



**CONCLUSIONS OF THE SURVEY ON THE
EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE
EURO-MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH POLICY
ACTIVITIES**

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Methodology

- This survey covered the implementation of four activities
- Many activities implemented during and after the survey
- the survey conducted in two stages:
 - Analysing the nature of activities through literature review and counselling with organizers
 - Surveying the stakeholders: participants, partners and organizers
- Responses were received from:
 1. 27 participants
 2. 5 partners
 3. Organiser

OBJECTIVES OF THE SURVEY

1. To assess the benefits of the four key events held in order to help shape the future strategies and priorities of the Partnership and the other stakeholders in the process of Euro-Mediterranean youth cooperation.
2. To determine the impact of the events on the participants, participants' organisations and partners as a measure of their effectiveness.
3. To make recommendations to feed into the design of the future activities and strategies of the Partnership based on the participants and partners' feedback and needs.



KEY BENEFITS NOTED BY PARTICIPANTS

- Opportunity to network and share experiences with other countries
- Developed knowledge and understanding of definitions and concepts in youth policy, role of youth research and the importance of youth participation
- Increased motivation to take an active role in youth policy issues
- Opportunity to learn ways and methods to connect research with practice at local level
- Developed new projects ideas and potential partners for the future
- Ability to start identifying some priorities and needs in their countries that need the expansion of formal and non-formal education



KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE EVENTS

- The meetings motivated participants to take active roles in youth policy issues on a number of different levels: in their own organisations, local community, national level and Euro-Med context
- The events contributed to the development of the participants' organisations and enhanced the capacity of youth work and youth policy in different areas including:
 - projects and policy implementation
 - the production of new manuals and publications
 - training and advocacy work



KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE EVENTS

- Participants reported that since the events, they have been able to:
 - provide their organisations with useful information and contacts for future engagements
 - network with organisations to share experiences and bring in different resources and materials
 - serve as a reference for information in the field of youth policy in their organisations
 - support their organisations in improving their knowledge and understanding of youth policy issues
 - develop new ideas for projects and initiatives for the organisation

All of these outcomes are very important indicators that the objectives of the events were achieved



KEY CHALLENGES FACED BY THE PARTICIPANTS

- Lack of knowledge on how to be efficient and organised in implementing activities
- Language difficulties hindered the ability to learn from each other
- The logistical difficulty of conducting a survey with other European and MEDA countries
- Difficulty in expressing the issues related to cultural differences
- Expanding new partnerships outside the Euro-Med region
- Obtaining visas to enter host countries, particularly for those in countries where there is political hostility



FEEDBACK FROM PARTNERS ON THE UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ROLES

Two types of partners:

1. Strategic partners
2. Implementing partners

Three key reasons were mentioned by partners as justification for engaging in the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in the youth policy field:

1. To ensure that the seminars' objectives and themes are in harmony with their goals and concerns
2. To learn more about youth policy development
3. To build partnerships and cooperation by exchanging youth policy experiences



Succeed story in partnership

Arab League and Youth Partnership

- Since 2006 till now 6 activities conducted in different levels:
 - 2 Youth forums
 - Youth training
 - 2 Seminars
 - Round table meeting
- Several future activities will conduct



CHALLENGES FACED BY THE PARTNERS

There were two kinds of challenges faced by the partners in carrying out their roles:

1. *Challenges surrounding the content of the events.*
 - Lack of prioritisation
 - Unclear goals
 - Limited efforts in all processes
 - Poor evaluation
 - Weakness in follow-up
 - Limited participation from partners in various stages of the events



PARTNERS' ROLE IN SEMINARS

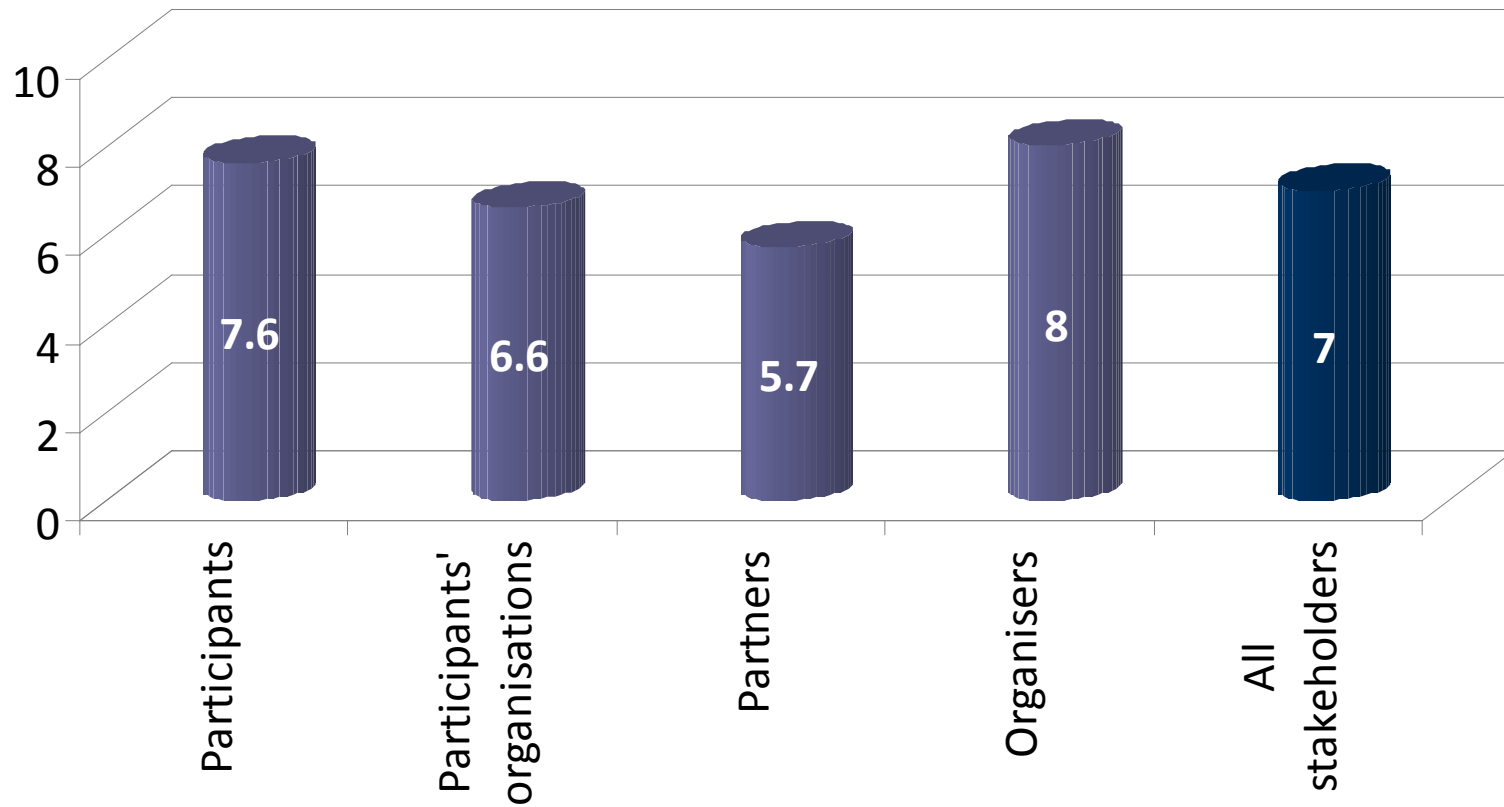
Organizer evaluation of partners' involvement in the meetings using a scale from 1 (irrelevant and unsatisfactory) to 10 (fully relevant and satisfactory)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Preparation							X			
Implementation									X	
Monitoring								X		
Evaluation					X					
Follow up						X				

In spite of this positive evaluation, partners were, in general, satisfied with the role they played in the meetings, but particularly they not satisfied with the role they played in evaluation and follow up.



Evaluation of whether the respective goals and expected results of stakeholders were achieved from the meetings



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Set out a three year strategy for the process with a well prepared action plan.
2. Create a mandate for the partner organisations to work within so that there is a clear distribution of tasks and responsibilities between the partners.
3. Strengthen follow-up activities
4. Improve the means of communication.
5. Ensure that all relevant parties are involved in all activities through every phase .
6. Case studies should be provided to enhance understanding between different organisations.
7. Organisers should give more attention reports and documentation of the seminars and meetings.



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Increase focus on developing a supporting environment at the local level for young people to be active partners in their communities. Youth should also take a bigger role in the co-operation process as an example of youth participation.
9. Additional support should be given to those countries that have not yet developed national youth policies.
10. Improvements should be made to the application procedure for identifying and selecting participants and partners to ensure more balance and diversity between European and MEDA countries.
11. Objectives of the seminars should be clearly connected to each other as well as with the partnership in youth policy cooperation's overall objectives and goals.

