

# Making Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps **MORE INCLUSIVE**

Inclusiveness of the programmes and contribution of the Inclusion and Diversity Strategy in enhancing inclusion in the youth field.

## Inclusion and Diversity data (period 2021-2023)

### PROJECTS ADDRESSING **INCLUSION**

**3885** [24.05%]

Erasmus+ Youth

**3528** [56.49%]

European Solidarity Corps

These activities represent **22%-25%** of all programmes' participants, with **more than 40%** of them being young people with fewer opportunities.

"INCLUSION IS BOTH A MEANS AND AN END"

— SALTO I&D



## Main insights and findings

Perspectives, experiences, insights, and feedback concerning the inclusiveness of the Erasmus+ and ESC programmes since 2021.

### NATIONAL AGENCIES

National I&D strategies

– positive development

Budget allocation difficulties

Need to reach out to **new organisations & target groups**

Simplification of **application procedures**

Support dimensions require **effort and time**

QUANTITY OVER QUALITY?

### TRAINERS, EXPERTS, AND BENEFICIARY ORGANISATIONS

**Nuanced perspectives** influence how organisations apply I&D in the programmes

**Bureaucratic complexities** – inclusive intentions vs. practical implementation

**Project formats** do not align with the programme's objectives

### SALTO RCs

**Unequal budget allocation** between Erasmus+ and the ESC

**TEC training:** mental health support and diversity in trainers' teams

Relationship between **policy, strategy, and implementation**

TOOLS, EXPERTISE, RESOURCES, & TRAINING EVENTS



### NEWCOMERS

**Valued opportunities** for personal development and intercultural engagement

Inclusion and **accessibility measures** for participants with disabilities

Complex procedures can lead to discouragement. More **accessible and simplified information is needed**

## Conclusions and suggestions

### MAIN AND GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Changes in the approach and evaluation of the programmes
2. Understanding and addressing barriers to inclusion
3. Structural change over individual 'integration'
4. New monitoring and evaluation mechanisms
5. A more sensitive approach to labels
6. Revision of inclusion budgets

### NEIGHBOURING PARTNER COUNTRIES

**Need for enhanced cooperation** with neighbouring countries and regions, promoting values such as solidarity, democracy, and human rights.

**Increased funding for E+ Youth and ESC** will lead to stronger intercultural exchanges and collaborative projects benefiting vulnerable communities.

Since 2021, **Erasmus+ Youth and the ESC have significantly enhanced I&D** within the youth sector, but **improvements are still needed:**

programmes' design  
budget allocation  
application processes  
outreach mechanisms  
evaluation measures

GREATER DIVERSITY and EASIER ACCESS FOR A BROADER RANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

### THE "DISCOVER EU INCLUSION CHALLENGE"

A possibly stigmatising title

Restrictive age limits

Complex and time consuming procedures

Visual notes based on the research report "Making Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps more inclusive" (January, 2024)

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