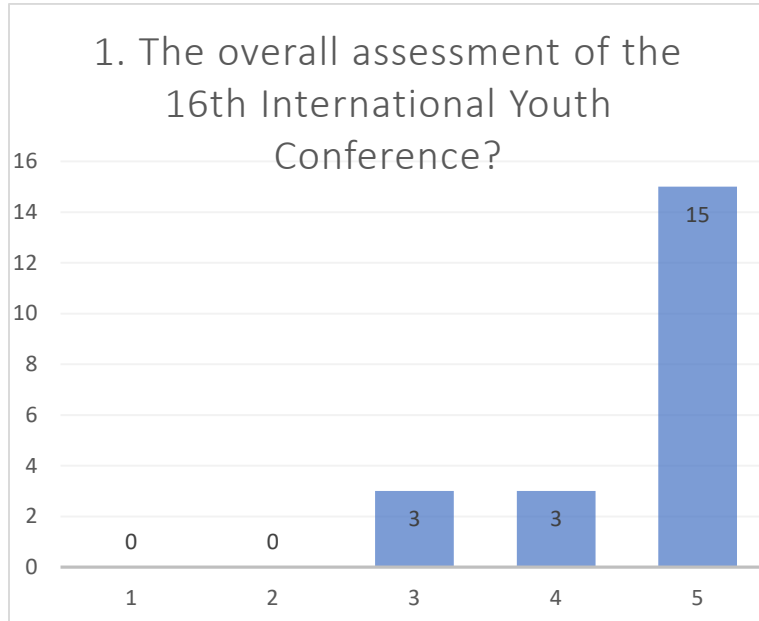


EVALUATION SUMMARY of the 16th INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

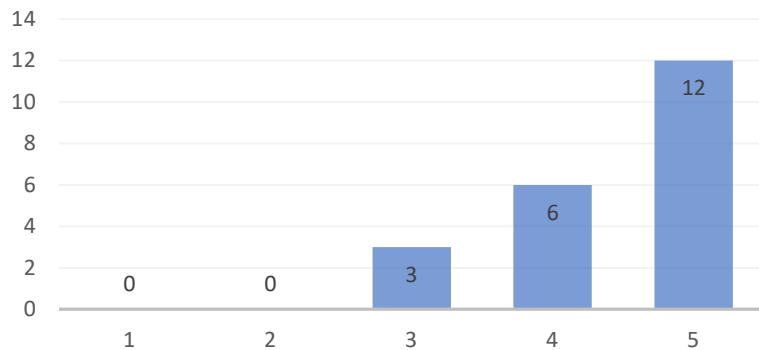
“EUROPEAN VALUES FOR THE FUTURE OF SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES”



According to the graphic above 71% of the reached participants assessed the IYC 16 with 5 out of 5 and 14% with 4 out of 5, which leads to the conclusion that, while there is scope for further improvement, the participants were satisfied with the overall realization of the conference

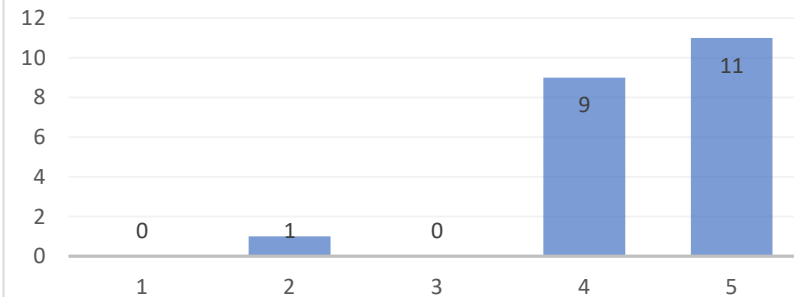
47.6 % think that the conference achieved its objectives 5 out of 5, while 33.3 % think that it achieved the objectives 4 out of 5. It has to be taken into account that only half of the participants answered to the questionnaires, so we can imply that, considering this specific sample, the data are encouraging.

3. To what extent did the conference fulfill your expectations?



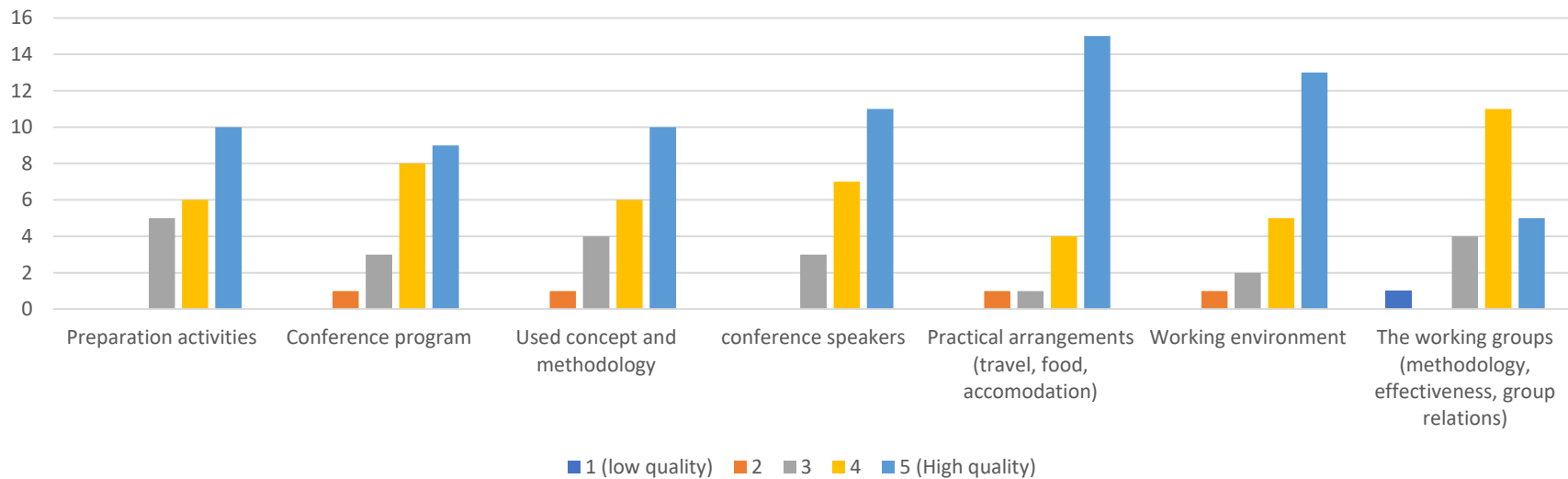
Regarding the question: to what extent did the conference fulfill your expectations, 57.1 % evaluated that it fulfilled their expectations 5 out of 5, 28.5% evaluated it 4 out of 5, 14.2% evaluated 3 out of 5. Again, considering this sample, the results are encouraging.

4. To what extent you have personally benefited from what you have gained (contacts, information, and knowledge) during the conference?



Concerning the question: to what extent you have personally benefited from what you have gained (contacts, information, and knowledge) during the conference, 52.4% assessed it 5 out of 5, 42.8 % assessed it 4 out of 5, and only 4.7% assessed it 2 out of 5.

5. How do you rate the quality of the following "key elements" of the 16th International Youth Conference?

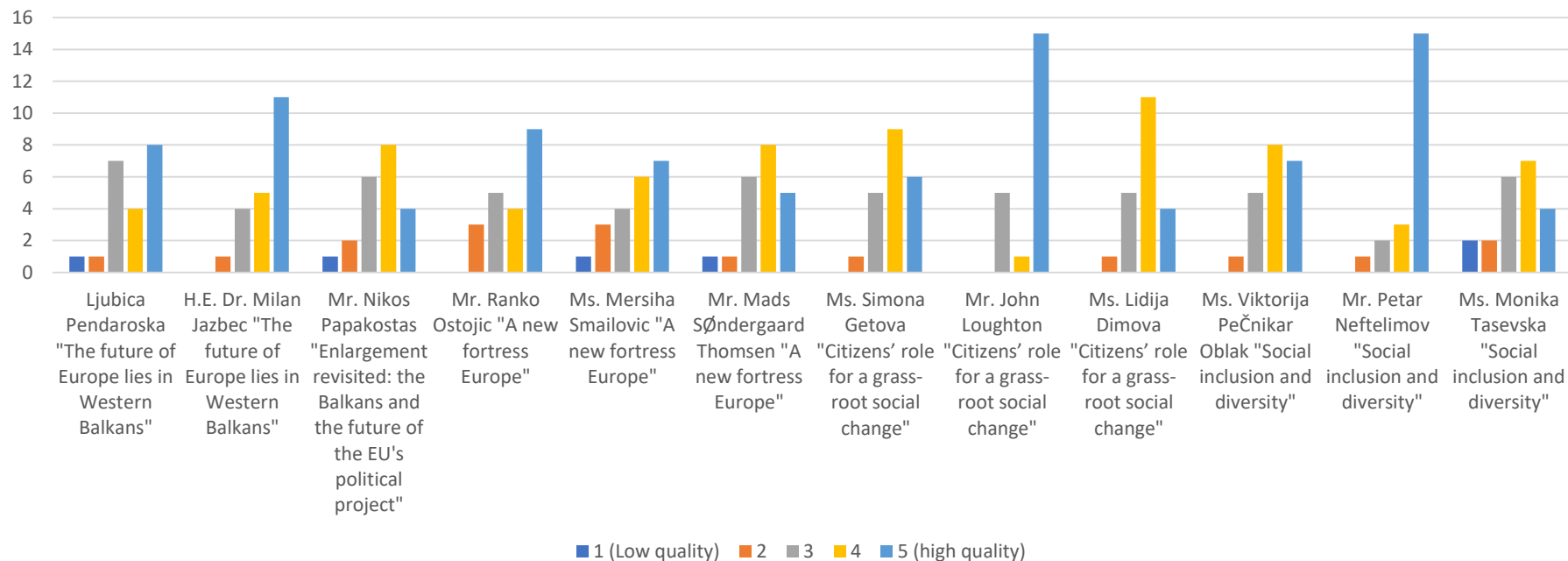


Regarding the above mentioned key elements of the 16th IYC, 46.7% of the participants assess 5 out of 5 the preparation activities, 42.8% assessed the conference program with 5 out of 5, then 47.6% of the participants assessed with maximum 5 the used concept and methodology. Concerning the conference's speakers 52.3% of the participants assessed them with 5 out of 5 while 33.3% assessed it with 4 out of 5, 71.4% of the participants evaluated the practical arrangement with maximum 5 and 61.9% of the participants evaluated the working environment with 5 out of 5. Regarding the working groups, 23.8 % of the participants assessed them with 5 out of 5 and 52.3 assessed them 4 out of 5.

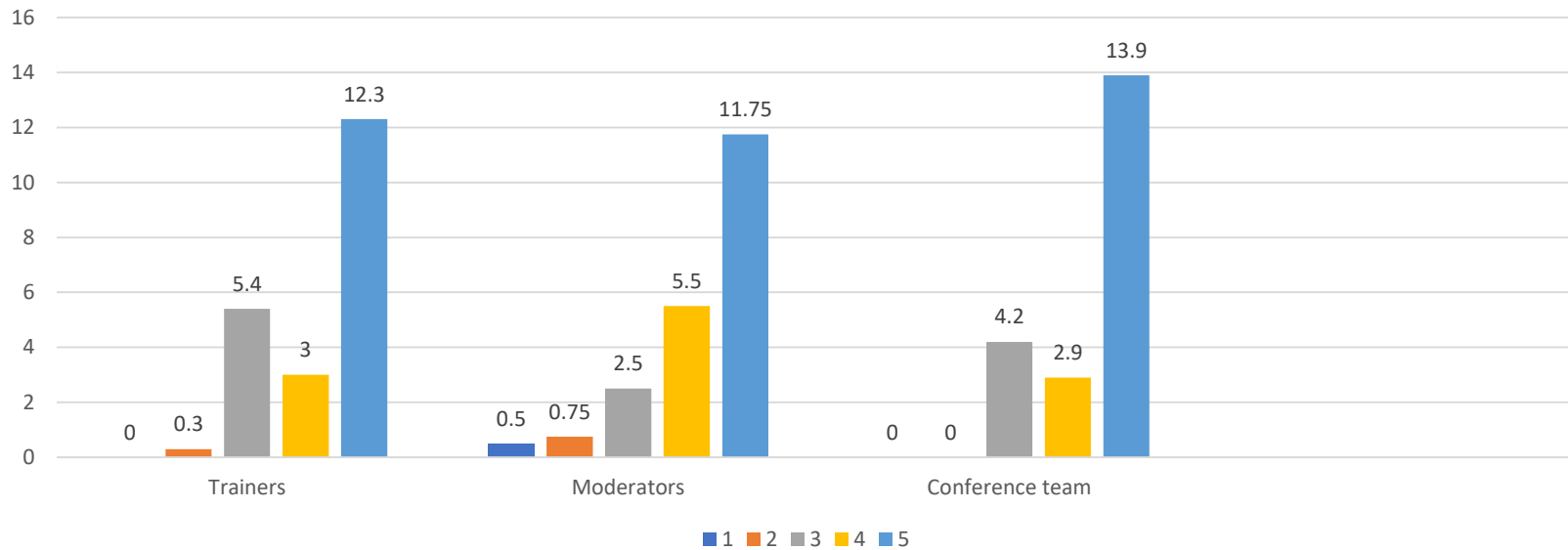
6. Please share with us your feelings about the best/worst covered topic on the conference?

The opinions of the participants differs from one another, so it's not easy to pinpoint the best or worst covered topic in the conference. The most appreciated sessions were "A new fortress Europe" and "Social inclusion and diversity", and in general the reached participants were satisfied with the topics, discussions and exchange of opinions between the audience and the speakers. The most appreciated speaker was Mr. John Loughton, whose speech was regarded as greatly inspirational by the participants.

7. Please share with us your assessment regarding all of the speakers on the 16th International Youth Conference.

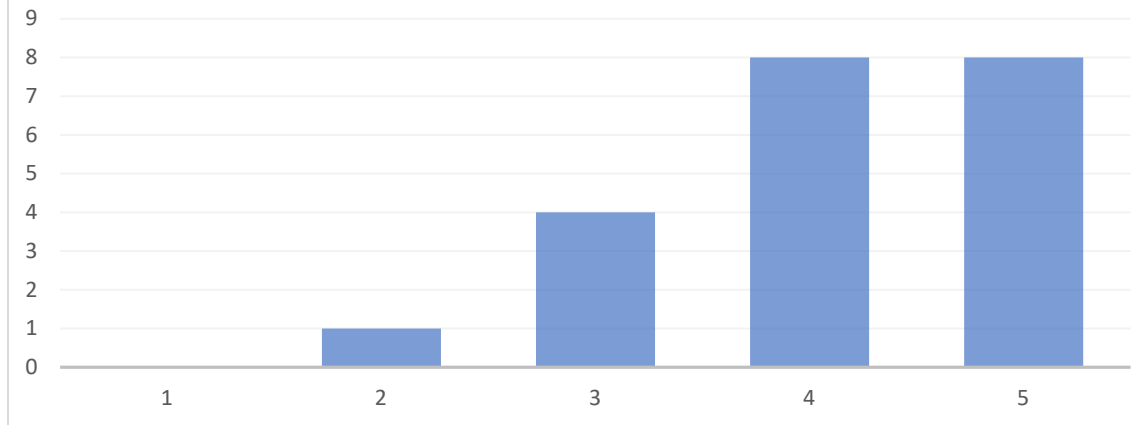


8. Evaluation of Conference staff (Trainers, moderators, Conference Team)



The participants were invited to evaluate individually the trainers, moderators and the members of the Conference team, and the resume of the responses shows how the organization was efficient and aimed at ensuring a smooth implementation of the conference, supporting the participants and the speakers throughout all the activities and the sessions.

9. To what extent has your organization/institution/community benefited from your participation at the conference?



Regarding the organization/institution/community benefit from the participants' participation at the conference, 38.1 % of them evaluated it with either 5 out of 5 or 4 out of 5, 19% evaluated with 3 out of 5, whilst only 4.8% think that their organization/institution/community gained 2 out of 5.

The participants shared what they learned in their private circle of friends, Organizations, communities and institutions they are part of, demonstrating how the Conference produced a relevant positive impact in their professional and private lives. Especially in the countries of the like Albania, still not member state of European Union, the Conference provided interesting prospective on new standards and goals to ensure the faster integration and enclosure of Albanian youth in the European values framework. Also, the Conference inspired some of the participants to implement similar initiative in their towns.

Evaluation of Following Impact

10. Were there any partnerships developed as a result of your participation on the conference?

From the answers of the reached participants, we can deduce that more than 50% of the respondents (simply answering “Yes” to the question) effectively established connections and partnerships with other participants and representatives of NGOs during the conference. A significant percentage of participants think it’s still early to say, or the partnership are still in a developing phase, but all the same the number of connections created during the conference seems to be relevant.

11. Have you developed and/or contributed or are planning to contribute to the development of any international/regional/local youth project/action as a result of your participation on the conference?

The responses from the reached participants show that the Conference had a relevant influence on their projects and work. The Conference effect is multiplying in the communities involved, generating new ideas and youth engagement. The participants reported to have intention to implement many new projects based on the Conference outputs:

- International network with youth from Europe;
- Related trainings in local high schools;
- Open discussion with local communities about the topic of the Conference.

12. Please identify possible future topics and areas for discussion with high relevance for the young people from the SEE region and Europe in general that should be covered at the next year conference:

- The economy of the Balkans: opportunities and challenges in the decades ahead.
- Intercultural Dialogue, Diversity and Online Hate Speech.
- The benefits of being part of European Union.
- The new challenges of European Union.
- Education System.
- Insides of European Policies and transparency.

- Does the future of EU exist? Do Balkans have any chance to get in European Union? Youth of Balkans are running away, where is the future of Balkans?
- Ethnic racism.
- Migration, suitable development issues, environment.
- Ethnic conflicts in the Balkan region/Balkan wars - lessons learned (after the dissolution of Yugoslavia); Youth unemployment in the Western Balkan Countries - facts and solutions; Democracy in the Western Balkans.
- Defending liberal rights in an age of growing nationalism, religious fundamentalism.
- Woman empowerment, nationalism, refugees.
- How the South Eastern region can benefit from Brexit.

From the responses, we can deduce that there is a general need to move again the focus more on the young people. Despite this year's session on the topic being of high quality, many participants still think that the future relationship between the Balkan region and European Union should be developed further. The participants also think that activities or sessions focused on Non formal education would be an improvement of the conference, especially related to more interactive workshops.

Overall, the Conference was regarded as "The best international Youth experience", and in general as a high quality event. The participants feel as main actors of the Conference, producing real policies and discussing concrete issues for the future of the European region: *"The conference really is an amazing initiative bringing so many people together and promoting social change. One of the main differences to other seminars, trainings etc. is, that we actually created something. During those days we did not only sit, debate and discuss. But together we developed the policy brief which I personally am very excited for."*

The evaluation form shows general satisfaction from the participants regarding all the sides of the Conference, still leaving space for further development and continuation of the discussion and enlargement of the youth network created in the 16 years of its implementation.