The Impact of Erasmus+ on Adult Education in Luxembourg

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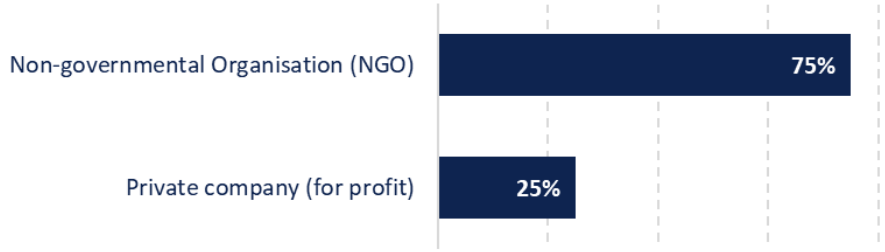
Erasmus+ and the RIA-AE network

Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme for education, training, youth and sport. It aims to strengthen the personal, professional and social development of participants through mobility activities and European cooperation. Within Erasmus+, adult education supports lifelong learning opportunities, particularly for adults who face barriers to accessing education and participating fully in society.

In 2025–2026, a second impact study on adult education within Erasmus+ was conducted. The study aims to gain a better understanding of the programme's specific effects on learners, staff and participating organisations. The study is carried out within the European research network RIA-AE (Research-based Impact Analysis of Erasmus+ Adult Education Programmes). 21 national agencies across Europe participate in the research network, in which Anefore represents Luxembourg.

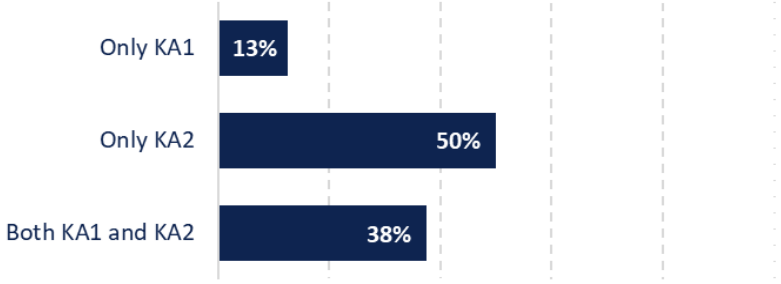
Legal status of beneficiary organisations

8 out of 10 Luxembourg organisations participated in the survey, of which 6 are NGOs



Type of internationalisation activities

Responding organisations most often participate in partnership (KA2) projects



N = 8 out of 10 total beneficiary organisations in Luxembourg. Survey covers the period of 2021–2024.

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Topics and outputs

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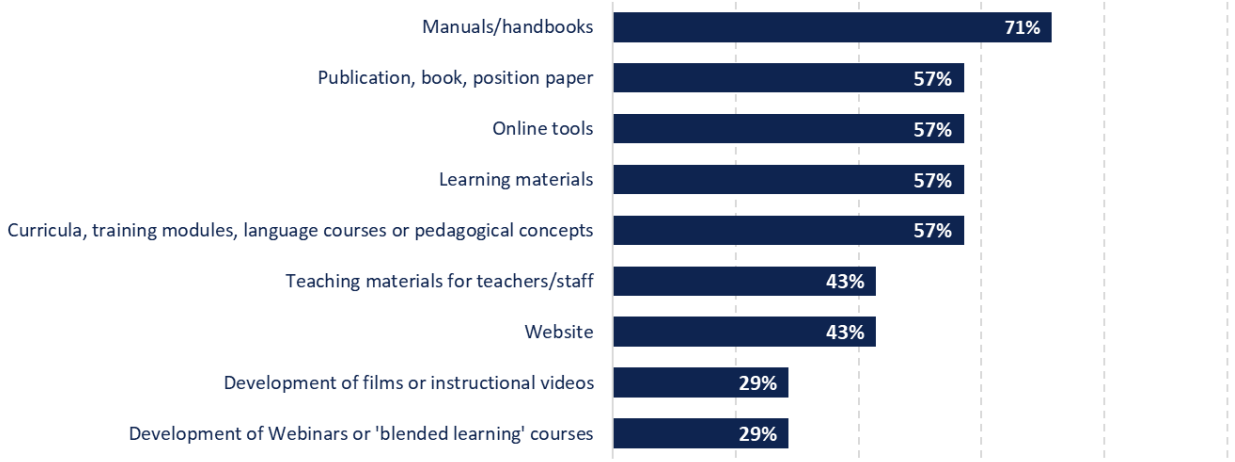
Top 5 topics receiving more attention since participating in Erasmus+

Every organisation places greater emphasis on networking after participating in a KA2 project. Nearly all – 4 out of 5 – also spend more time on the connection between education and the labour market, and on active citizenship.

N = 5 beneficiary organisations in Luxembourg. 2021-2024.

Type of outputs developed as part of participation in KA2 projects of Erasmus+

Manuals and handbooks are most frequently a result of a KA2 project.



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Target groups and added value of Erasmus+

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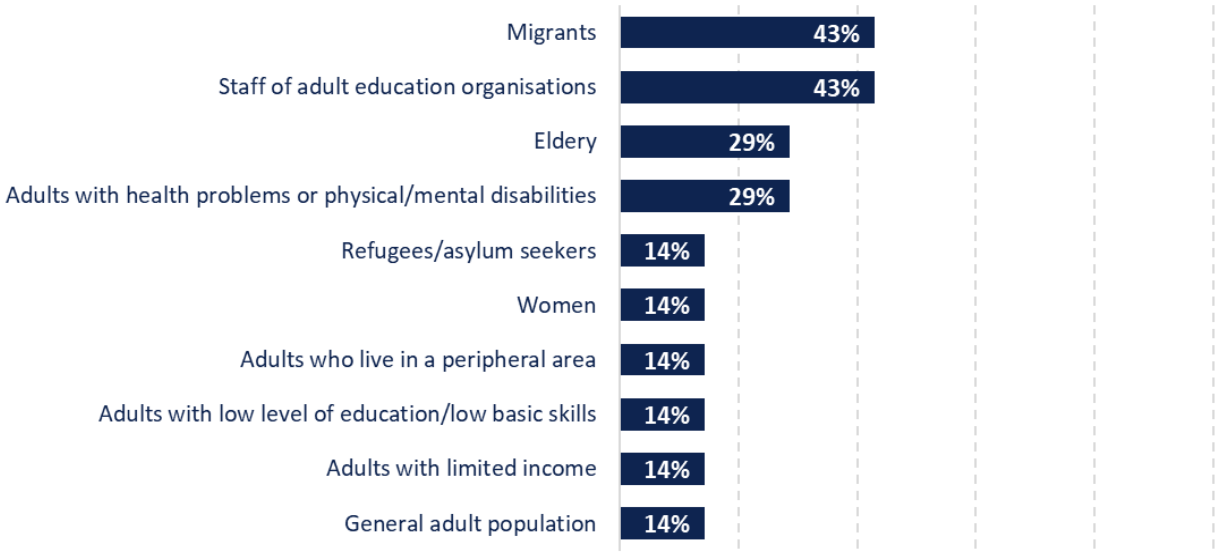
Groups of adult learners targeted by projects funded by Erasmus+



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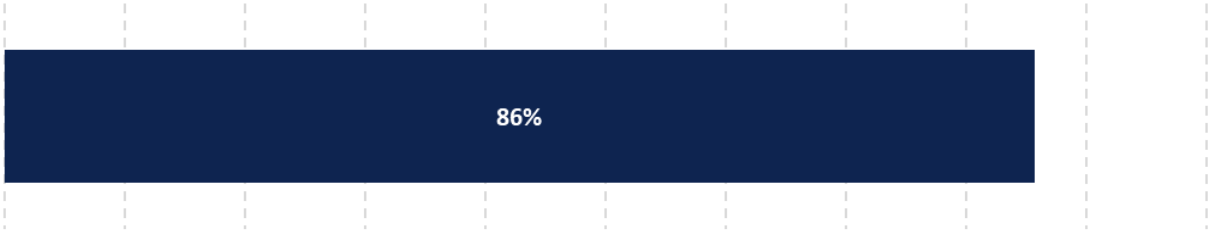
Added value of Erasmus+ support

Except for one, all participants say the project would not have taken place without Erasmus+.



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Priority theme: “Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement”

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Nearly all projects (directly) address the priority theme

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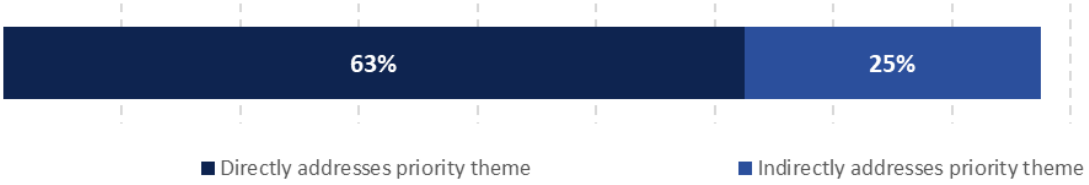

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Goals of projects addressing the priority theme

Goals of Erasmus+ projects most often concern community activism, community participation and civic engagement.

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Impact of Erasmus+ on staff

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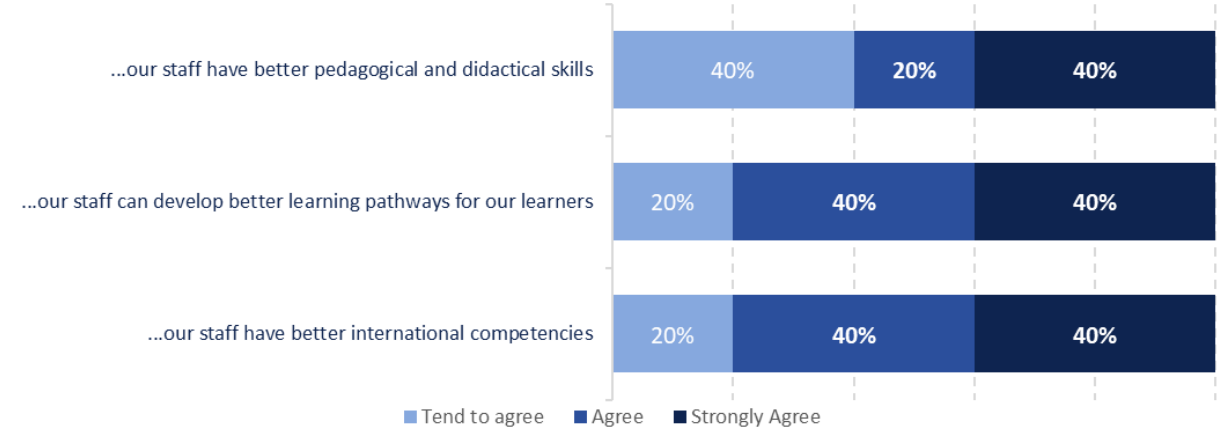
General impact of Erasmus+; because of participation in Erasmus+...



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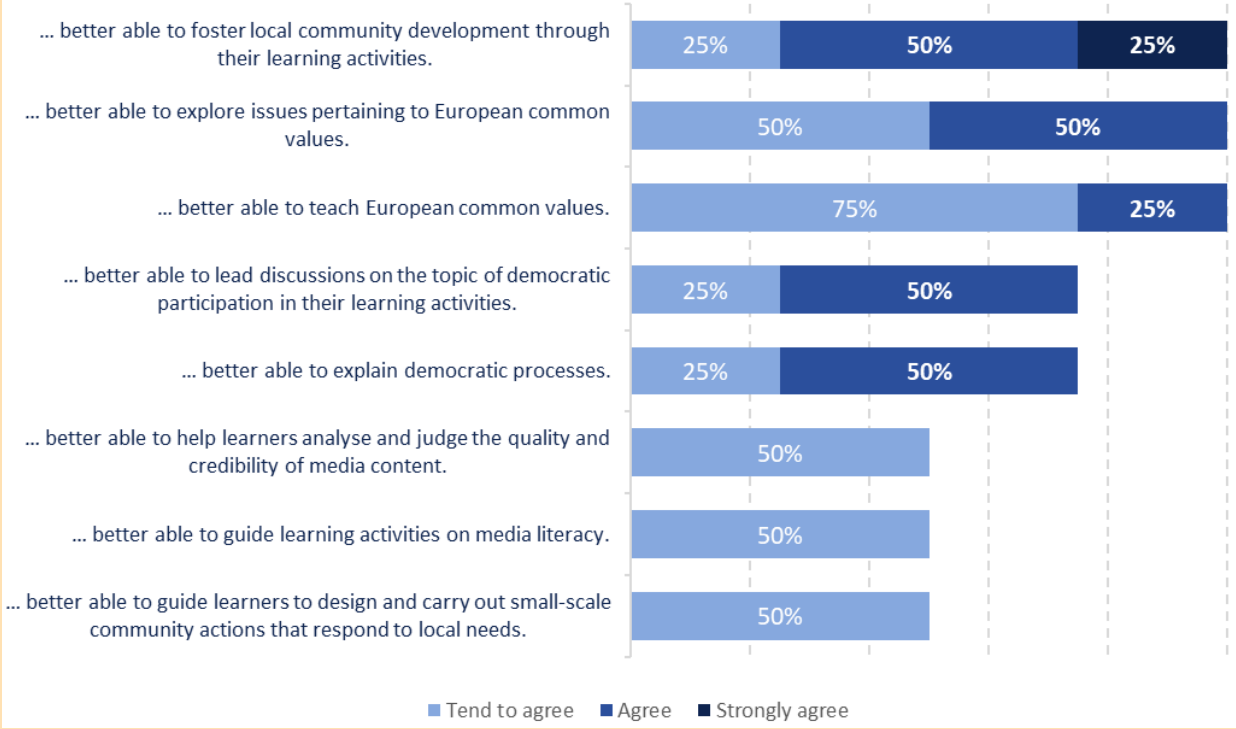

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Impact of Erasmus+ on learning offer

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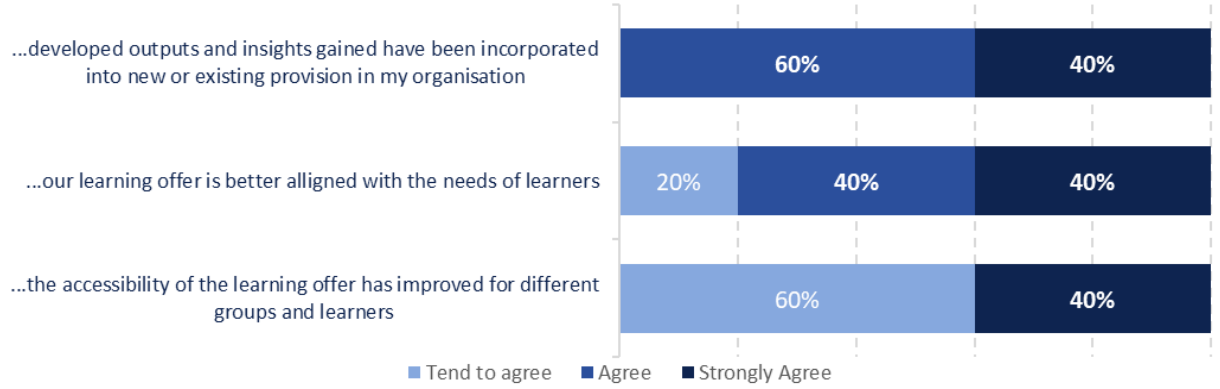

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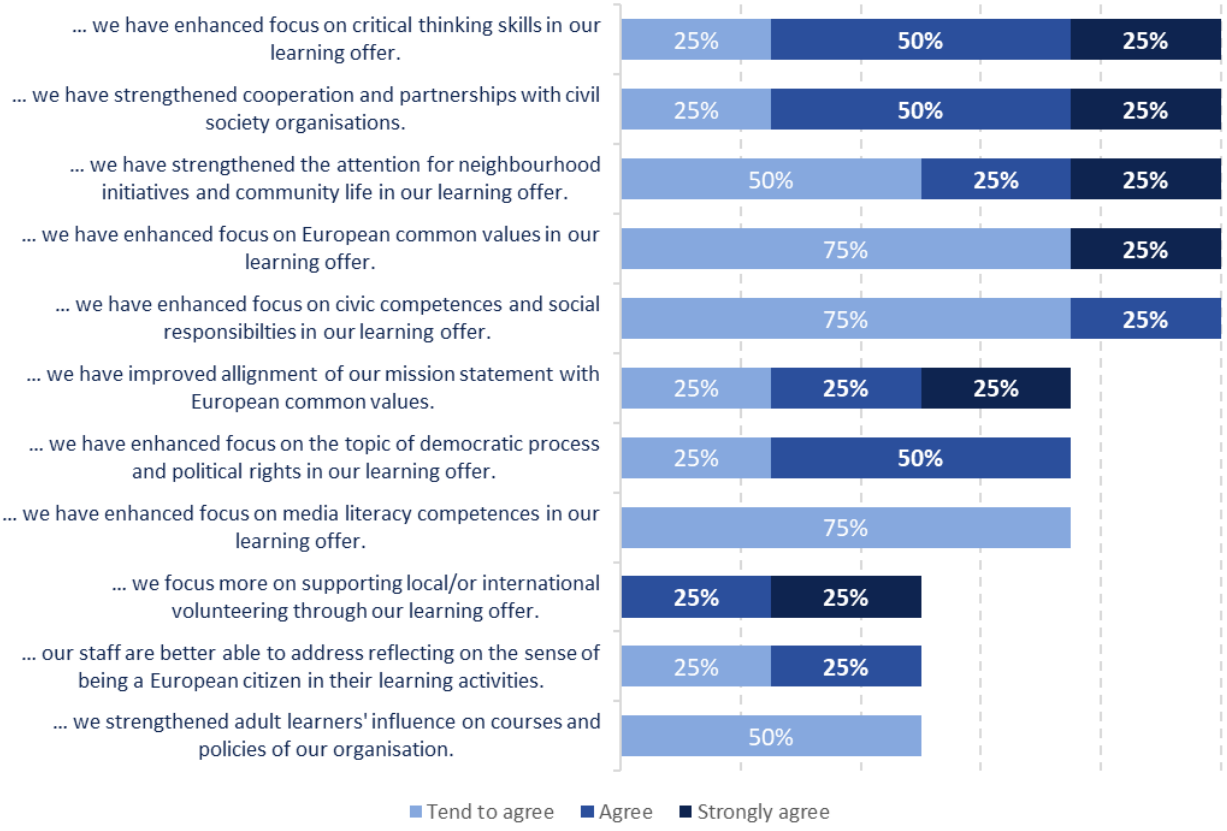

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Comparison with the Erasmus+ EU trend and conclusions

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How does Luxembourg compare to the EU trend in Erasmus+?

Overall, organisations in Luxembourg show patterns that are largely similar to the average of the 21 countries participating in the online survey. However, a few noticeable differences emerge:

- **Greater focus on KA2 projects.** Organisations in Luxembourg participate more often in KA2 projects (88%) and less often in KA1 projects (51%). Across the EU, on average 68% of organisations participate in KA2 projects and 65% in KA1 projects.
- **Strong focus on civic participation.** Erasmus+ projects in Luxembourg almost always address the priority theme *"Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement"*. In Luxembourg, 63% of projects address this theme directly, compared to an EU average of 35%.
- **More emphasis on community activism.** Erasmus+ projects in Luxembourg more frequently aim to develop community activism or advocacy initiatives (57%). This is considerably higher than the EU average of 28%.
- **Stronger focus on migrants as a target group.** Migrants are identified as a target group in 43% of projects in Luxembourg, compared to 14% across the EU.

Five conclusions based on the survey among participating organisations in Luxembourg

1. Erasmus+ has numerous positive effects on staff and learning offer of participating organisations.
2. Projects in Luxembourg strongly address the priority theme of civic participation, focusing on community engagement and democratic values.
3. Migrants are a key target group, alongside staff of adult education organisations.
4. Administrative burden is the main barrier to participation in Erasmus+, based on responses to the survey's open-ended questions.
5. Overall satisfaction with Erasmus+ is very high, and most organisations would apply again.

National Agency Erasmus+ Luxembourg

Anefore (https://www.anefore.lu) is the National Agency responsible for the implementation of Erasmus+ and other European programmes in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. Anefore monitors the life cycle of funded projects and manages their evaluation at the national level. Through Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps and other initiatives, Anefore supports citizens and institutions in the implementation of projects that develop skills, mobility and intercultural dialogue.

Source: RIA-AE network online survey among Erasmus+ beneficiary organisations covering the period of 2021–2024.