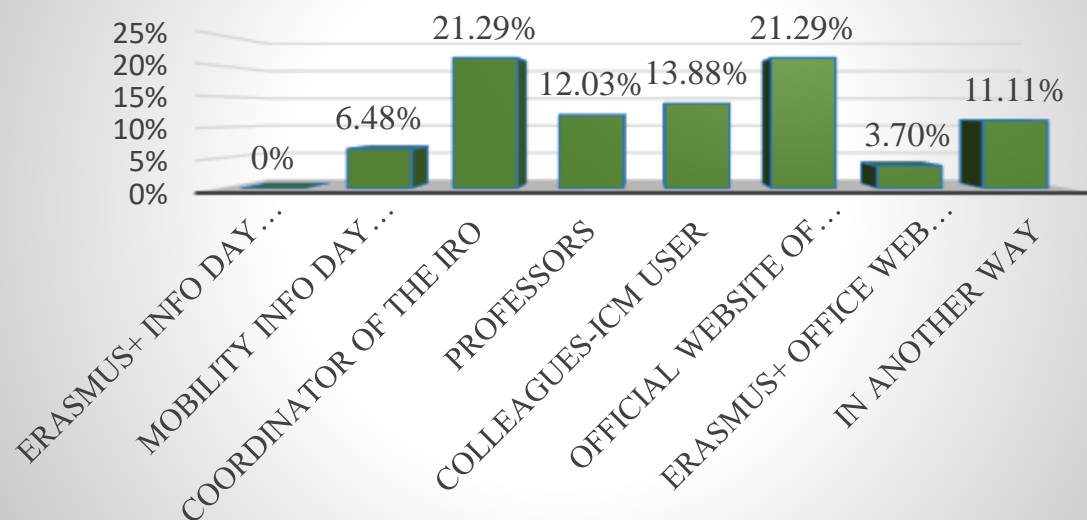


# **Presentation of the results of NEO questionnaire on students mobility**

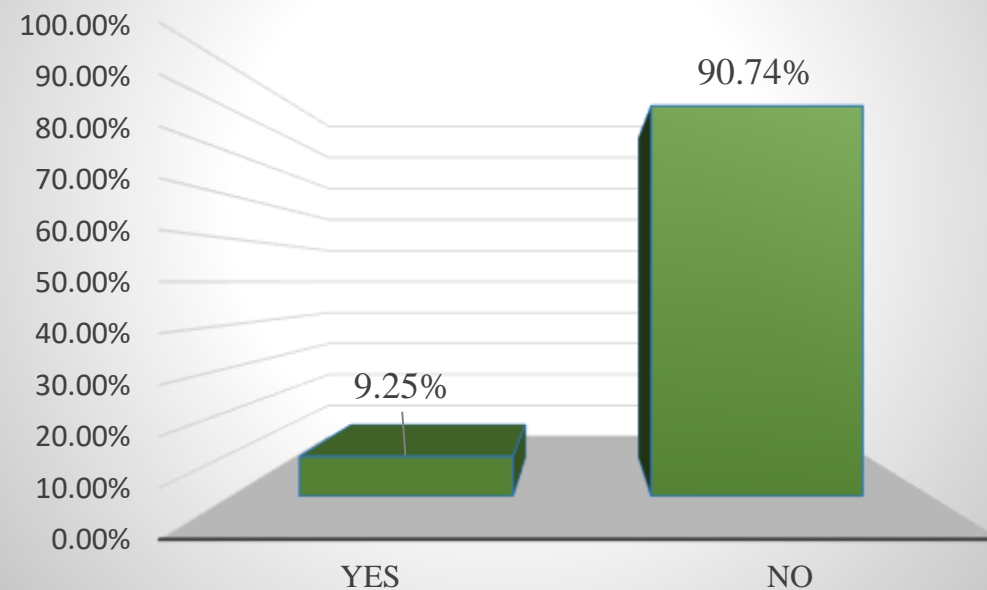
Erasmus+ Info Day  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Rectorate of the University of Montenegro

# Technical implementation of ICM

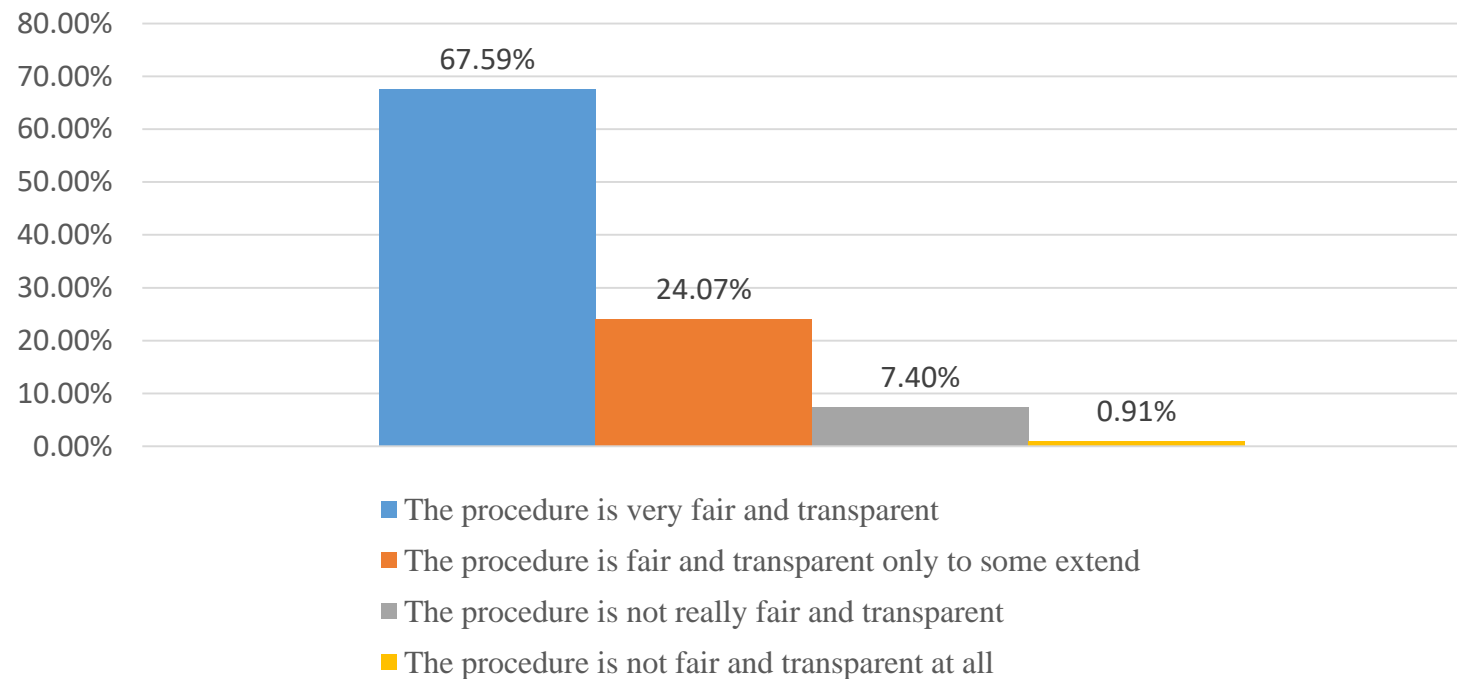
How did you first hear about the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility opportunity?



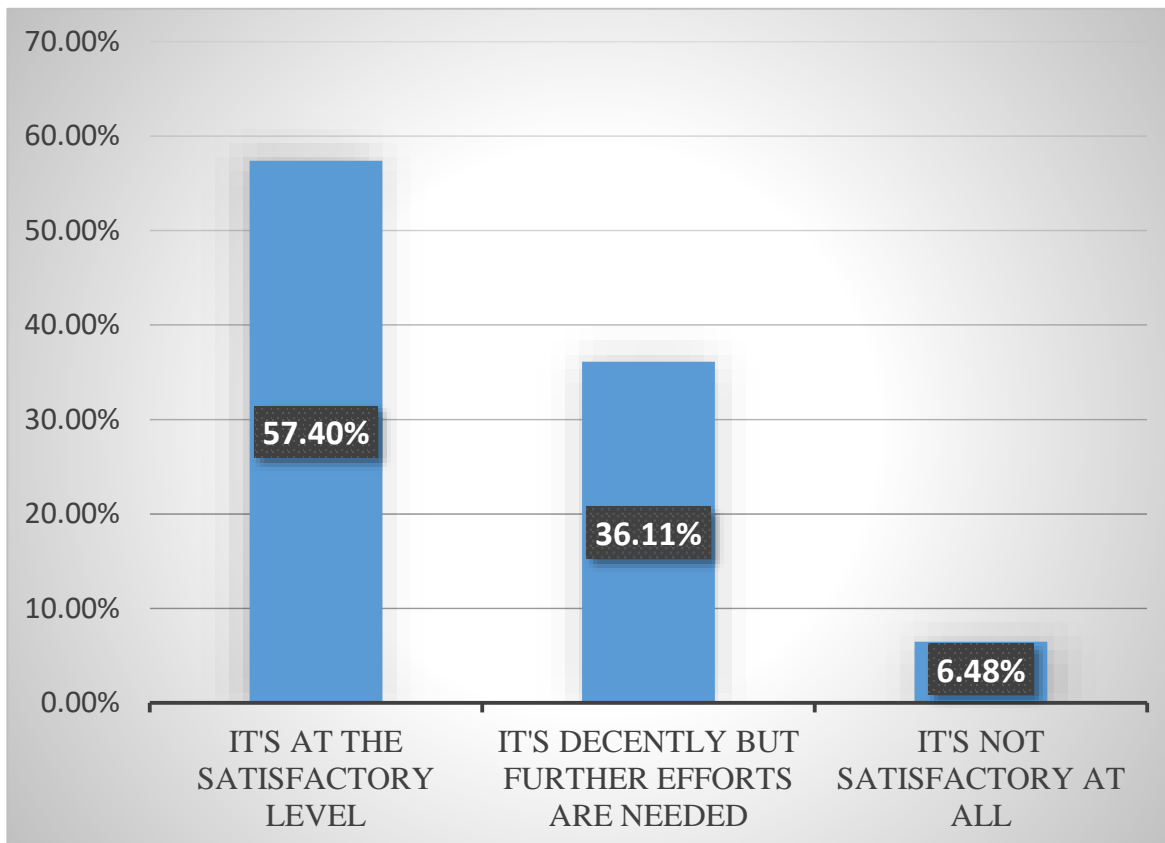
Have you heard about traineeship possibility within ICM action?



How fair and transparent do you find the selection procedure of applicants from your home institution?



# What is the level of encouragement that your home institution gives to his/her students to maximize the use of the Erasmus+ ICM opportunities?



## How can it be improved?

“Professors and the staff from the International Cooperation Office Could organize events for the interested students. Having this information only on the university website might not be visible enough, so any times students don't even know there are exchange opportunities.”

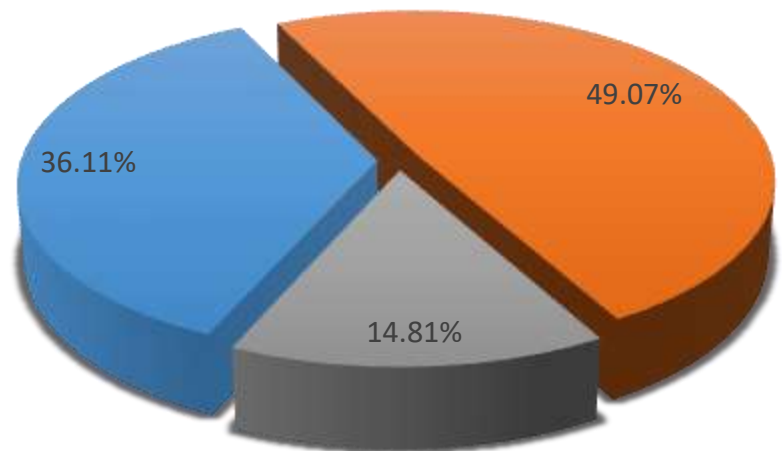
“It can be improved by sharing student experiences by organizing public lecture at the universities.”

“Professors, who are often seen as role models, need to additionally encourage and motivate students to apply for exchange programmes, highlighting all the benefits of the process [...]”

“Public info days on faculties or lectures should be organized in a way where interested students could ask questions that would help them resolve dilemmas they might have for pursuing a mobility abroad.”

“Faculty coordinators for the international relations should encourage students and help them with everything and they do not do that. Students practically go through everything on their own.”

# Does your home institution organize enough dissemination activities to promote Erasmus+ ICM opportunities?



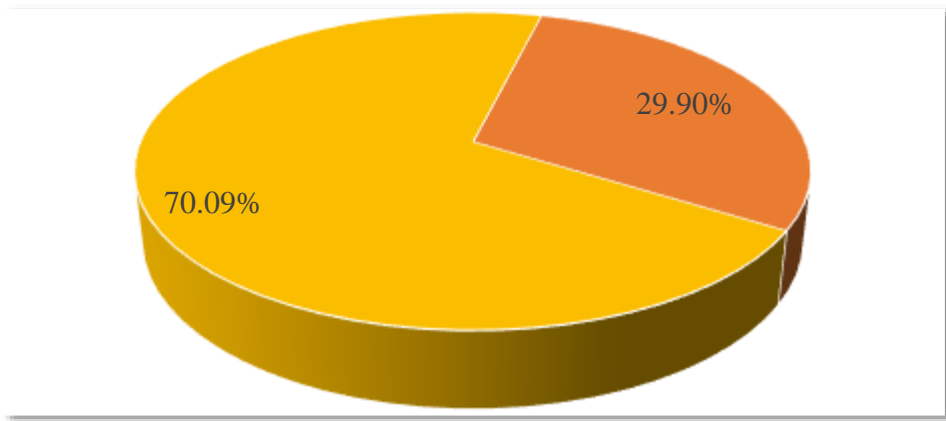
■ Yes, enough ■ More should be done ■ No, not enough

**What would you propose?**

- Experience sharing
- Organization of more open info days
- More promotional materials
- More social media promotion
- Publishing the mobility calls on student's university platforms, not only on the university website
- Establishment of an office within the university dedicated only to the Erasmus+ ICM opportunities
- Organization of informal panels and round tables

# Recognition of credits

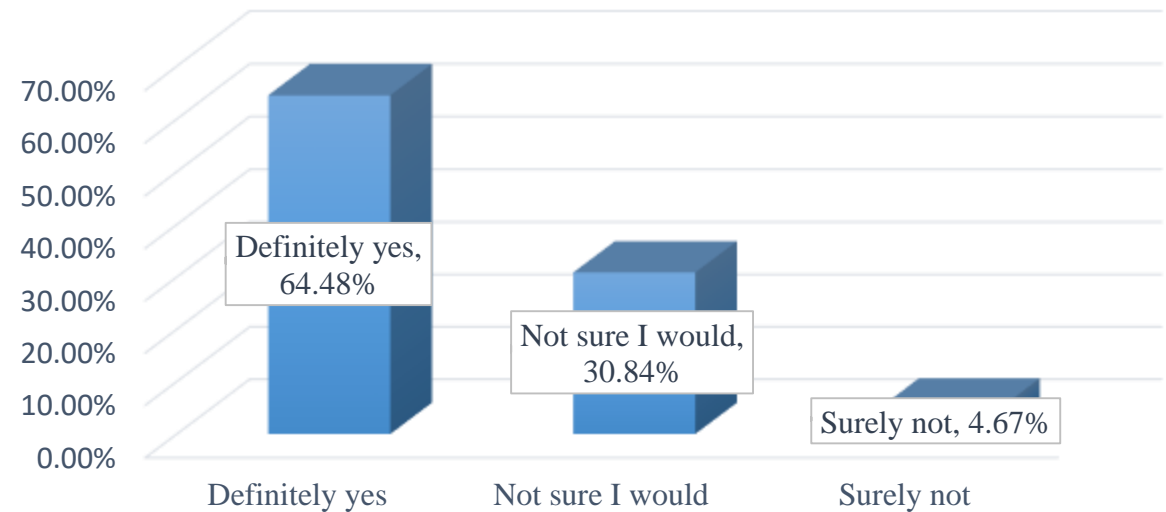
When coming back at your home institution, have you faced the obstacle of recognizing credits?



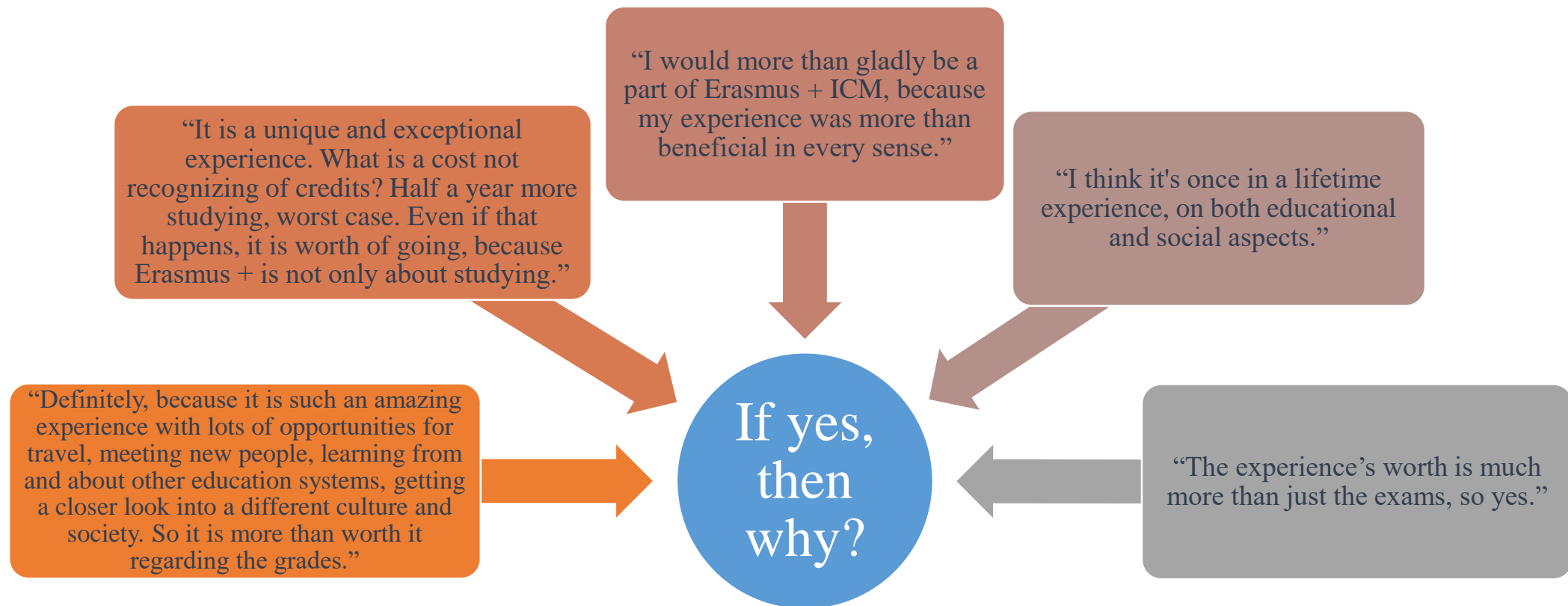
■ Yes, I have ■ No, I haven't

“My home faculty signed all the contracts and all of the credits were supposed to be recognized, but when I got back, there was a different scenario.”

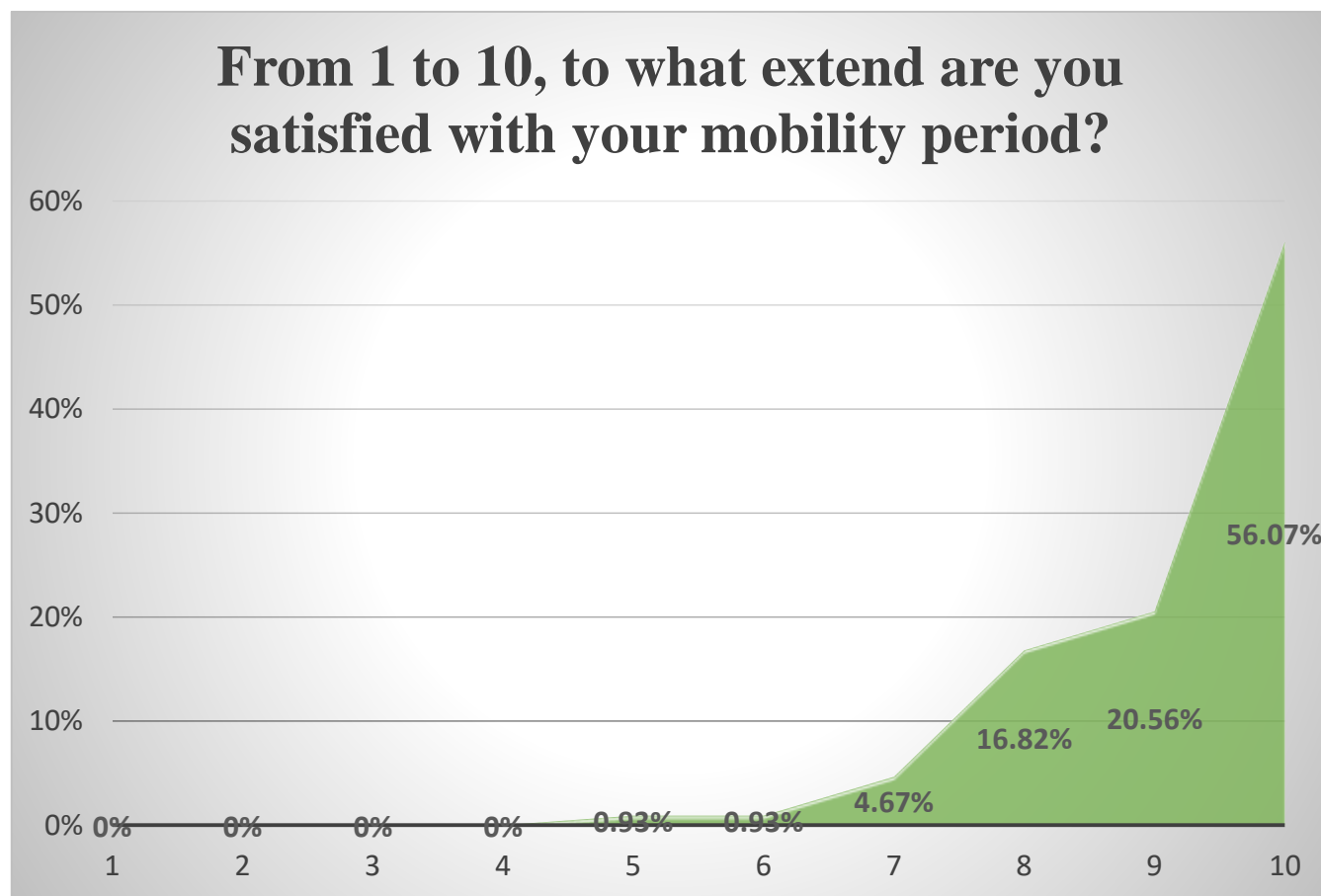
In case you knew that the credits won't be recognized once back, would you still choose to apply?



In case you knew that the credits won't be recognized once back, would you still choose to apply?



# Mobility experience



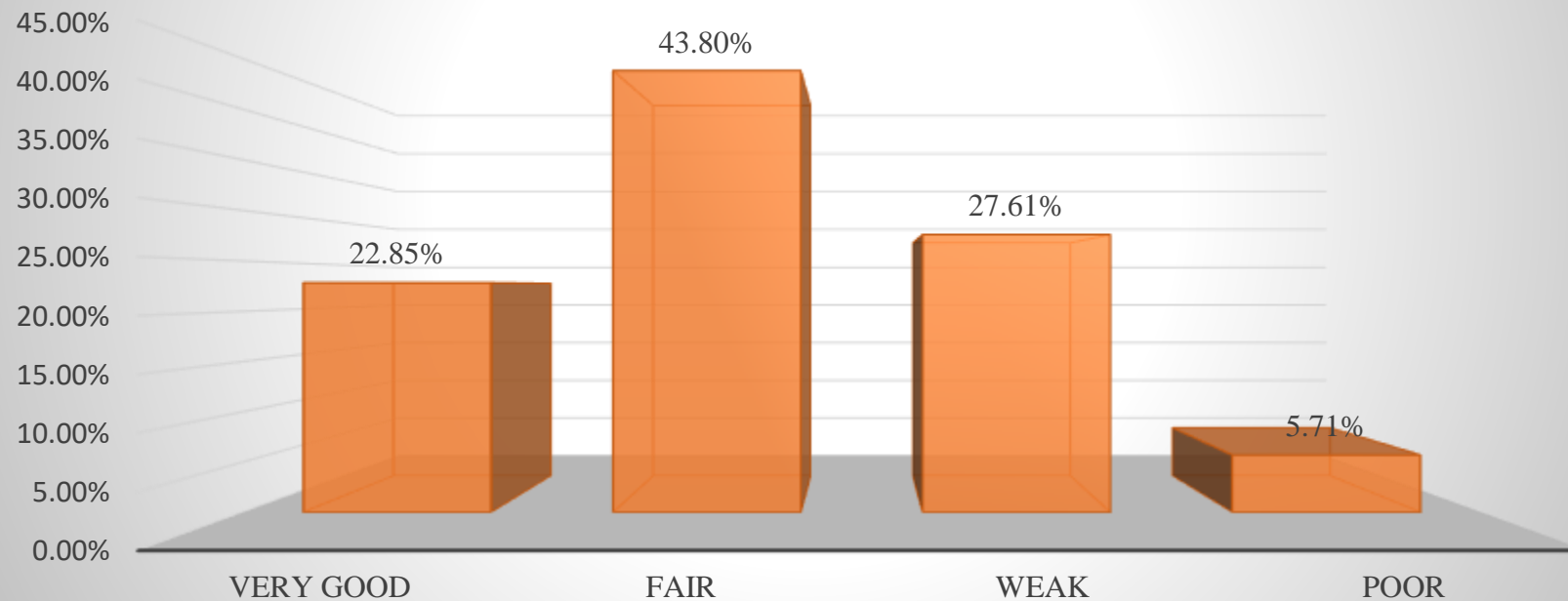
**9.23**

Average grade of students' satisfaction with their mobility period



# Impact at institutional level

**As a mobility student, to what extent do you think you impact the teaching and learning method at your home institution?**



# Impact at institutional level

In case you had possibilities to bring changes at your home institution, what would you change (based on your mobility experience)?

Mandatory internships in order to gain practical knowledge

Fostering essay and research writing

Case studies: analyzing recent developments of the respective field during classes

Change the theoretical approach of teaching: increase the practical aspect of studying

Improve student-professor communication

Introduction of courses lectured in English language

Building research capacities

Encouraging group work

Interactive lectures: student-professor discussion

Organization of workshops

Free courses for foreign languages

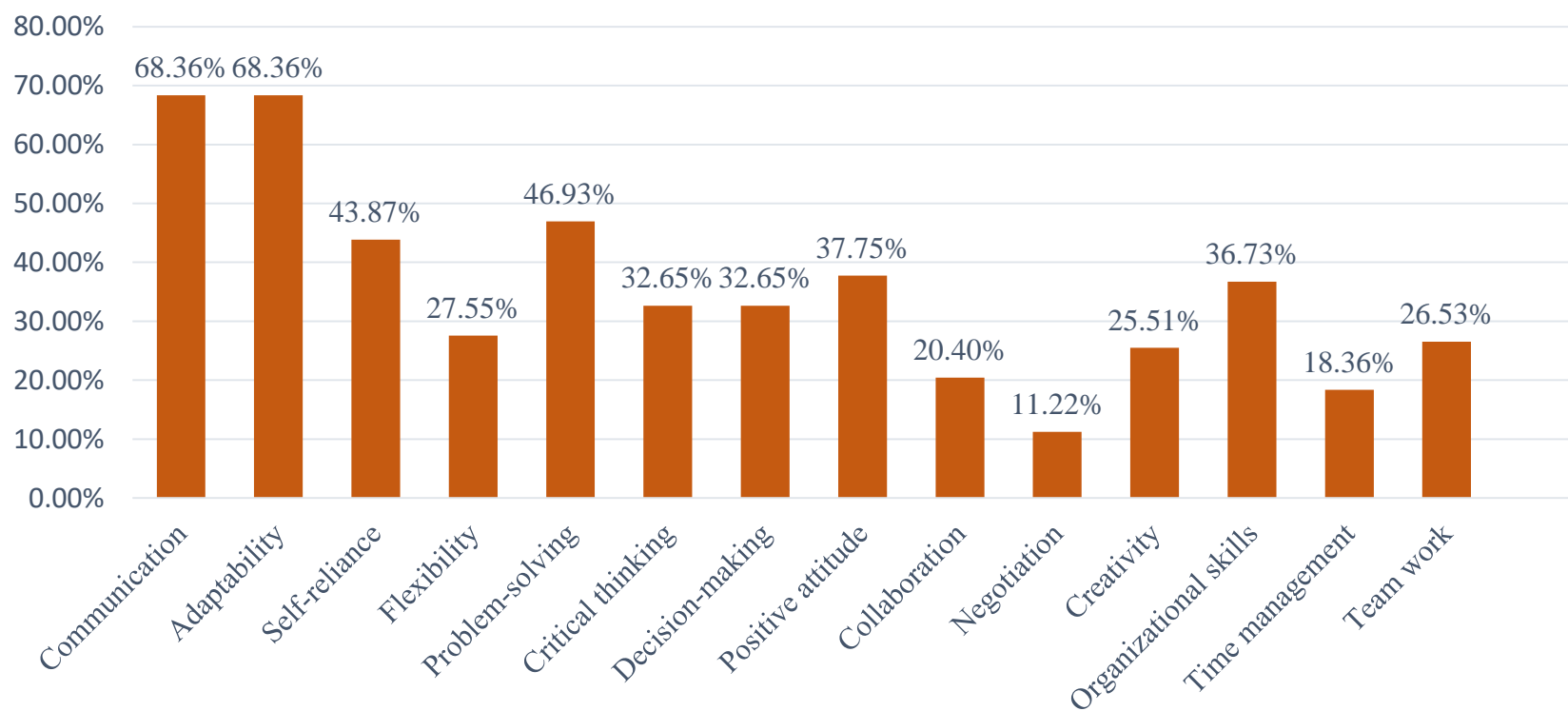
Increase the use of Moodle Platform

Introducing project work and encouraging the students participation in them

Modernize the literature

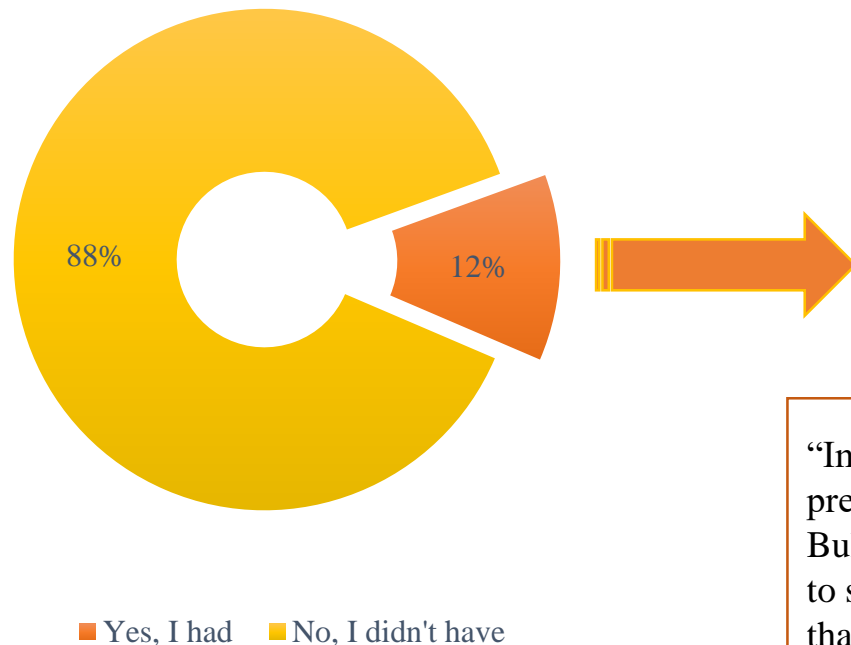
# Impact at personal level

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?**



“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.”

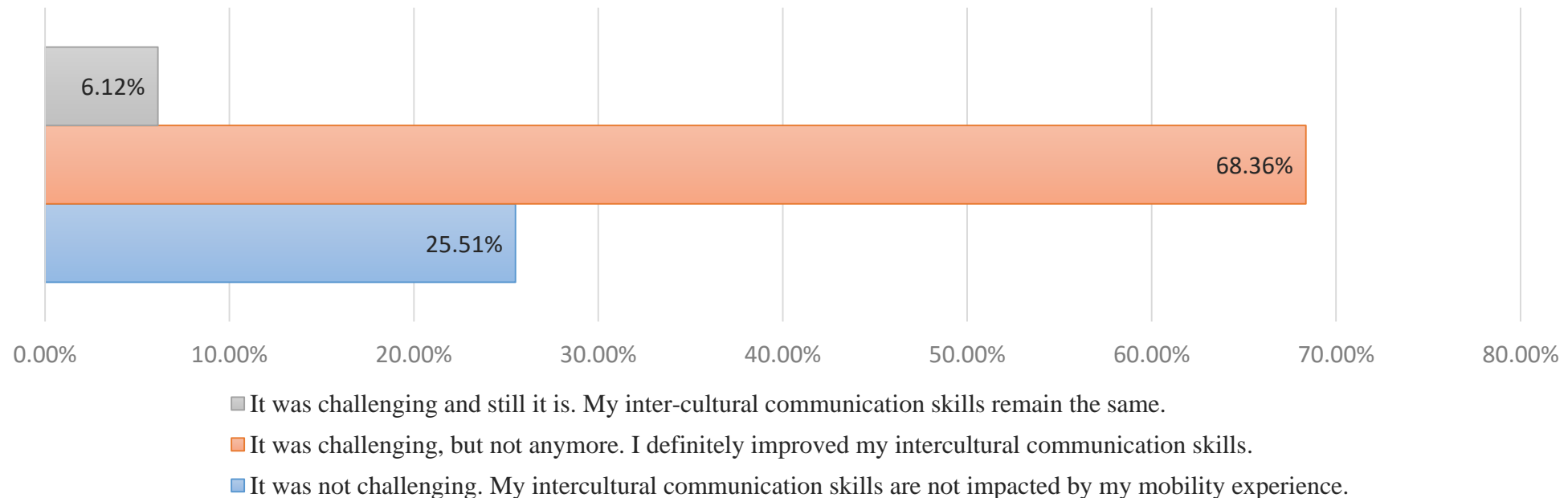
“I've perceived Polish people as cold and distant before going to Warsaw on mobility, but during that period I was proven otherwise. Also, I was amazed by their progress in economic and technology terms, since I've expected Eastern Europe feel to the country.”

“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.”

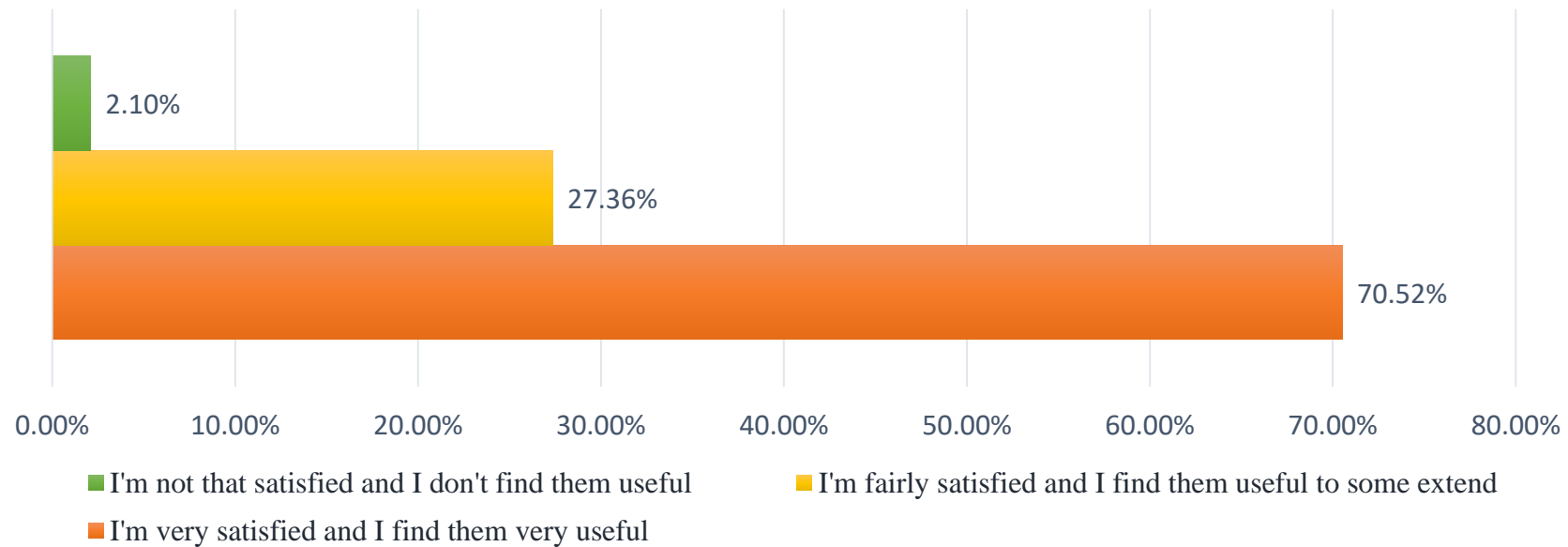
# Impact at personal level: cultural aspects

How challenging was for you intercultural communication at the beginning of the mobility period? Do you think mobility period has improved your intercultural communication skills?



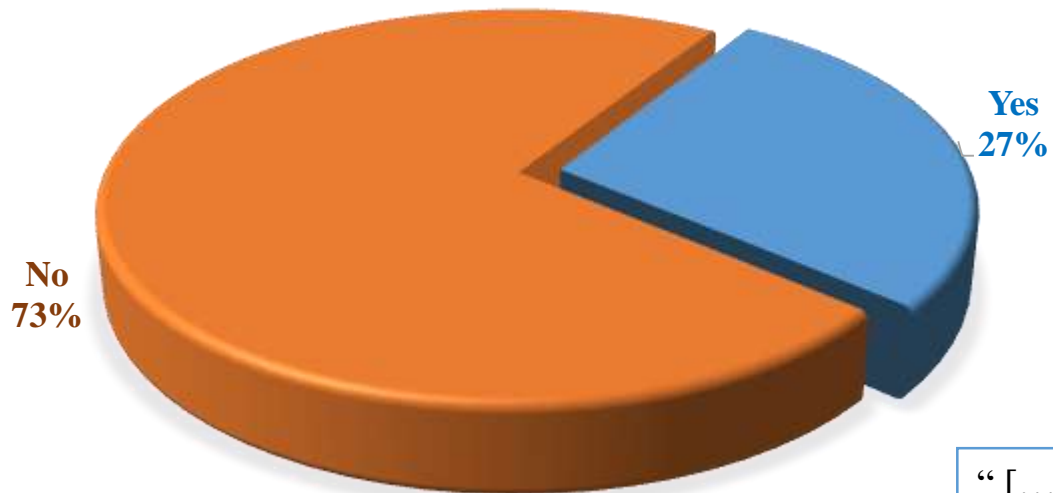
# Impact at professional level

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



# 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.”

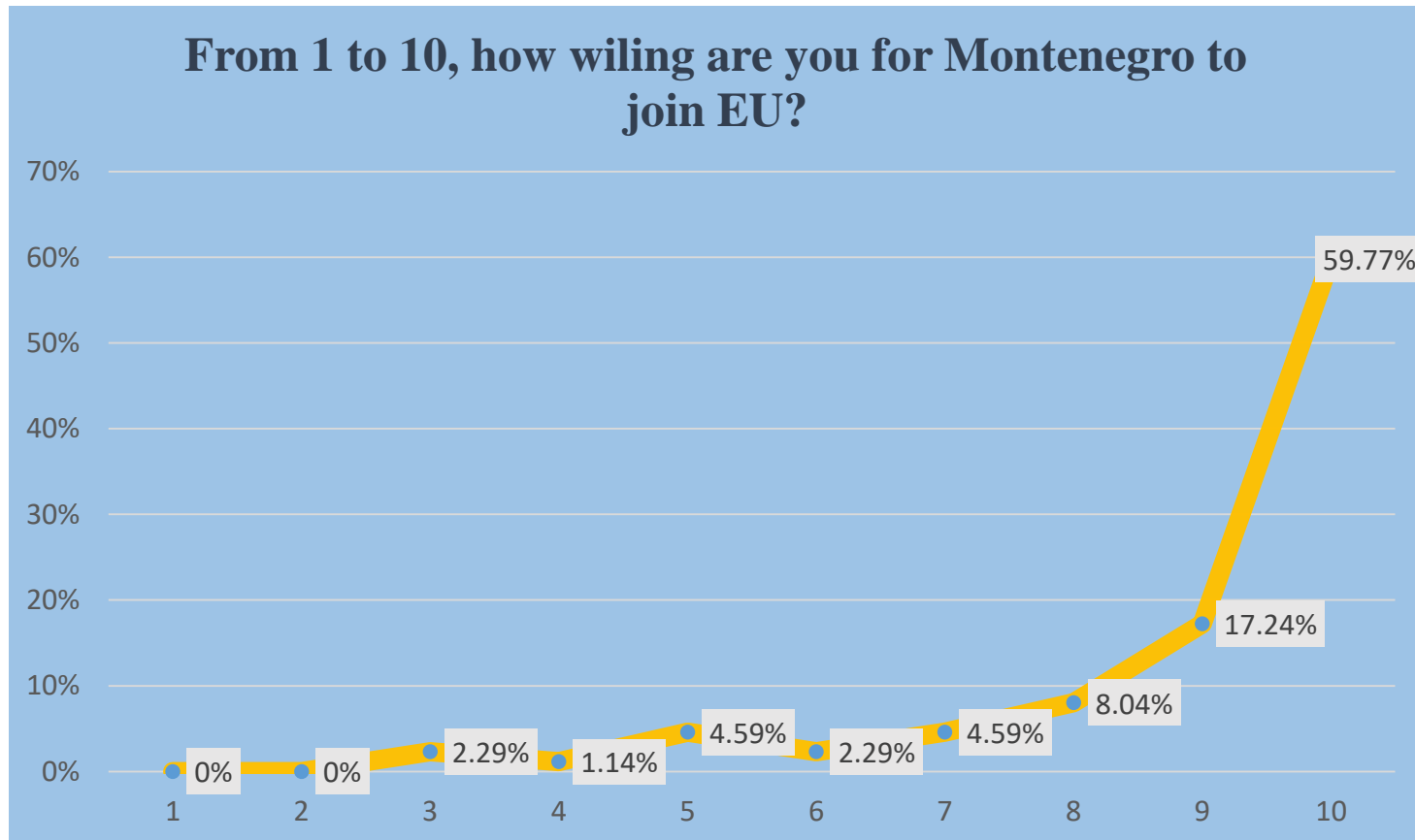
“International organizations or companies are more than often looking to employ people who have had an international experience aboard and that can work in an multicultural environment.”

“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’.”

# Spill over impact: EU accession

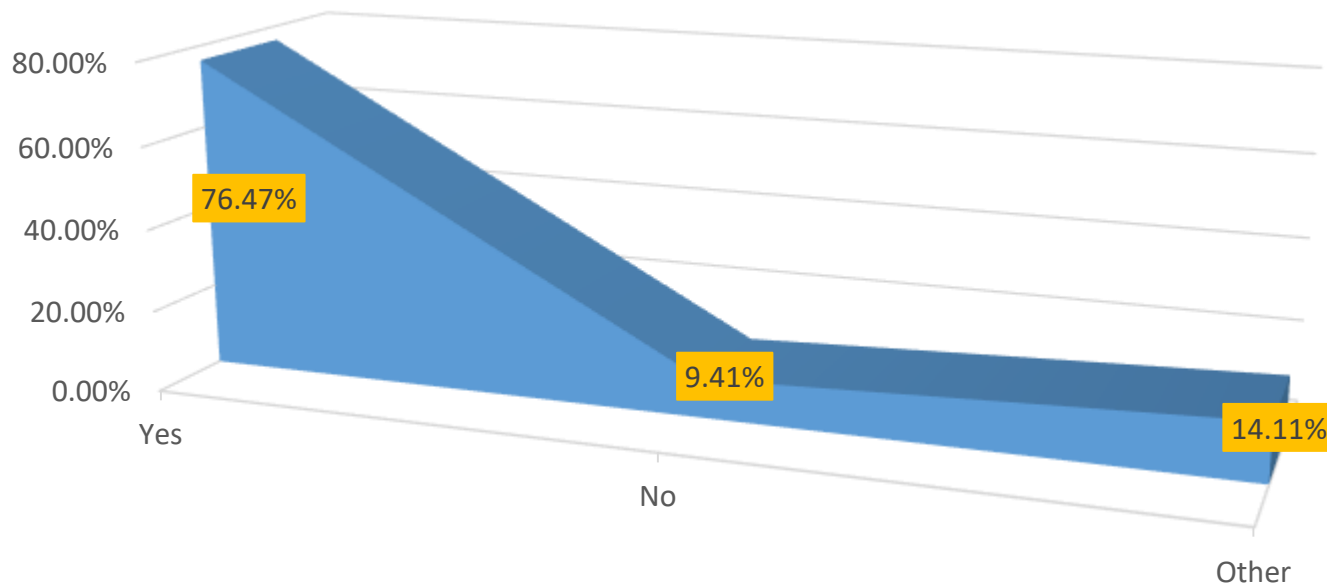


*Erasmus+ mobility students' average grade on willingness to join EU*



# Spill over impact: EU accession

Has your mobility period impacted your positive attitude towards EU accession and contributed to get further knowledge on EU integration and its benefits?



*Yes*



- “I was the Eurosceptic one, but now I think [EU accession] would have a good impact by increasing chances.”
- “Even before I had positive attitude about Montenegrin integration in EU, but this exchange just strengthened it.”

*No*



“I don’t feel like my mobility had anything to do with Montenegro joining EU. [...] neither did I feel being in an international community brought me closer to EU.”

*Other*



- “I already had a positive attitude towards EU integrations.”
- “I was thinking the same even before my exchange program.”

# Erasmus+ students' recommendations

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

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+!

Don't be afraid of a change!

Less think, just do it!

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

Take the chance and enjoy life as an Erasmus+ student.

Let that be your biggest adventure.

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

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

If you want to expand your personal and professional skills, this is a great opportunity.

Be brave!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

National Erasmus+ Office in Montenegro  
Office address: Džordža Vašingtona 45, 81000 Podgorica  
Phone: +382 20 223 087  
E-mail: [rinaerasmusplus@ucg.ac.me](mailto:rinaerasmusplus@ucg.ac.me)  
[erasmusmontenegro@ac.me](mailto:erasmusmontenegro@ac.me)  
Web site: [www.erasmusplus.ac.me](http://www.erasmusplus.ac.me)