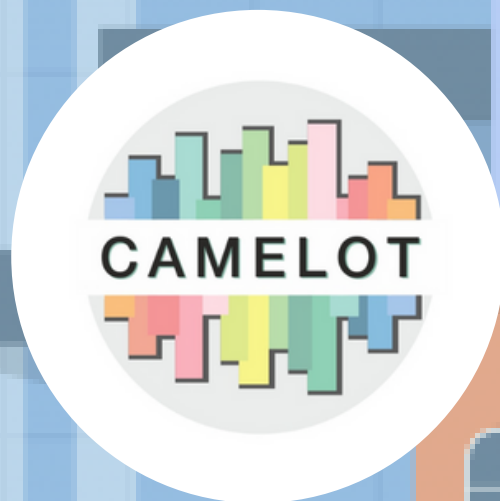
Received answers: 27

Answers per target group



■ 1 (not at all)
 ■ 2
 ■ 3
 ■ 4
 ■ 5 (extremely)
 ■ No answer





LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Each partner has organised local activities to directly involve citizens into EU policies.



LOCAL ACTIVITIES

LOCAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY CAMELOT PARTNERS

- **Barcelona Metropolitan Area:** MetroSolutions was held on the 17th and 18th of October 2022, in Cornellà (Barcelona) gathering experts on metropolitan topics and metropolis transformation, we celebrated the Camelot local event with representatives working in the local administration. The local event was framed in the first topic of metropolitan governance, focusing on how metropolitan areas and its municipalities are important actors in managing European funds and implementing relevant projects addressing the main and urgent metropolitan challenges in Europe.
Attendees: 26.
- **Metropolitan City of Bari:** "The role of culture in building metropolitan citizenship" on the 22nd of October 2022 in the "Corrado Giaquinto" Art Gallery in Bari. Promotion of the cultural heritage : 30 influencers met at the "Round table of Talents of the younger generations" of Città metropolitana di Bari.
Attendees: 29
- **City of Craiova:** "Democratic engagement and civic participation" held on the 28th of November 2022 in the City Hall of Craiova. Citizens, students, public institutions and policymakers were involved in a public discussion after Camelot partners had shared their presentations and experiences.
Attendees: 52
- **Gdansk-Gdnya-Sopot Metropolitan Area:** The local event was organized as part of the Smart Metropolis Congress on the 27th-28th of October 2022, at the Gdansk University of Technology. The congress program included items on the local event within the Camelot project:
 - 1) "Climate Mosaic" workshop;
 - 2) Debate: "Let's work together for the climate".Attendees: 30

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

- **Metropolitan City of Milan:** "Camelot project and EU funds: an opportunity for youth civic engagement" held on the 22nd of November 2022 at Palazzo Isimbardi, Milan. Two classes attending a local high school participated in a meeting with a final active discussion.
Attendees: 35
- **Verband Region Stuttgart:** On the 15th of October 2022 citizens were invited to participate in a European policy breakfast to discuss current European developments with Evelyne Gebhardt, Vice President of the European Parliament, followed by a city walk to explore the industrial culture of Göppingen . Thanks to the Interreg project Value +, an industrial culture route was created.
Attendees: 27
- **City of Zagreb:** The event was entitled "Integrated projects in Zagreb Urban Agglomeration". On the 3rd of May, during the Urbanization Days, the City Office for Economy, Ecological Sustainability and Strategic Planning of the City of Zagreb showed the results of the workshops held on the day of the Camelot international conference. Representatives of public bodies participated in a discussion on these topics:
 - 1) Urban mobility and integration of public transport.
 - 2) Culture, heritage and tourism.
 - 3) Green transition and circular management of space and buildings.
 - 4) Safe, pleasant and attractive public spaces.Attendees: 43
- **Porto Metropolitan Area:** "Adaptation of the Metropolis to climate change, including implementation of ITI projects" was held on the 21st of October 2022. This local activity focused on the Metropolitan Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change. Our partner arranged a group activity and also a discussion panel.
Attendees: 27

DISSEMINATION

TO FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OBJECTIVES, THE CAMELOT PROJECT ENVISAGED VARIOUS TOOLS TO CAPTURE ATTENTION

USED TOOLD:

- [Project website](#)
- [Facebook page](#)

The website is available in English, Italian, Croatian, German, Polish and Romanian. The language can be changed from the top right bar by selecting the relative flag.

The contents are divided as follows:

- **HOME PAGE:** a description of the Camelot project and an illustrative map of the metropolitan areas involved.
- **PROJECT:** in this section it is possible to explore more specific areas such as the description, objective, strategy and results of the Camelot project.
- **PARTNERS:** all partners are introduced individually.
- **EVENTS:** all events are chronologically displayed, from the earliest at the top. Past meetings are briefly summarized in a report, available in pdf, while future ones are described in the agenda.
- **CONTACTS:** here you can find the contacts of the Metropolitan City of Milan, the project leader, and its European Policies Coordination Office, which takes care of responding to any message.

As in most websites, a search bar is also available to facilitate the research of information.

On the Facebook page, the consortium has opened a page "Camelot EU", thanks to which users have the possibility to receive updates and notifications regarding future or past events; this allows the citizens to stay informed, without necessarily consulting the website.

WEAK AND STRONG POINTS

Camelot has been improved over time, especially to face the new conditions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The greatest strength of the project is the ability to bring together different metropolitan entities during events, by creating a constructive dialogue, useful for both public bodies and citizens.

However, during the lock-down period, this strength turned into a weakness that forced the partners to review and postpone the scheduled events that would have taken place starting from March 2, 2020.

To achieve the previously-set goals, i.e. the dissemination of useful information and knowledge aimed at developing an active and aware citizenship, Camelot took advantage of EU Green Week 2021 to make its presence felt through a webinar accessible to all, upon registration; the initiative was disseminated via the official Facebook page "Camelot EU".

The covered topic was the role of metropolitan cities and the tools to mitigate environmental pollution.

Once the national borders were reopened, with the appropriate safety measures, the partners managed to coordinate for the success of each event, which, as expected, were held in presence.

PROJECT RESULTS

METHODOLOGY AND METHODS

The main goals of the Camelot project, as stated in the introduction of this publication, are: bringing citizens closer to the European Union (EU), and favouring the integration in the decision-making process on a broader European level.

Since the core activities of Camelot are events, both international conferences and local gatherings, the best way to analyse results is to measure the effectiveness of the latter.

We have chosen to do so by submitting questionnaires to the attendees of international conferences. In addition, we have gathered attendance sheets in order to measure the participation rate. We have used a mixed methodology (quantitative and qualitative). In fact, not only we have reported data about the participation rate and the share of attendees who decided to fill in the questionnaires, but in this publication, you can also find the analysis of each single query of every questionnaire. As you can notice, most of the latter have been designed to show the increase or decrease of interest and engagement in the discussed topics. That is why both a pre-event and a post-event questionnaire were distributed in each event.

Instead, for what concerns local activities, questionnaires were not a formal requirement of the project. Instead, we have opted for a qualitative analysis of the proposed activities and an evaluation of the attendance rate to each of them.

	EVENTS							
REQUIREMENTS	MILAN	BARCELONA	ZAGREB	PORTO	GDANSK	BARI	CRAIOVA	STUTTGART
ATTENDEES AT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	59	54	52	65	104	62	50	63
ATTENDEES AT LOCAL ACTIVITIES	35	26	43	27	30	29	52	27

Data on attendance per each event and local activity

PROJECT RESULTS

ANALYSIS RESULTS

To summarise, the overall project has produced positive results. Even taking into account the obstacles posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the project partners have managed to organize in-presence events and to observe formal requirements.

The minimum attendance rate, specified by formal requirements set by the Europe for Citizens Programme, was achieved (minimum 51 attendees per event, except for the Craiova event, whose target was 25).

Furthermore, all partners have managed to involve at least 25 people in local activities.

In total, more than 778 people (269 in local activities and 509 in international events) were directly involved in the project.

Almost all the attendees have decided to fill in questionnaires at each international conference.

Questionnaires show a general positive trend. All the post-event questionnaires register an increased or unaltered interest and awareness rate in the topics under query. Also, attendees have positively valued the organizations of events and the impact of this kind of initiatives.

On the other hand, queries concerning the involvement of citizens into EU policies and the general knowledge of the EU funding programmes show a slightly lower evaluation rate.

The amount of unanswered queries, except for the international event in Stuttgart, is rather minimal.

Local activities focused on different topics and the partners managed to involve different target groups: students, policymakers, public employees and citizens.

To conclude, we can state that we managed to bring Europe one step closer to citizens and to raise awareness about several important themes such as: environmental issues, European policies, social policies and culture.



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