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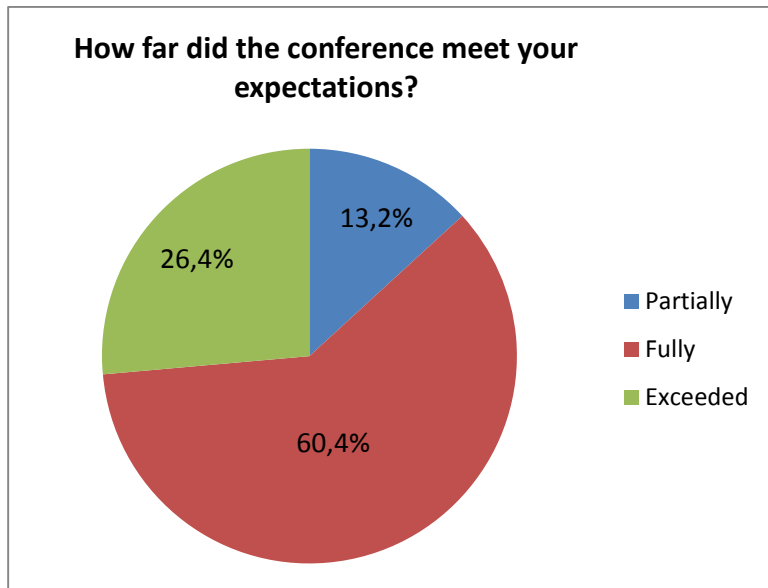
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Regional Conference
“Embracing Diversity through Education”
Tirana, 6-7 November 2013

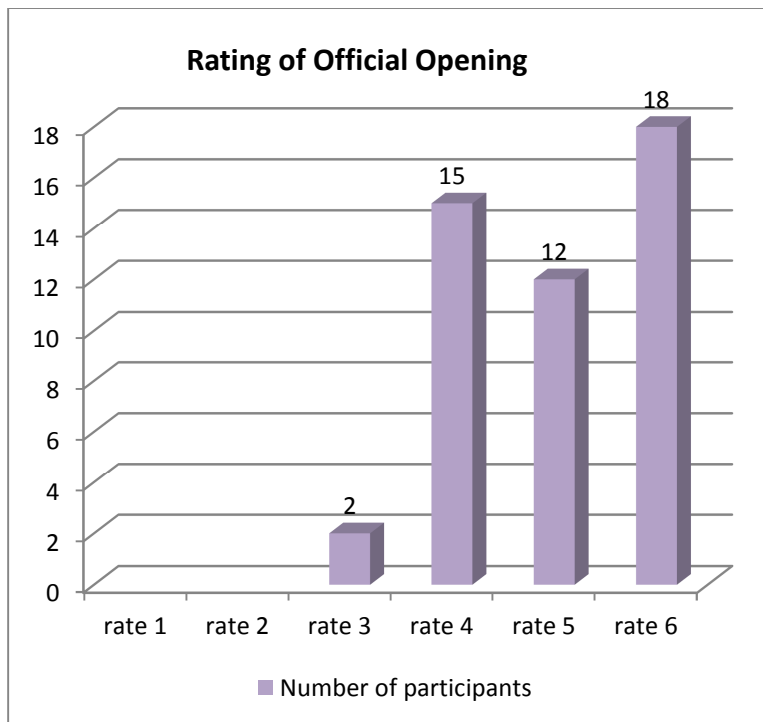
EVALUATION SUMMARY

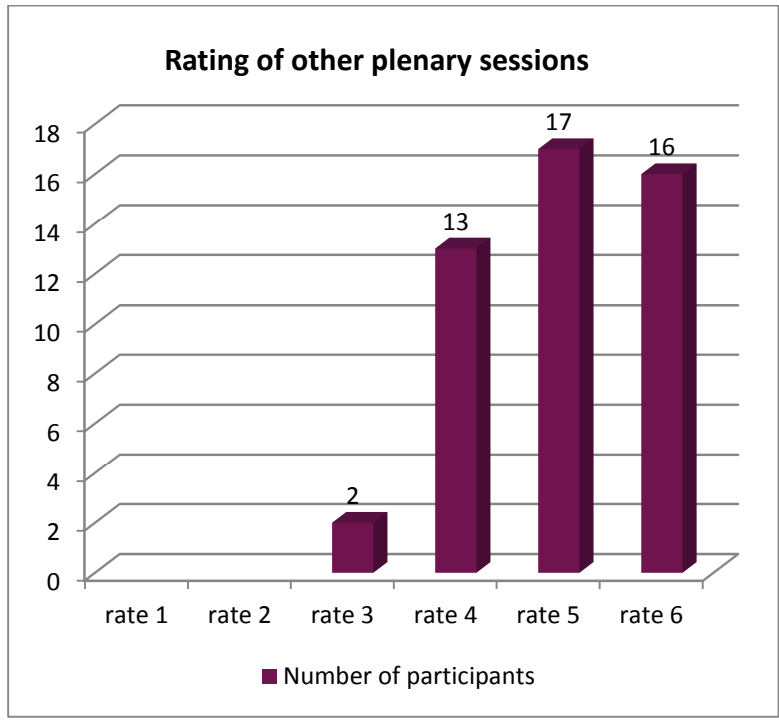
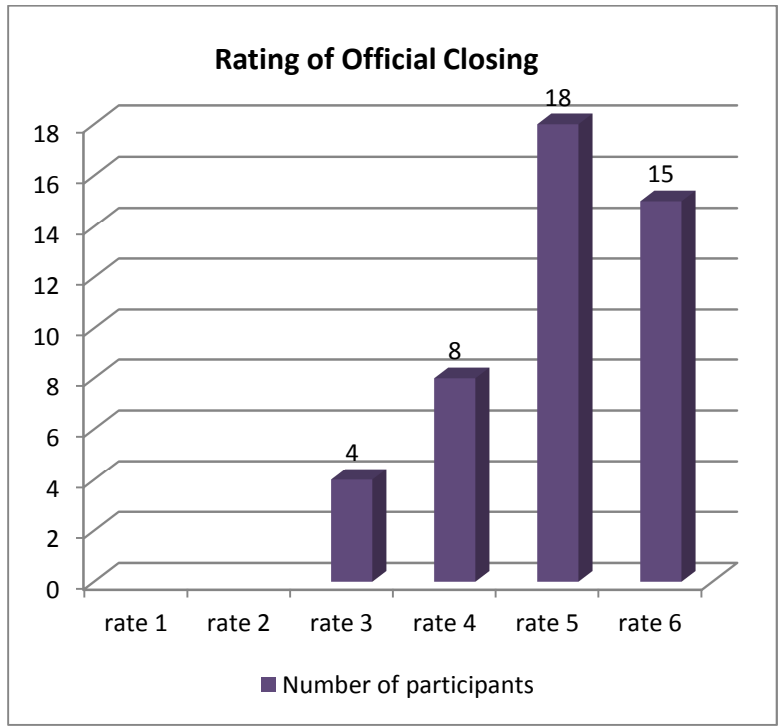


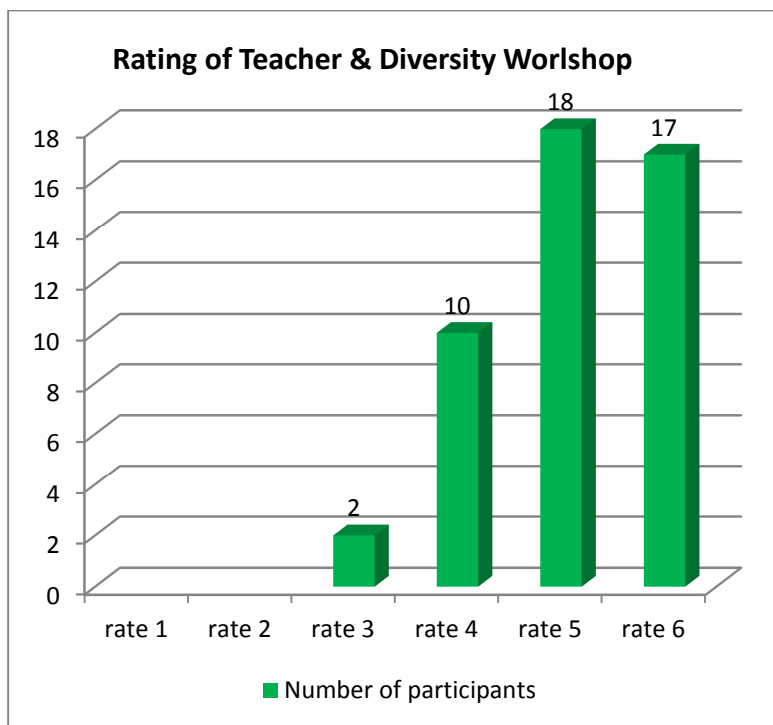
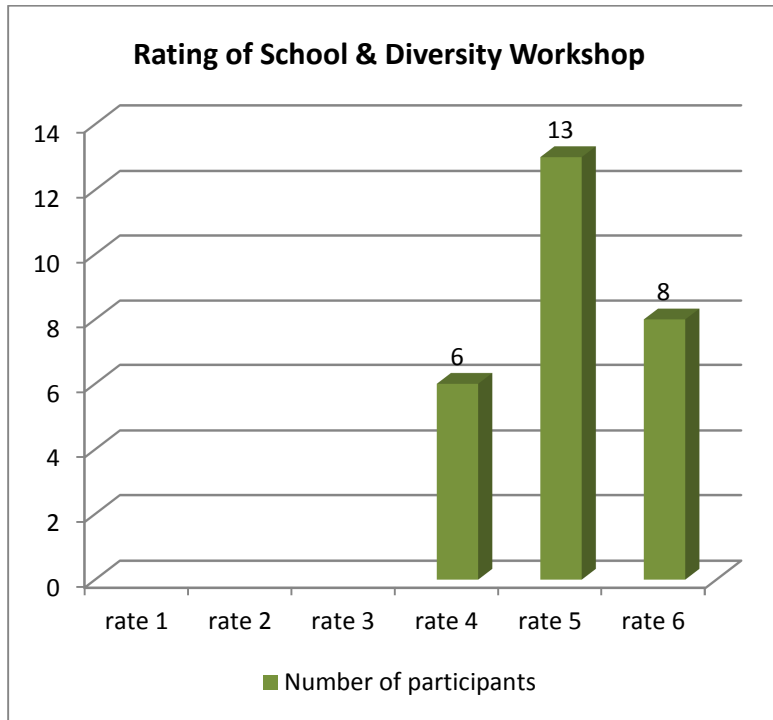
Question 1: How far did the conference meet your expectations?

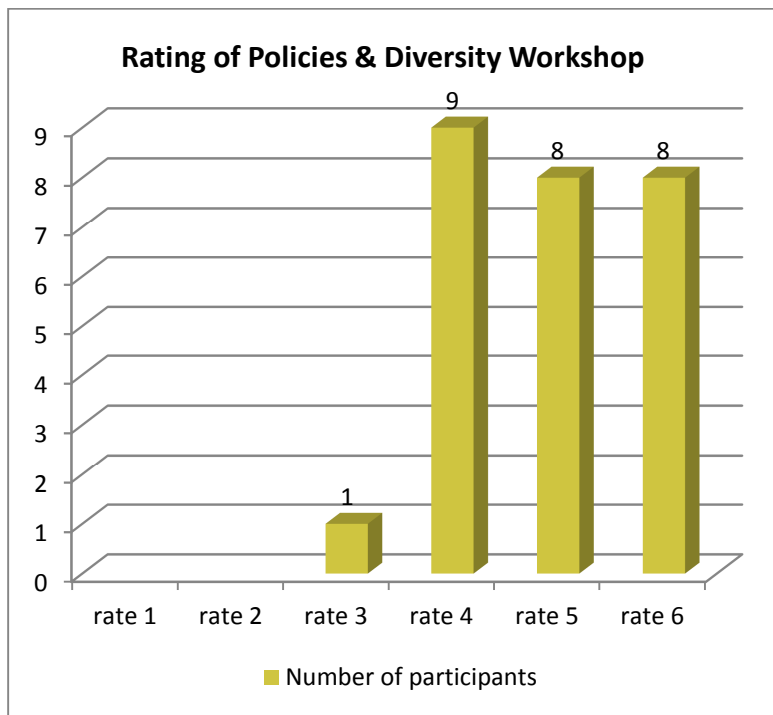


Question 2: Please rate from 1 (very bad) to 6 (very good):



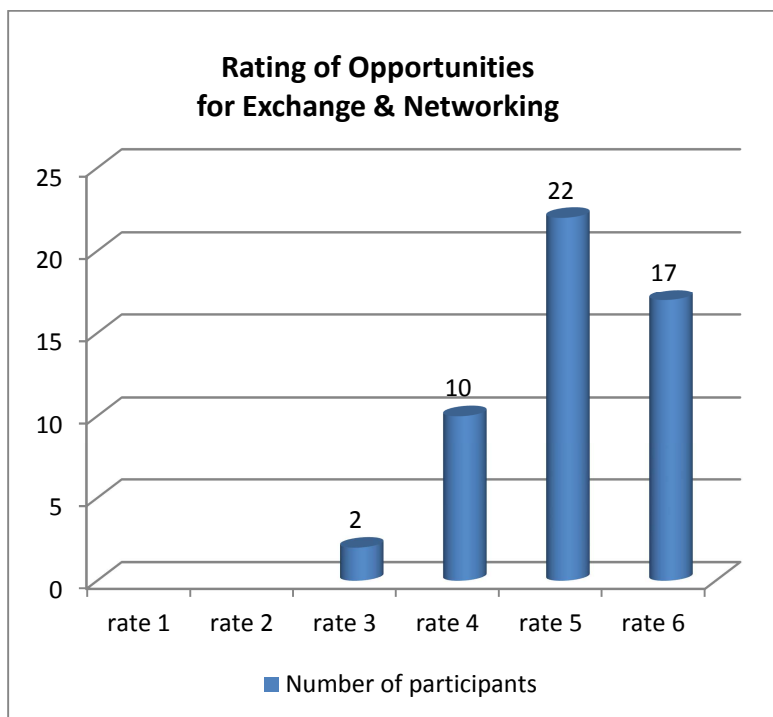






Participants' comments on Policies & Diversity Workshop:

"Too much focus on gaps, would love to have heard more about examples of good practices"

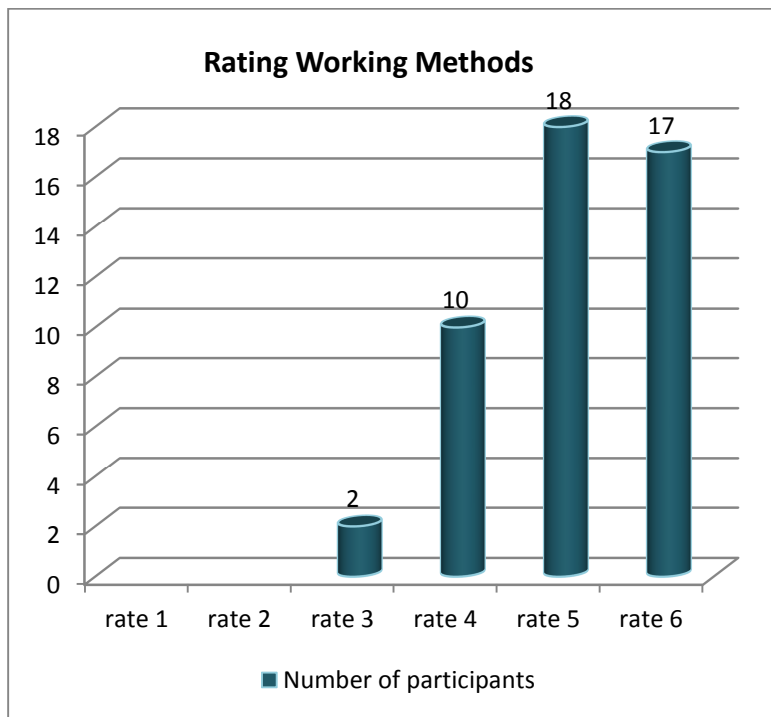


Participants' comments on Opportunities for exchange & Networking:

"More breaks would be better"

"Good at some level, but I was disappointed that the CoE team did not act more proactively to connect with participants beyond target schools!"

"It would have been better and more efficient if three groups would exchange with one another"



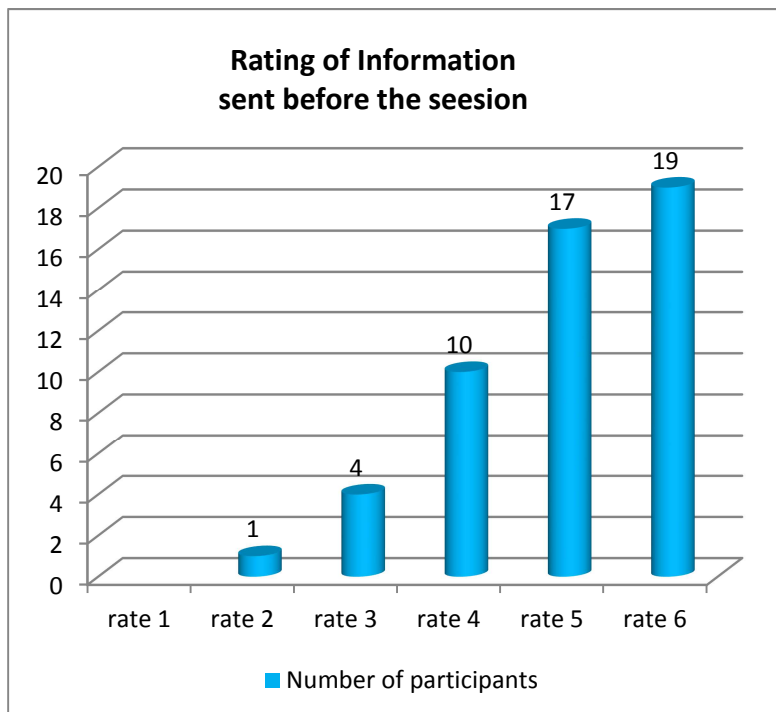
Participants' comments on Working methods:

"Methods were excellent for exchange of knowledge"

"Very well!" "The organisation was good and interactive"

"I particularly liked the moving from one table to another"

"The working methods were very good. The work in groups gave up the opportunity to bring our own experiences"



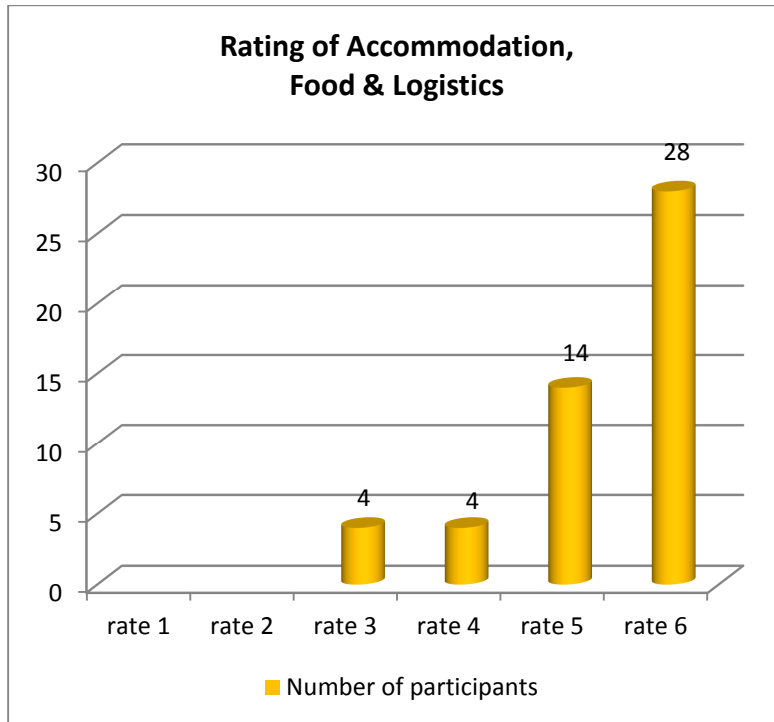
Participants' comments on Information sent before the session:

"We had enough information"

"We had all information that we needed well in time"

"Lack of proper information about the conference and travel arrangement"

"The information has been very good"



Participants' comments on Accommodation, food and logistics:

- "Food was great! Logistics were very good!"*
- "Welcome paper should have been sent to all prior to travel dates"*
- "It was excellent!"*
- "Food and coffee were mediocre"*
- "It was excellent"*
- "Excellent hotel service, food and logistics"*
- "All was very good. Compliments to the organizers of the conference"*

Question 3: How could we improve the organisation of the meeting?

Participants' comments:

- "The organisation is very good!"*
- "With smaller workshops" "Organise the meeting to last one more day"*
- "By engaging local/national experts as moderators/facilitators instead of international experts"*
- "By giving a better feedback about the recommendations suggested by other groups during their workshops"*
- "The buses shouldn't be late"*
- "Some of us should learn from you about the organisation of meetings"*
- "To have more time for networking and social gathering. To have time to discover local culture and city of Tirana"*
- "To find a travel agency which staff knows English. Everything else was great"*
- "More opportunities to formally share learning from existing/previous inclusion work in the region. Felt a little bit like this project will start from scratch"*
- "To organise a tour of the city for just an hour"*
- "To organise transportation of participants one day before the event"*
- "The organisation of the meeting was very good"*
- "Official opening was too short. Insufficient time for presentations to identify good examples and models"*

Question 4: What is the most important thing you have learnt or discovered during this conference?

Participants' comments:

- "I've learnt about different practices in other schools"*
- "We must work on the improvement of the motivation for inclusion"*
- "Inclusive education is finally gaining momentum in the EU agenda for the Western Balkans"*
- "That all participants share the same vision about inclusive education and that the SEE region is able to work as a team"*
- "That other teachers have the same problems"*
- "Existence of similarities in the region"*
- "The situation in different SEE countries"*
- The importance of inclusion and the concept itself"*
- "It was very valuable for me to see how inclusive education functions in other countries and schools. Opportunity for making new connections is also a very important aspect of this meeting"*
- "Common work of participants from different countries"*
- "Every country and every school have similar problems"*
- "I met very nice people, and felt like a member of a big family in which each member is sharing difficulties and supporting each other"*
- "The experience from other countries. The need to raise awareness on the concept of inclusive education (too often linked to people with disabilities and/or special educational needs)"*
- "An inclusive school is very important, it improves the education, and through it the whole society"*
- "We all have the same problems and questions"*
- "The diversity of experiences and practices in different countries and on different level (policies, schools and practitioners)"*
- "I have discovered that leading such meetings by a journalist is an interesting thing"*
- "How much great work is going-on already. That ministries don't always coordinate well between the projects to ensure synergies for the benefit of the country"*
- "The importance of inclusion in education, and that the situation regarding inclusion in almost all countries in the Balkans is the same"*
- "It extended my vision of inclusiveness"*
- "Challenges and opportunities to improve inclusive education"*
- "Meeting with people. A very good vision of inclusive education"*

Question 5: Will your participation in this conference help you in your work? In what way?

Participants' comments:

- "Yes, very much. I heard some methods of inclusion that work in practice"*
- "Yes, I've learnt about many problems and methods which we can use to solve these problems"*
- "Yes, by strengthening the cross-country professional networks"*
- "I have more information about the joint project"*
- "Yes, by exchanging our experiences"*
- "Yes, I will discuss with my colleagues in my schools about inclusiveness and how to improve inclusive education practices"*
- "Yes, by being aware of regional initiatives"*
- "Improvement of coordination through building synergies"*
- "It will help me work with students with special educational needs and other vulnerable groups in future"*
- "Yes, by broadening my interest in the subject, pointing out some new insights"*
- "Yes, I will integrate this experience in my everyday work in supporting schools"*

"Yes of course! I will use the experience from other colleagues"
"Of course it will"
"It will help in linking my on-going work with this this initiative"
"Yes, it will influence my work through implementation of new ideas, examples of good practice and experience gained at the conference"
"Yes, had good connections and opportunities to connect with and hear from senior ministry officials from each country during the on-going workshops involving wider actors (from civil society, government, schools, education authorities, and project participants to ensure opportunities to share learning)"
"I will forward this experience to all my colleagues in the school to enlarge their motivation"
"Absolutely! Have got some good ideas for new projects to initiate"
"By knowing who is doing what, it is easier to plan and cooperate"

Question 6: How would you see a follow-up of this meeting?

Participants' comments:

"Am looking forward to the next regional meeting!"
"Through a number of smaller cross-country thematic workshops"
"As national meetings that will include all 7 pilot schools, the national coordinator and representatives from the Ministry of Education"
"We are going to implement what we've learnt during this conference"
"We should meet in 6 months to see/compare the achieved results"
"Presentation of progress made in schools"
"Pilot schools to become centres of excellence for inclusion and diversity"
"Organising regional meetings in other countries"
"Continue with more workshops, trainings and sharing of experiences"
"Providing / showing many case studies, action plan progress, good examples and challenges"
"Networking of schools and learning exchange"
"To meet again during the next 2 years and discuss what happened in the meantime"
"Inform participants on current policies in each country"
"Topics for the next meeting: 1/identification of problems, 2/Active participation in solving the problems, 3/Assessment, 4/ Networking"
"Face to face meeting asap with CoE team in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, to share the materials we have developed already about the inclusion, ensure the project connect effectively, and avoid overlapping"
"Exchanging experiences with each other"
"Other opportunities to gain knowledge and exchange of ideas and experience"
"To see the results of addressing the collected issues during the conference"
"More information about evaluation process and performance measurement"

Question 7: Other comments:

Participants' comments:

"Next time, more workshops"
"Thank for hosting this event"
"You are the best, ALL CoE Team!"
"Good luck to all of us!"
"Thank you!"
"Please contact Save the Children in all countries to ensure mutual support and avoid overlapping"
"You did a great job!"
"Every material should have been translated in the languages of participating countries, as such the inclusiveness would have been ensured"