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# Summary of Findings from the Final Conference

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**Erasmus KA210 YOU – Small-scale Partnerships in Youth**  
**Project “Green-IN: Including all persons for a greener future”**

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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a description of how the final conference was organized and implementation within the framework of the project “GREEN-IN.” The document discusses the preparation, resources required for the event, and provides recommendations such that others wishing to implement similar activities can do so in the most efficient manner.

## 2. Preparation

The final conference was foreseen in the project in order to bring together the partnership one last time so as to conclude the cooperation agreement, exchange know-how between regions (especially among youth, persons with disabilities and their parents as well as between professionals working with persons with disabilities). The preparation for this event began well before it was held, as the cooperation agreement was considered an essential element for its success. Beginning in late November 2023, the project team began to review the results of the project and discuss how the results could be extended. It was concluded that the most effective way to extend the project results and improve on them would be by drafting/preparing a project idea in line with KA220 YOU (cooperation partnerships of the ERASMUS+ Programme). Therefore, the project team began to work on this element, which was prepared for signing in February 2024.

Besides the cooperation agreement, the project team needed to decide on the contents for the event. ŽIR started by contacting stakeholders, volunteers and interested citizens. It was found through contacts and communication in the network that it would be best to prepare the conference content not just as basic presentations, but as an opportunity to learn via interactions. ŽIR organized stations and equipment that is normally used by persons with disabilities to show citizens how such equipment facilitates social inclusion, and enables persons with disabilities to take an active role in the community. ŽIR was also able to organize a musical presentation where a young citizen from Cestica (which is on the road to becoming a musician) agreed to perform at the conference. ŽIR through the municipality of Cestica invited local and regional participants in order to gain their involvement in the event. The municipality of Cestica also allowed ŽIR to use its cultural centre for the event. ŽIR organized catering based on the number of confirmed participants. The Municipality of Cavriago organized participants from its area so that there would be transnational exchanges among the target groups. Based on the feedback received ŽIR was able to organize the agenda, which is seen on the next page.



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### Agenda – Final conference in Cestica

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#### I. Basic information

**Duration:** 24.2.2024

**Participating organizations:** Udruga “ŽIR” – život i radost, Comune di Cavriago (IT), te druge organizacije koje su pridonijele rezultatima projekta “GREEN-IN”/ Udruga “ŽIR” – život i radost (Life and Joy), Comune di Cavriago (IT), and other organisations that have contributed to the results of the “GREEN-IN” Project

**Total number of participants:** maks. 40 sudionika /max. 40 participants

#### II. Schedule:

**Location:** Kulturni centar/Cultural Centre, Cestica, Dravska 1a, 42208 Cestica, Croatia

9:30 – 10:00 – Gathering of participants

10:00 – Opening and welcoming presentation by the President of ŽIR – Irena Jamnik

– Cultural-musical presentation

- Group work – challenges of working with persons with disabilities

- Presentations connected to the implementation of the training in the project

- Signing of the cooperation agreement.

- Cultural programme and final remarks

12:30 – 13:30 – Lunch for participants

14:00 – Departures

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### 3. Implementation

Overall, the final conference was implemented in line with the agenda. 30 participants attended (6 from Italy, 24 from Croatia). The presentations included a general presentation of the project and its results, a presentation of the training approach in Croatia, and a presentation of the training approach in Cavriago. In between the presentations, a short musical presentation was held (performed by a young musician, Erik Vrbancec, who is blind). After the presentations, diplomas were presented to the volunteers that completed the training foreseen in the project. At the end of the event, the cooperation agreement was signed by the legal representatives of ŽIR and Cavriago. After the signing, each participant had the chance to access various equipment that is regularly used by persons with disabilities, and there were exercises held based on the training programme/methodology such that participants had the chance to experience the challenges of living with a disability. These methods help to instil empathy in the community towards the challenges that these persons face daily.



*Photos taken during the presentations and musical presentation*



*Signing of the cooperation agreement and presenting diplomas*



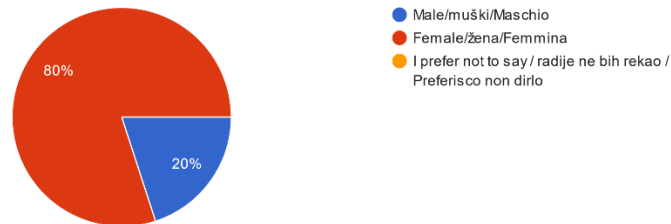
*Photos from the interactive group activities held*

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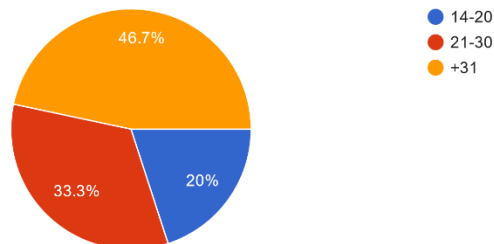
## 4. Participant feedback

After the conference, a questionnaire was sent to the participants as a Google Form in order to gain feedback from each participant. In total, 15 responses were received. The following provides a breakdown of the participants' feedback. The majority of the responses were from female participants (80% female, 20% male). It was also found that most of the responses were from persons classified as youth (>30 years of age). The tables illustrate the findings below.

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15 responses

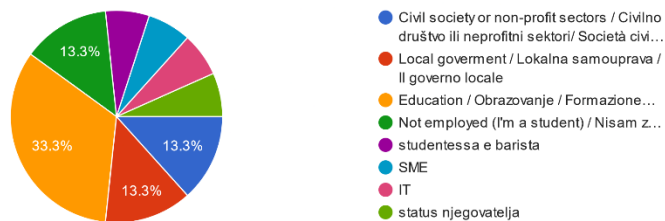


Could you please specify your age group? Možete li navesti svoju dob? Potresti specificare la tua età?  
15 responses



Concerning these persons field of work or interest, the findings varied. Most of the participants came from an education background 33.3%.

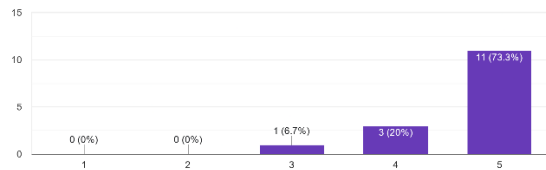
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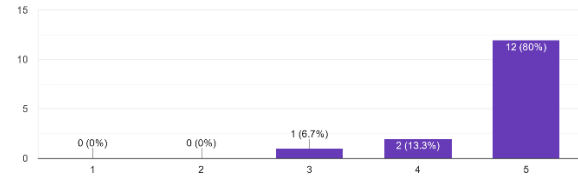
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Concerning the content and logistics of the event, the majority of the participants were satisfied. 53.3% of respondents mentioned that all of the event content was suitable. 86.7% of respondents stated that the schedule was suitable. 73% of participants gave the maximum score (5/5) stating that they found the contents of the event to be interactive, interesting, important and of benefit. Similar results were found for the catering, accommodation, space and transportation arrangements.

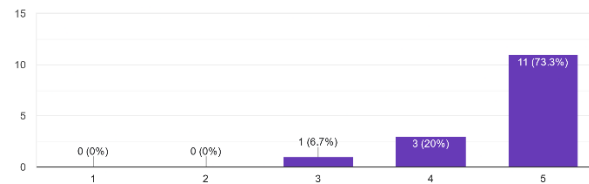
Were the activities interactive, interesting, important and of benefit? / Jesu li aktivnosti bile interaktivne, zanimljive, važne i korisne? Le attività... interattive, interessanti, importanti e vantaggiose? 15 responses



Were the catering arrangements, space and other facilities suitable? / Jesu li catering, prostor i ostali sadržaji bili odgovarajući? Le disposizioni per il catering, lo spazio e le altre strutture erano adeguate? 15 responses



Were the transportation and accommodation suitable? / Jesu li prijevoz i smještaj bili odgovarajući? / Il trasporto e l'alloggio erano adeguati? 15 responses



In the comments section, there were only positive comments about the organization of the event, which shows that it was an effective approach to concluding the project.

## 5. Conclusions and recommendations

Overall, the feedback from participants and the fact that the event went as planned indicate that the approach used to concluding the project was appropriate. By replicating this approach, the partnership of GREEN-IN believe that other organizations would have the same result. There were some deficiencies though. First, there were 30 participants instead of the foreseen 40 persons. That occurred mainly due to confirmed participants cancelling at the last moment. As well, it was foreseen that parents and persons with disabilities from Italy would attend; however, it was found that travel for these persons was not possible due to the possible health and safety risks that the long 1600km round-trip journey from Cavriago to Cestica included.

Despite these shortcomings, the partnership recommends that other partnerships take a similar approach in their projects. In this way, they can include additional exchanges and transfers of best practices, have participants from different backgrounds interact and become familiar with each other and build awareness in the wider community about development issues impacting citizens.