



## Main results and findings from the Evaluation of the EU Youth Strategy

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# Evaluation of EUYS and Council REC Mobility of Young Volunteers

Strategic document – setting common goals + approaches

EU Youth OMC: instruments + governance structures

## Scope

- Interim period: 2010-2014/5 – EU 28
- Council Resolution 2009
- Council REC on Mobility of Young Volunteers

## Purpose

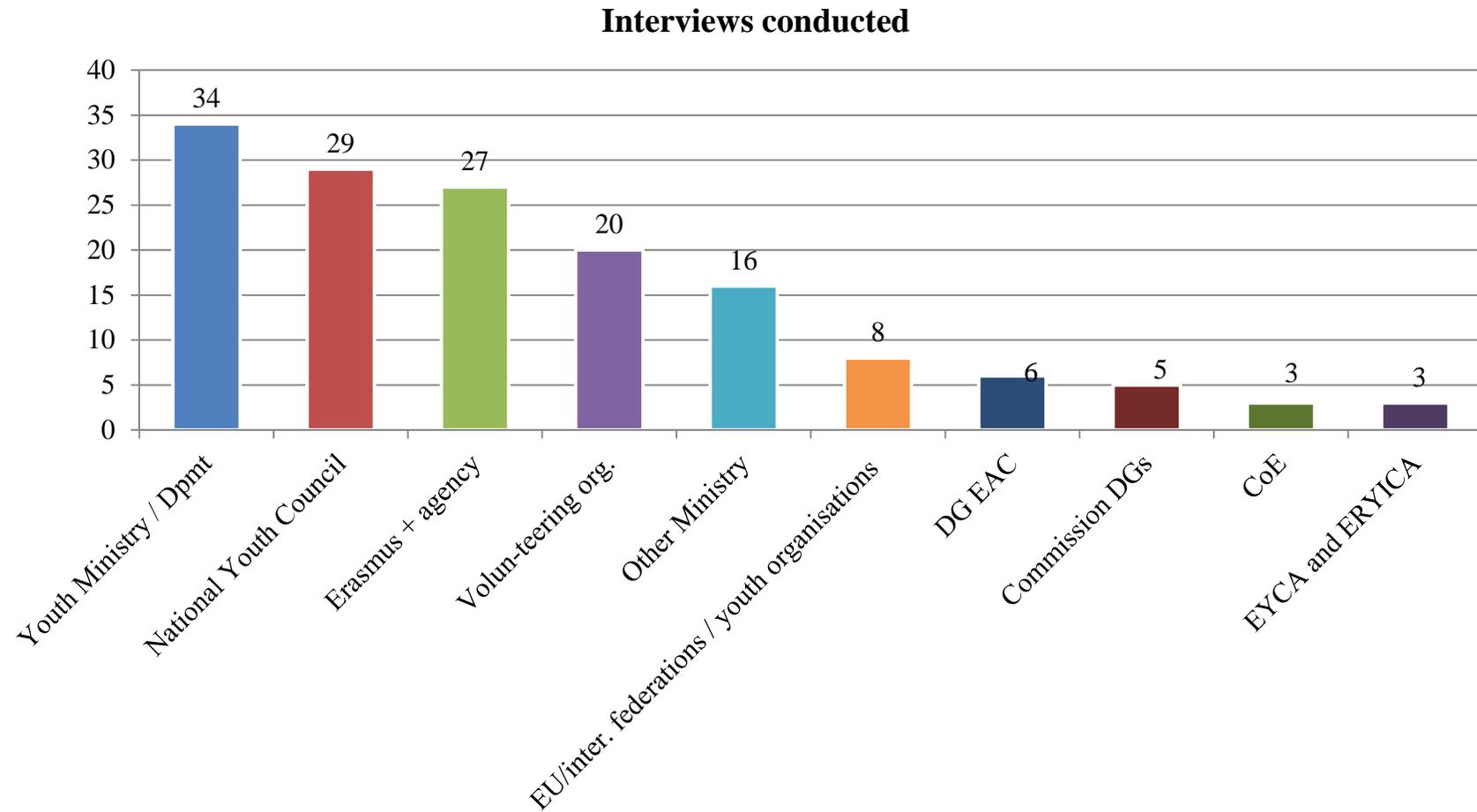
- Assess the past and continued relevance of the EUYS
- Assess the effectiveness of the EUYS: effects on policy and practices in Member States at national level, regional and local levels;
- Assess the efficiency of the EUYS
- Assess the EU Added Value of the EUYS and its instruments
- Assess the sustainability of cooperation structures at EU and national levels set up to achieve the EUYS' objectives
- Identify ways of improving the implementation and governance of the EU Youth OMC for 2015-2018 and post-2018

# Main sources of data

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Effectiveness (outputs)	Official documentation	Review of outputs
Effectiveness, relevance, efficiency of process, sustainability	Views of policy makers and key stakeholders	151 interviews (18 EU level and 133 national level) Approx. 4 per country
Effectiveness and relevance	Views of youth org. and young people	Survey of young people - 719 Survey of youth organisations - 250
Effectiveness – examples of change	Narratives of change	10 case studies – 36 interviews

# Type of organisations interviewed

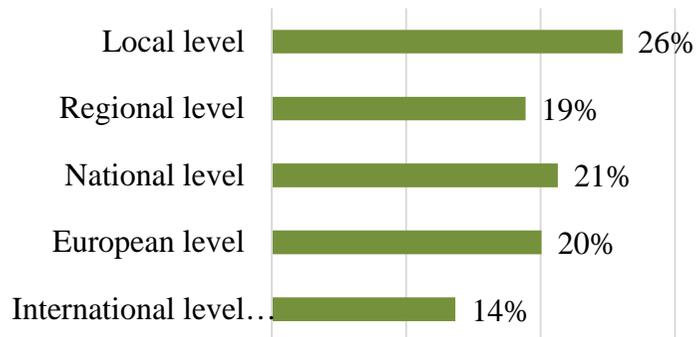


# Type of organisations that answered the survey

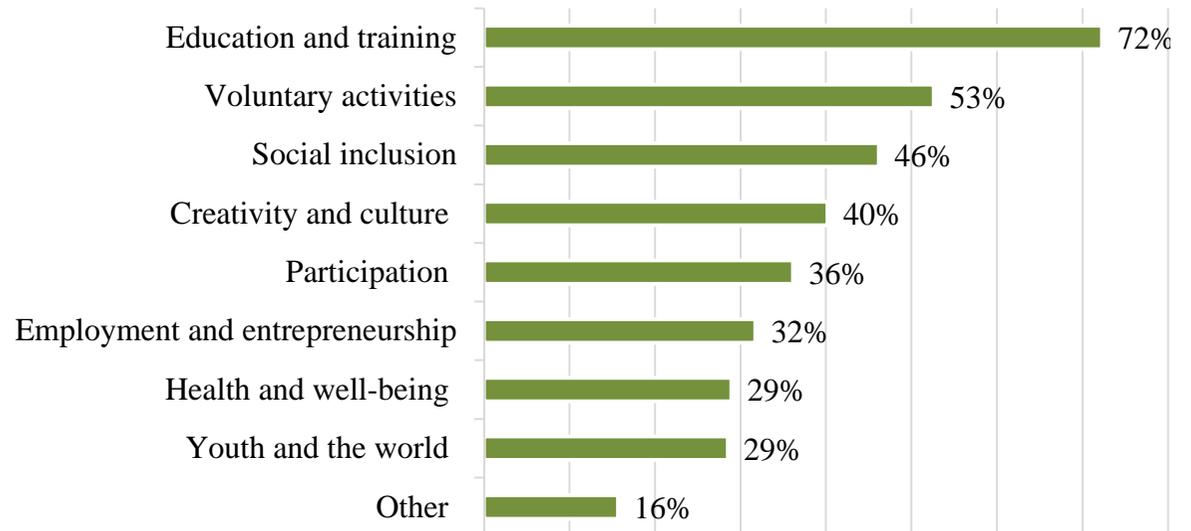
## Variety of organisations answered the survey

Some countries were over-represented in the sample (PT, HR) but this did not skew the results

### At which of the following levels is your organisation active:



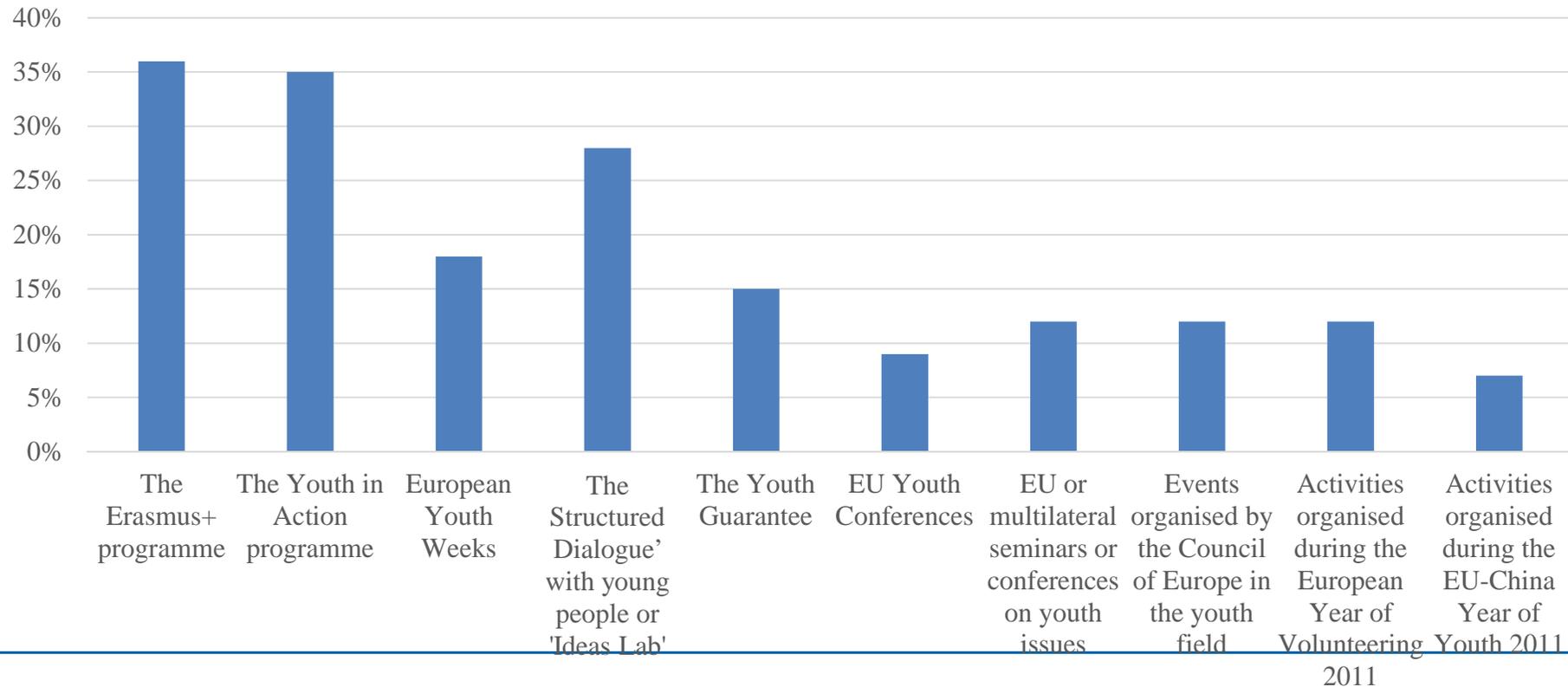
### Which of the following are your organisation's core areas of activity?



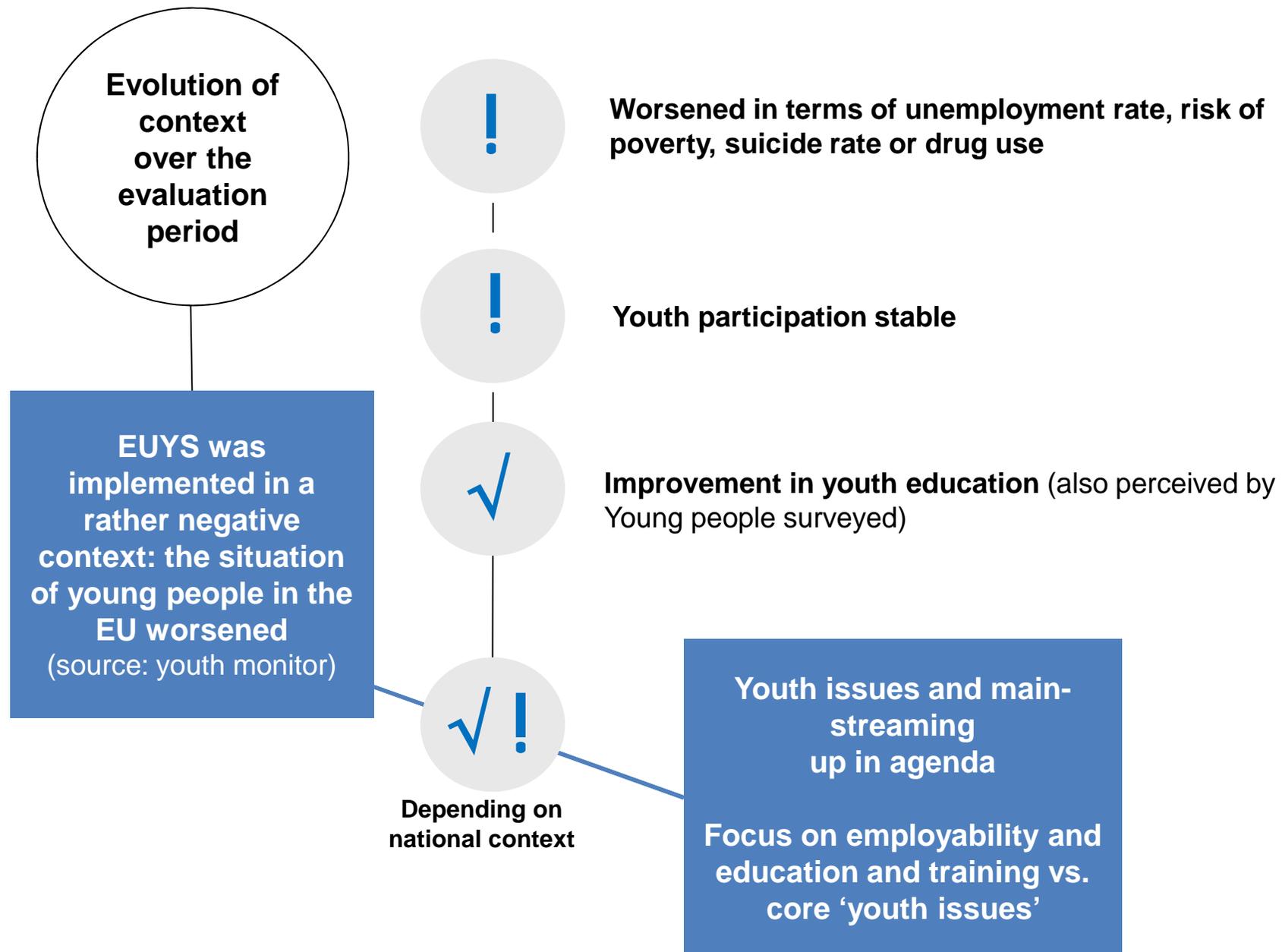
# Profile of young people who answered the survey

- Age groups: 18-25 (53%); 25-30 (33%); 15-18 (14%)
- 49% were members of youth organisations
- Took part in variety of EU activities or none of them (152 respondents – 21% - took part in none)

Did you take part in any of these EU level activities (Yes)

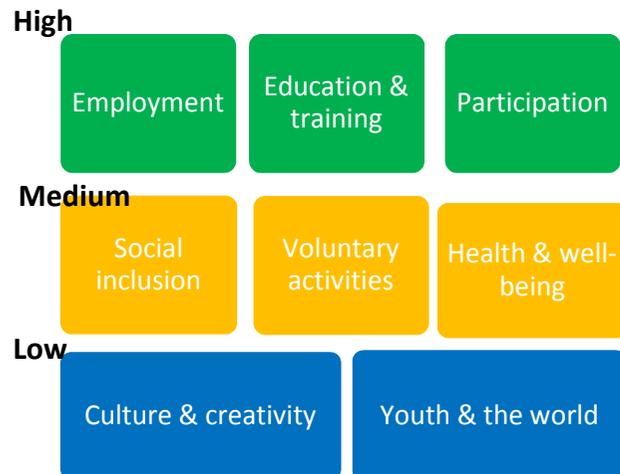






## RELEVANCE & COHERENCE

The EUYS objectives continue to be relevant to the needs of young Europeans and to the activities of youth policy-makers and of youth organisations



**80% of interviewees confirmed the EUYS is still relevant to young people**



**80% of the surveyed youth organisations considered that all EUYS activities in which they participated to have been relevant to their work**



**2/3 of the policy-makers interviewed at national level consider the EUYS' objectives and fields of action to be sufficiently broad and flexible to fit every MS' context, needs and priorities -> 'a la carte' framework ?**



**EUYS was more relevant to countries which, in 2010, were further away from being aligned to alignment with the principles and objectives of the EUYS**



**All 7 instruments are overall relevant to the EUYS' objectives but some are better fit-for-purpose than others**



**Some of the 8 fields of action more relevant to the needs of young people and youth policy-makers than others**



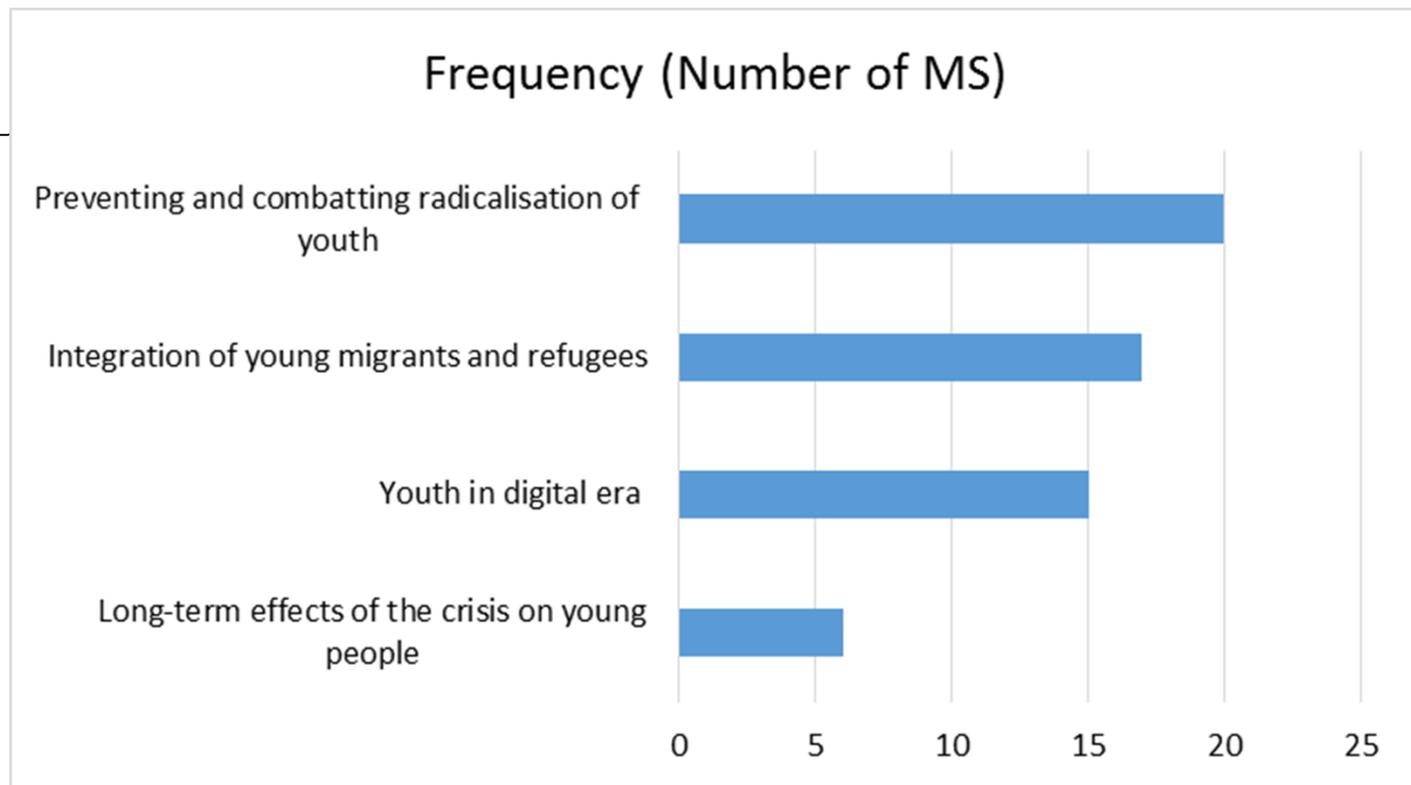
**Tension between urgent issues (education & employment) and 'core youth areas**

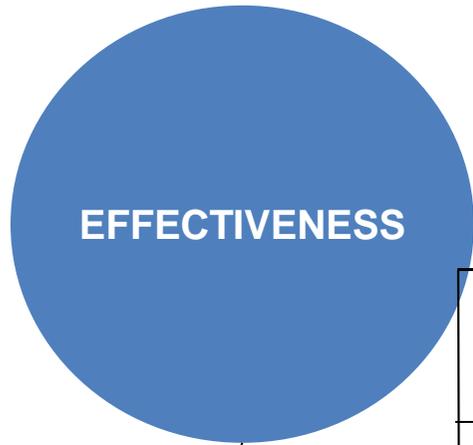
**EUYS' internal coherence not sufficiently apparent**

**RELEVANCE  
& COHERENCE**

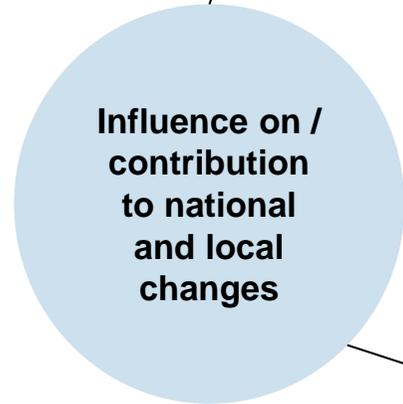
**New challenges have emerged**

**These can be included within the EU youth OMC**





**EFFECTIVENESS**



**Influence on /  
contribution  
to national  
and local  
changes**

**Movement towards adoption of principles and objectives promoted in the EUYS**

**- Influence on the policy agenda in the majority of EU MS**

**- Influence at strategic and/or operational levels in most EU MS**

**Two-way influence MS>EU>MS in case of most active EU MS**

**Influence mainly in core youth areas**

**Level and strength of influence varied on account of MS specific opportunities / obstacles**

**Some instruments were more influential than others**

**EUYS worked with other EU initiatives which influenced changes in youth areas in EU MS and at EU level**

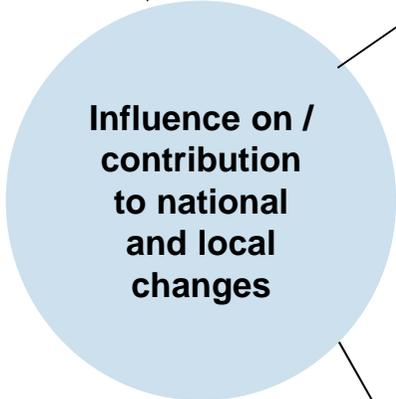
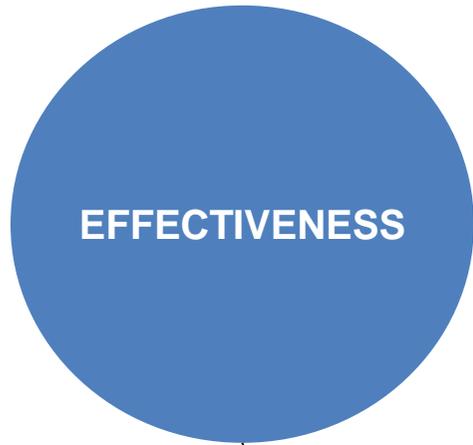
√ structured dialogue

√ Mobilisation of EU funds

√ Mutual learning

√ Knowledge building

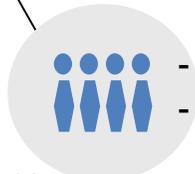
√ **When they work together**



157 youth  
organisations

- Networking with other youth organisations
- Knowledge-building, learning
- Development of new activities or initiatives
- Creation of new partnerships
- recognition of youth work
- participation of youth stakeholders
- recognition of the value of volunteering

Effects 'useful' or 'very useful' to their work for 90%



719 young  
Europeans

- Meeting new people and cultures, opening one's mind
- Exchanging ideas on similar problems (e.g. youth unemployment, youth disinterest for social issues)

**EU  
ADDED  
VALUE**

**Determined by (1) MS' pre-2010 level of alignment with what the EUYS promoted and (2) their interest in the cooperation instruments' available and in the topics addressed**

put in perspective against 10 years of cooperation in the field of youth and other influence mechanisms

**Catalyst  
effect**

- ✓ Inspiration, knowledge and expertise (via exchange of good practices, data produced etc.)
  - ✓ Leverage and legitimacy to make claims consistent with the EUYS, e.g. promoting youth work, participation, inclusion etc.
  - ✓ Opportunities and resources (incl. financial ones) to move towards the commonly-agreed objectives within the EU youth OMC.
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**Accelerator  
effect**

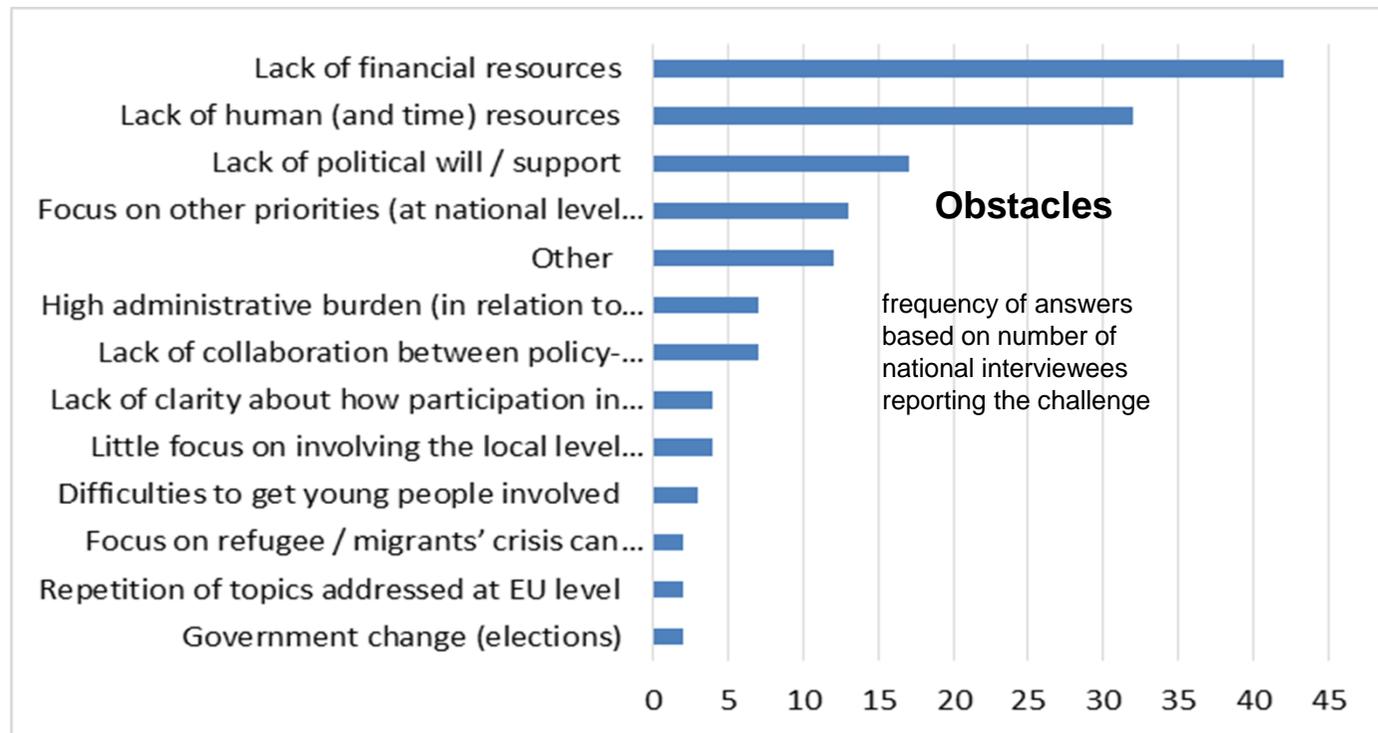


## EUYS contributed to a number of long lasting effects in several EU MS



## Continued interest in having an exchange on youth issues at EU level

✓ 80% of stakeholders interviewed have strong interest in continuing participation in EUYS.





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