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# **INTERREG PROGRAMME 2021 – 2027**

## **OSI CONSULTATION PROCESS REPORT**

## OSI CONSULTATION PROCESS, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### MAIN INFO

The **Consultation event** was held on the **4<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024** from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. It counts about **150 participants** out of 207 subscriptions to the meeting.

The representation of the two Member States is homogeneous because the 53.6% of people that registered to the meeting were from Croatia, the rest was from Italy.

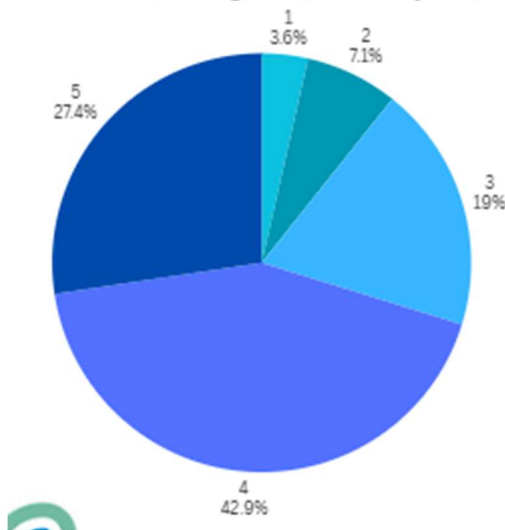
The audience is composed mainly of **people aged** between 35 and 60 years old (72%), but there was also a modest participation of people between 25 and 30 (18.4%).

Almost half of the subscriptions (49.8%) came from stakeholders. However, also **citizens** from the Programme area (8.2%) found the event interesting.

Before the event, most of the participants already knew Interreg Programmes and European Cohesion Policies.

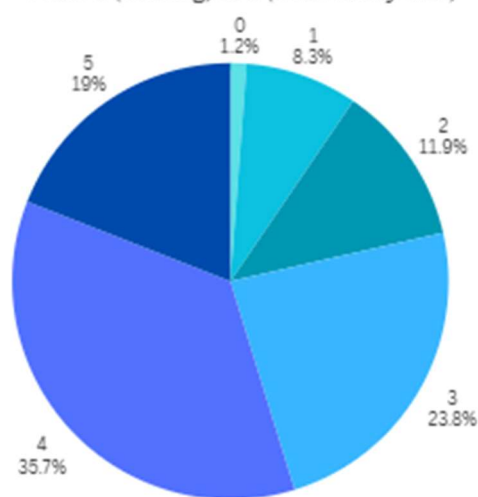
How much do you know about Interreg Programmes?

From 0 (nothing) to 5 (know really well)



How much do you know about European Cohesion Policies?

From 0 (nothing) to 5 (know really well)



## MAILING LIST & INVITATION

The mailing list had been created using multiple sources:

- Mailing list from past Consultation events
- Subscription from a QR code used to advertise the meeting
- National Delegations

The final mailing list used to spread the news about the event had a **total of 1097 contacts**.

In particular, those involved came from different groups:

- Italian and Croatian relevant stakeholders
- Beneficiaries, both potential and actual, of the 21-27 Programming period, (including Lead Partners of Small-scale Projects and Standard Projects).
- Young people
- Citizens of the Programme Area
- ADRION beneficiaries, both potential and actual
- EUSAIR representatives
- Other Programmes of the Mediterranean and Adriatic Area

## SURVEYS

Before the event, **surveys** have been submitted to **different target groups** (Programme stakeholders, general public, youth EUSAIR actors and representatives of other Interreg Programmes of the Mediterranean and Adriatic area).

Each survey was built according to the target group it was addressed to, the language used was English.

Total of 4 surveys:

- **Programme stakeholders & General Public survey:** to select the relevance in their territory, or mission, of the objectives/ types of activities considered within the OSI themes;
- **Youth survey:** to select the relevance in their territory of the objectives/ types of activities considered within the OSI themes;
- **EUSAIR survey:** to select the OSI objectives/ types of activities relevance according to EUSAIR Flagship projects;
- **Other Interreg Programmes survey:** to strengthen the cooperation among Programmes belonging to the Adriatic and Mediterranean Area in order to enhance potential synergies among them.

The audience had 2 weeks to answer to the surveys, the number of answers collected was:

- 84 to the Programme stakeholders & General Public survey
- 14 to the Young People survey
- 7 to the EUSAIR survey
- 6 to the Other Programmes survey



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To see the **results** of each survey, see the **Annex 1**.

We collected some relevant inputs that came from the surveys:

### GENERAL PUBLIC SURVEY

- Create an integrated system of transport with touristic routes of the cross-border area;
- improved knowledge on disaster risk reduction due to the coupled weather, hydro and ocean system in the area, understand impact of river damming on the marine ecosystem health;
- Development of drought and flood issues.

### YOUTH SURVEY

- Improve the ability of local communities to valorise the role of migrants, especially in small municipalities and rural areas.

### EUSAIR SURVEY

- Make sure to involve TSGs in all the phases of the projects, from design to dissemination of results

### OTHER PROGRAMMES SURVEY

- It would be interesting if projects to be financed could already take into account existing results and outputs from the previous ENI CBC MED programme. This would allow a scale up of these outputs with a pilot cross border dimension in another cooperation space.
- Within next EU Week 2024, a workshop shall be promoted by IT-SI together with IT-HR focused on sustainable tourism and mobility. Synergies among projects shall be searched to foster capitalisation and complementarities among projects financed by the two Programmes. A common monitoring shall be approached to put together projects with similar content. In this sense, concrete outputs rather than generic project descriptions should be focused on. Possible tools: keep, jems, common model, premiality criteria.



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## AGENDA

The agenda of the meeting was the following:

TIME	ITEM	WHAT
14.15-14.30	Zoom connection and technicalities	Connection of online participants (via Zoom)
14.30-14.40	ITEM 0 – Welcome	Institutional Greetings
14.40-15.00	ITEM 1 – General Presentation of the meeting, aim of the Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the meeting, its objective and approach</li> <li>• Overview of the main results achieved with strategic projects in the 2014-2020 programming period</li> </ul>
15.00-15.30	ITEM 2 – Break-out Rooms for the illustration of different OSI themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief presentation of the chosen OSI theme, its objectives and types of activities</li> <li>• Presentation of the results collected for the SO through the surveys launched prior to the webinar</li> <li>• Chat/ interventions to collect questions from the audience and addressing of the questions</li> </ul>
15.30 – 15.40	ITEM 3 – Wrap Up Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief presentation of what has been discussed in each break-out room</li> <li>• Highlight of most popular questions from the break-out room</li> </ul>
15.40-16.00	ITEM 4 - Focus on YOUTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the initiatives of the European Union for young people</li> <li>• Focus on youth involvement in the OSI themes</li> <li>• Illustration of some project activities that successfully involved young people in 14-20</li> <li>• Instant survey to collect questions from the audience and addressing of the questions</li> </ul>
16.00-16.15	ITEM 5 - Q&A and next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final session of questions</li> <li>• Illustration of the next steps and how the input gathered during the consultation will be used</li> <li>• Instant survey to collect questions from the audience and addressing of the questions</li> </ul>
16.15-16.30	Conclusions	Final remarks and greetings

The whole event was held in English.

For each ITEM there was a PPT presentation, to allow the audience to follow the meeting more easily. All the presentations are available for download on the Programme site at the following link: <https://www.italy-croatia.eu/2nd-call-for-proposals>.

## POLLS

During the meeting, to keep an interactive environment with the audience, some polls were launched in ITEM 1 (General Presentation), 4 (Focus on YOUTH), and 5 (Synergies with Other Programmes).

The polls were the following (the highlighted answer was the most quoted one):

**ITEM 1 – POLL 1**

Why are you here today?

- I want to know more about the Programme
- I want to learn more about OSI
- I want to find out more about EU Youth Initiatives



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### ITEM 1 – POLL 2

How useful do you consider the Consultation Process?

- Not very useful;
- Useful;
- Very useful

### ITEM 1 – POLL 3

Have you been involved in a 14-20 Strategic Project?

- Yes
- No

### ITEM 4 – POLL 1

How many IVYs do you think the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme has hosted?

- 1
- 2
- 3

### ITEM 4 – POLL 2

How important is involving young people in the Interreg Programme?

- Not important
- Important

### ITEM 4 – POLL 3

Which are the most useful tools for involving the youth?

- Social media
- Newsletter
- Consultation Process

### ITEM 5 – POLL 1

How can we implement potential synergies across different typologies of projects in the Interreg Italy-Croatia area?

- Joint events
- Complementary activities between projects
- Sharing of outputs and results



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## BREAK-OUT ROOMS

In **ITEM 2** of the meeting there was a break-out rooms' session.

In each break-out room the discussion was organized as follows:

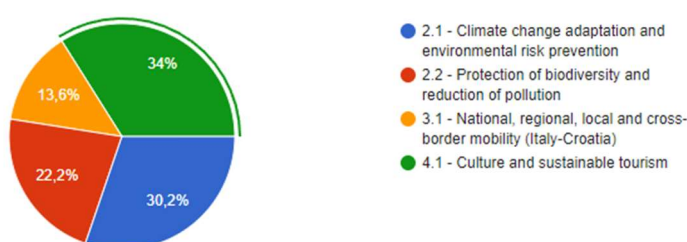
1. Presentation by the thematic expert about the Specific Objective selected, its objectives and types of activities;
2. Presentation by a moderator (part of the Interreg MA & JS staff) of the results of the surveys collected for each Specific Objective;
3. Q&A.

The thematic experts designated were the ones that help during the elaboration of the Thematic Descriptive Sheets with the OSI Working Group.

To allow everyone to focus and what was most interesting for them, the possibility to choose the topic of the discussion was given. In fact, during the subscription to the meeting, respondents were asked to select their preference, choosing between:

- SO 2.1 - Climate change adaptation and environmental risk prevention
- SO 2.2 - Protection of biodiversity and reduction of pollution
- SO 3.1 - National, regional, local and cross-border mobility (Italy-Croatia)
- SO 4.1 - Culture and sustainable tourism

The preferences were the following:



In case any participant to the meeting had not been able to subscribe to any of the break-out rooms in advance, they had the chance to join at the moment the session they preferred.

During the break-out room session, some rooms were able to fit within time limits, whereas other rooms would have needed more time to finish their interventions.

The following is a brief overview of the **main inputs** collected for each Specific Objective during each breakout room.



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### Relevant inputs in breakout room 2.1 - Climate change adaptation and environmental risk prevention:

- type of activities, multi-level governance and capacity of partners to implement them is very much connected
- the main focus of the OSI should be clearly related to the SO 2.1. of the Programme (managing impacts of climate change), while related topics (e.g., alien maritime species, etc.) which are covered also in other S.O.s shall not be focused on (they may be only complementary or functional).

### Relevant inputs in breakout room 2.2. – Protection of biodiversity and reduction of pollution

- projects should consider both the EU and national legislative contexts in which they are implemented; additionally, the OSI are structured to include actions for implementing new legal requirements, such as the New Restoration Law for SO 2.2;
- the presence of private sector actors, considered among OSI target groups, is relevant for SO 2.2, as they can contribute to providing added value to the territories.

### Relevant inputs in breakout room 3.1. – National, regional, local and cross-border mobility (Italy-Croatia)

- good selection of themes and objectives;
- invitation to avoid duplication with activities already funded for other types of projects on the same themes and to support collaborations between different projects;
- the willingness to foster through OSI the EUSAIR embedding process was highly appreciated.

### Relevant inputs in breakout room 4.1. - Culture and sustainable tourism

- One of the main focuses of the OSI, touristic routes, will remain together with those ones linked to the SO 4.1. of the Programme, while related aspects (e.g. transport) which are covered in other SO shall not be centre of attention (it may be only complementary or functional).

## COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Communication activities were carried out before and after the event.

Before the event:

- **Posters and leaflets** were hung in Partner and Local Universities, together with local hub spots so as to involve as many young people as possible;
- A **communication campaign** was carried out on social media platforms: it was agreed to prepare one post per week (publication every Wednesday, beginning from the 13th of March), to upload on Facebook and Twitter, to talk about the Consultation event;



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- Creation of a **toolkit** for Programme's representative to advertise the Consultation event: the toolkit included the Press Release (both in Italian and Croatian) and a card to post on their social media with all the necessary info about the Consultation event;
- Creation of a **new webpage** (<https://www.italy-croatia.eu/2nd-call-for-proposals>) on the Interreg IT-HR Programme website about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals where also the Consultation was mentioned.

### After the event:

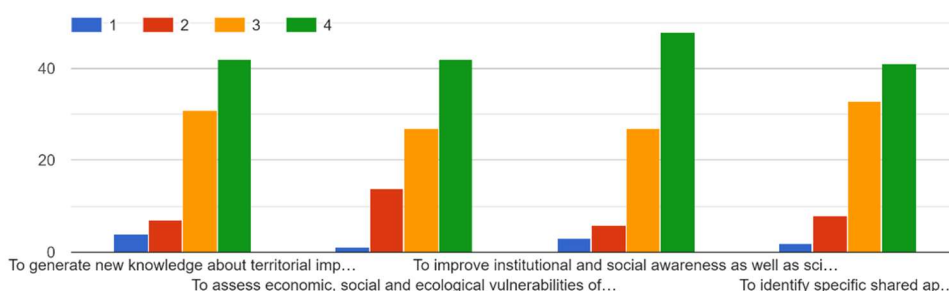
- Sharing with the participants of the event the PPT presentations used during the event and the recording of the meeting. The material is shared through the Interreg IT-HR website, on the dedicated page.
- Reaching out to the participants to thank them for their contribution during the event and ask them to give feedback of the meeting. In order to do so, a survey was prepared to understand what has been correctly executed and what should be better implemented during future meetings;
- Elaboration of a token of thanks/ certificate of attendance (a bookmark) for all the people who took part to the event.



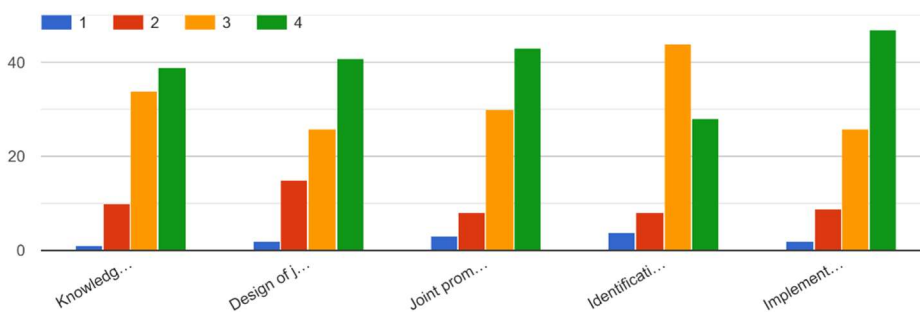
## ANNEX 1

### GENERAL PUBLIC SURVEY

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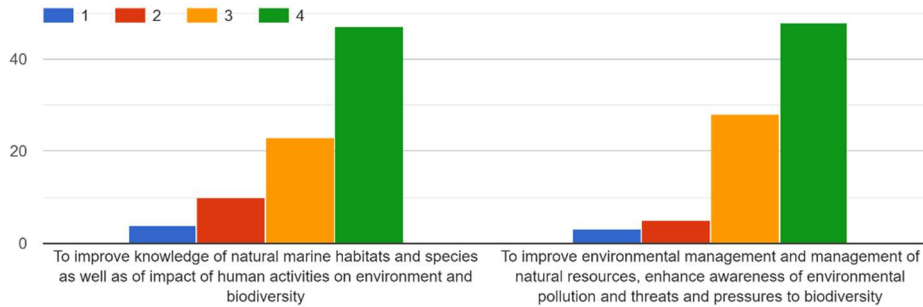


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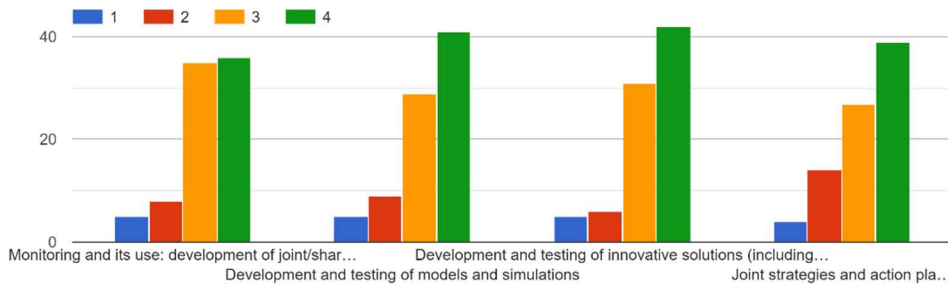


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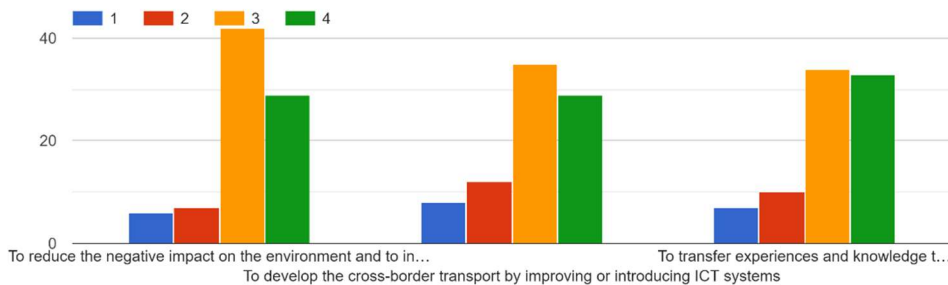
Objective 2.2 (Protection of biodiversity and reduction of pollution) Select the relevance in your territory, or mission, of the following objectives considered within the OSI projects:



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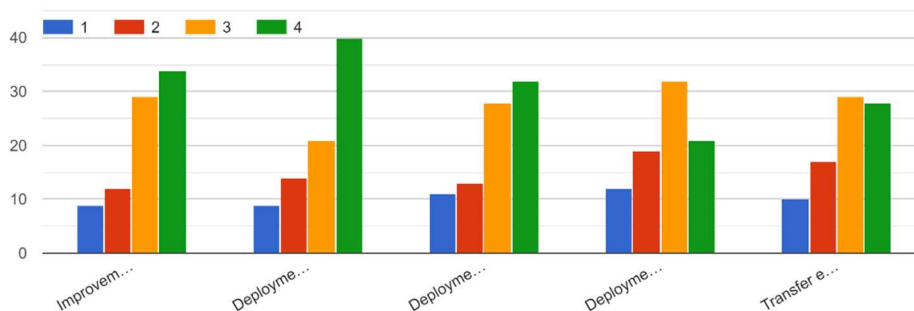


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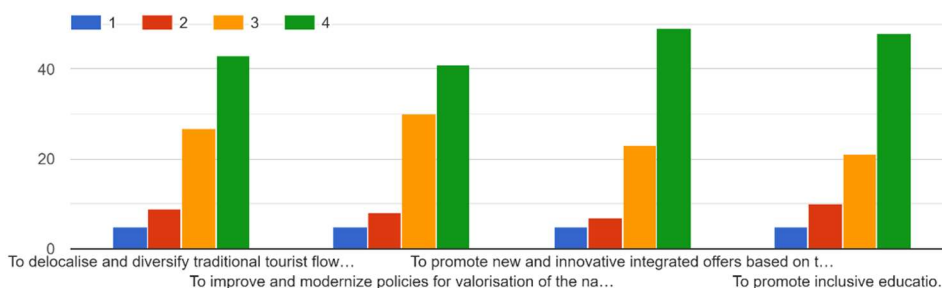


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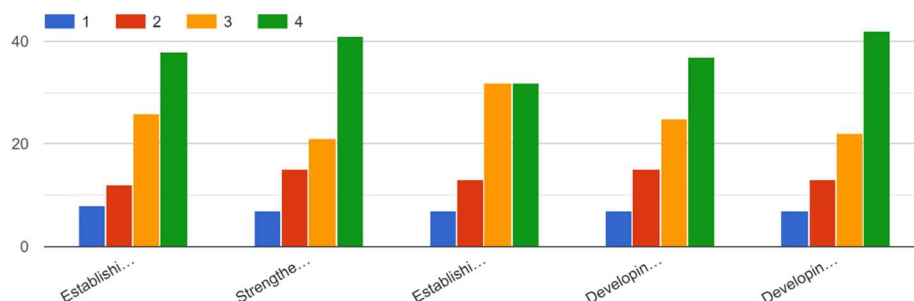
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Objective 4.1 (Culture and sustainable tourism) Select the relevance in your territory, or mission, of the following objectives considered within the OSI projects:



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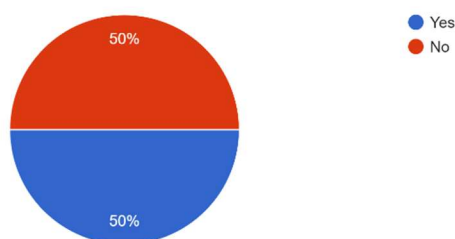


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### YOUTH SURVEY

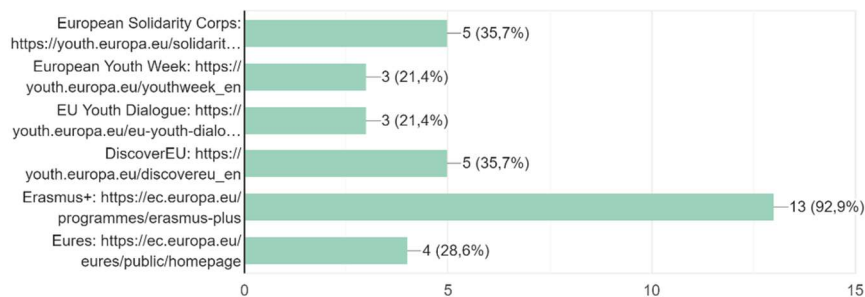
Do you know anything about the contribute of youth in the European Cooperation Policy? Check more at this link

14 risposte



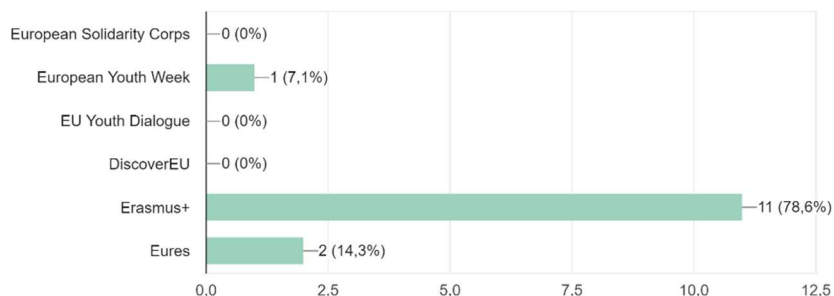
Which of the following EU initiatives do you know? If you want to know more about the initiatives, click on the links

14 risposte



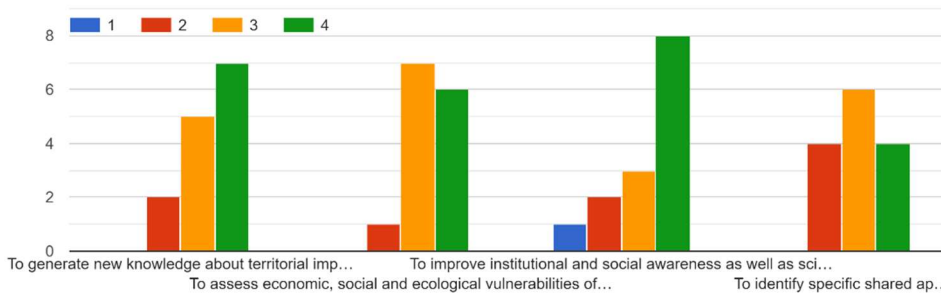
Have you ever taken part in one of these initiatives?

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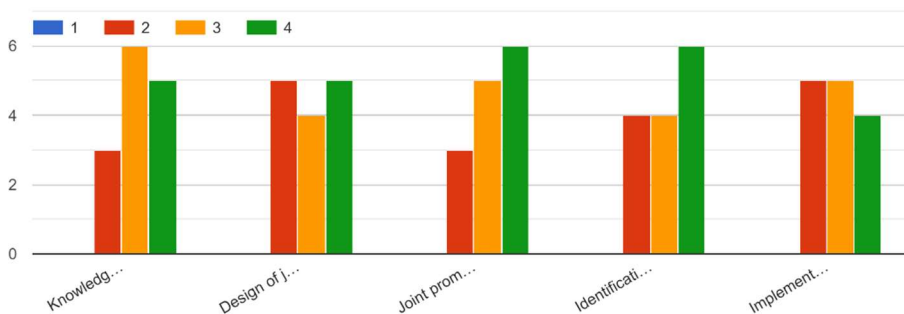


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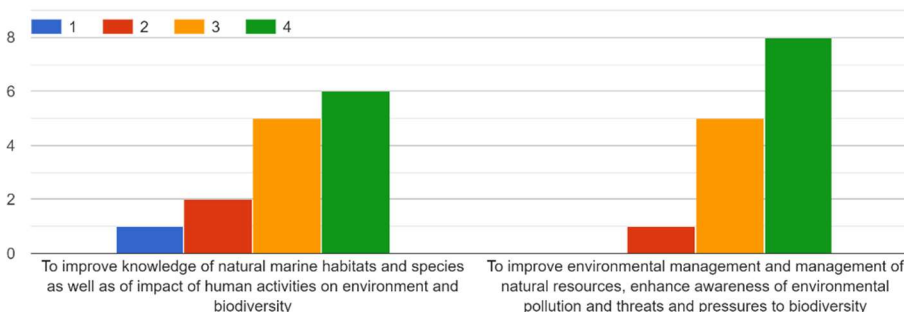
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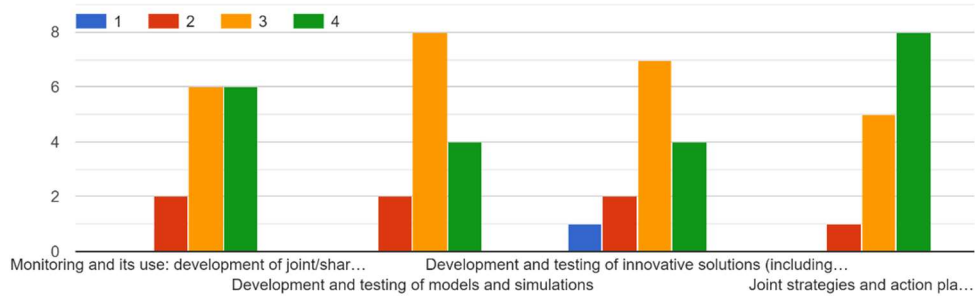


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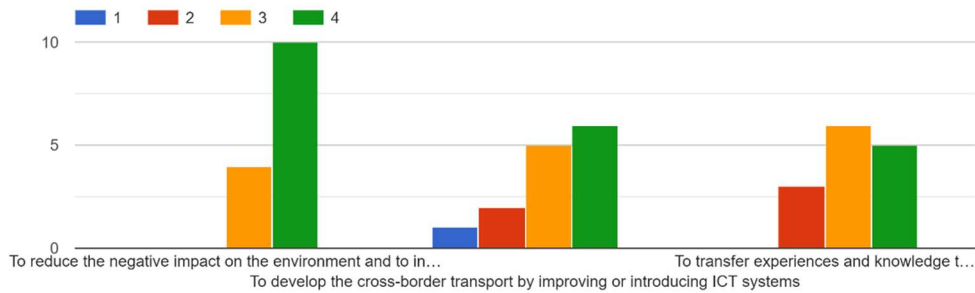


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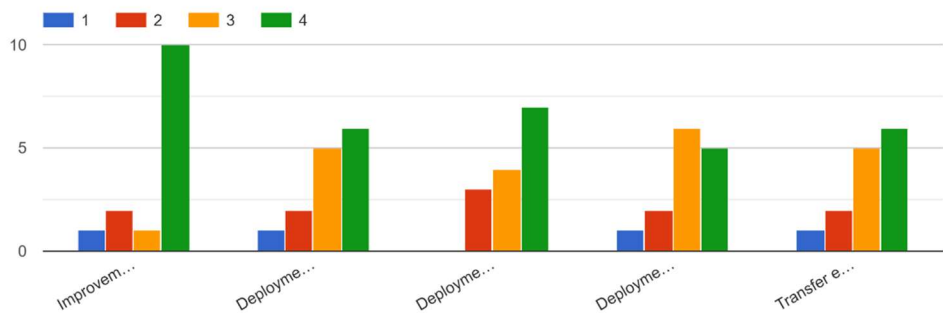
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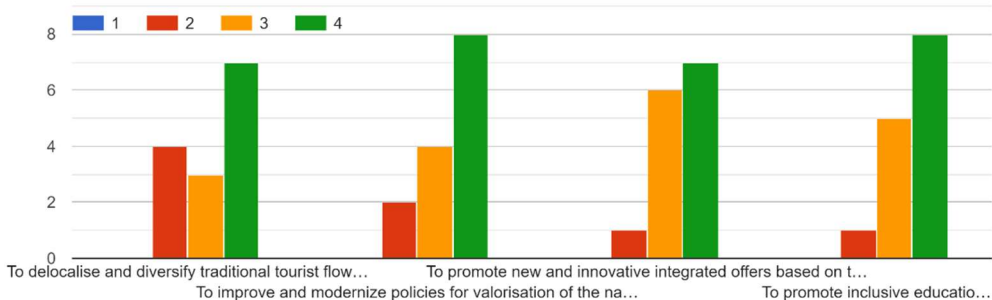


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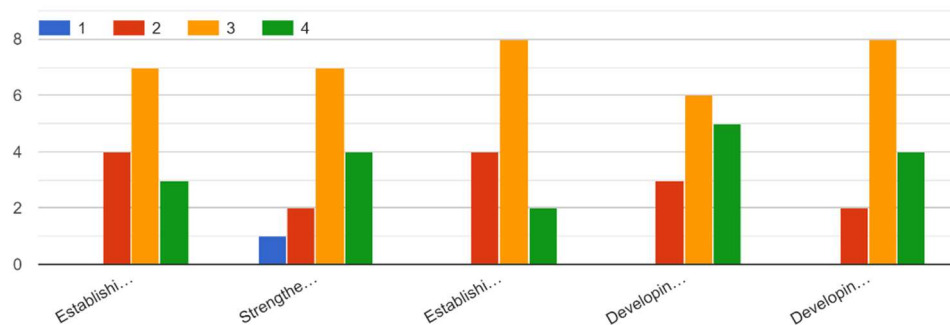


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Objective 4.1 (Culture and sustainable tourism) Select the relevance in your territory of the following objectives considered within the OSI projects:



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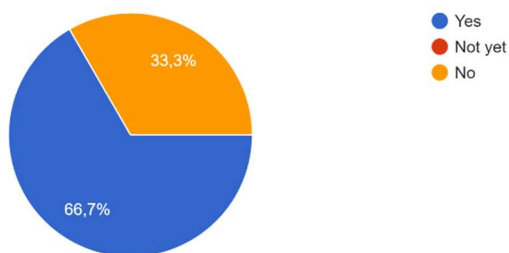


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OTHER PROGRAMMES SURVEY

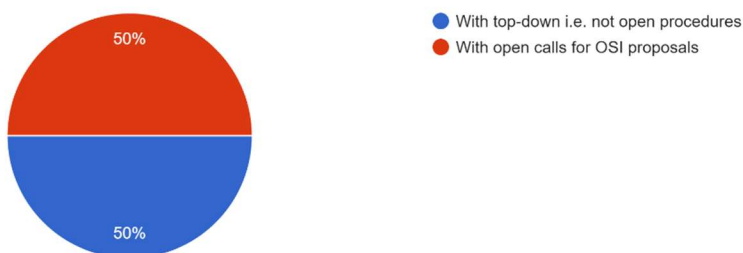
Has your Programme already launched the OSI Call for proposals or developed OSI with top-down procedures?

6 risposte



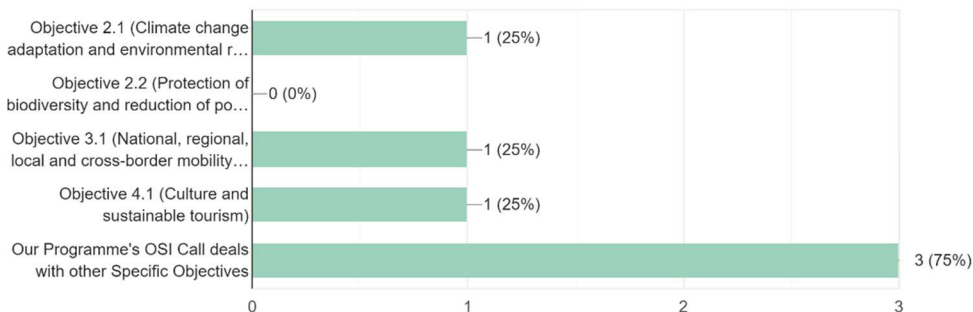
How have OSI in your Programme been developed?

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Please select the Specific Objectives of our Programme that are present also in your Programme OSI Call

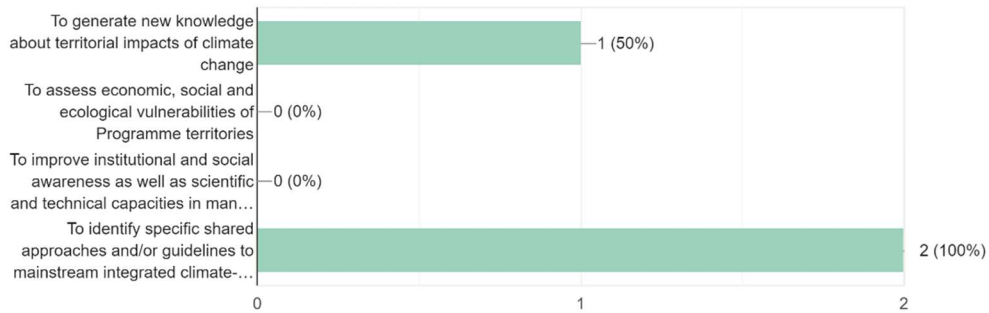
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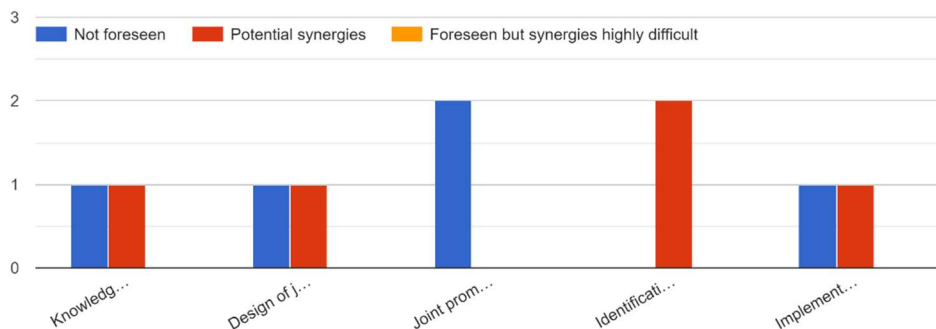
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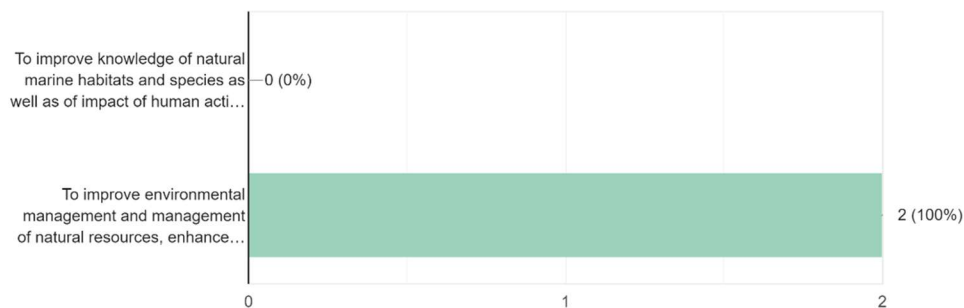


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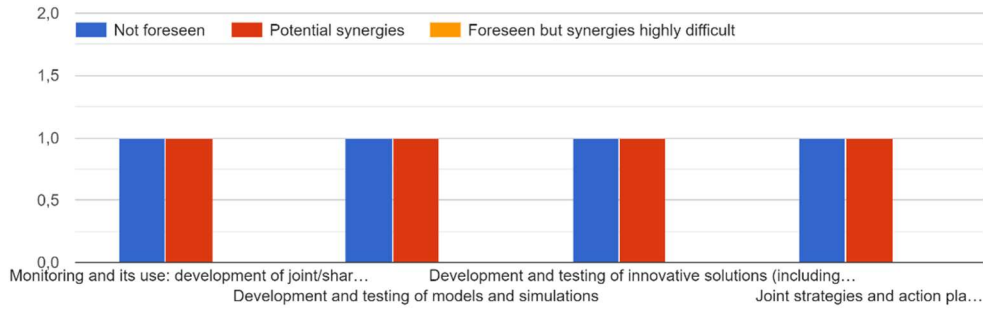
Objective 2.2 (Protection of biodiversity and reduction of pollution) Please select the objectives of our OSI Call that are present also in your Programme's OSI approach

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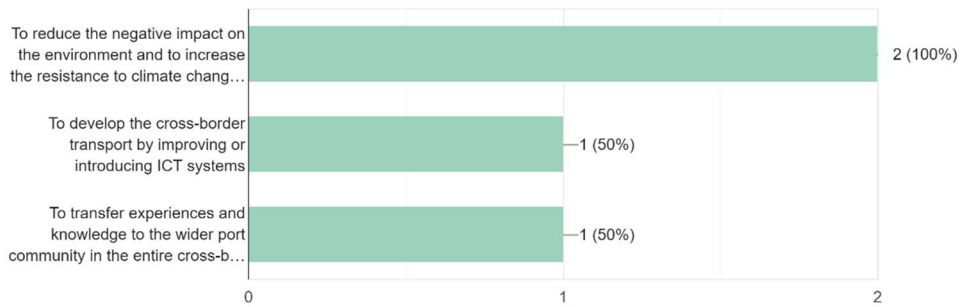
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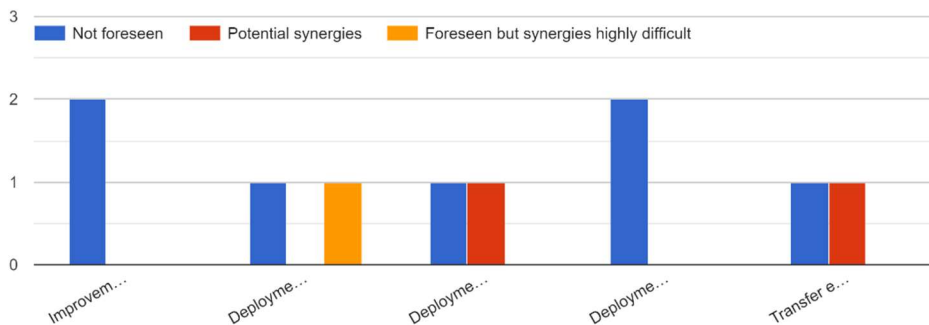


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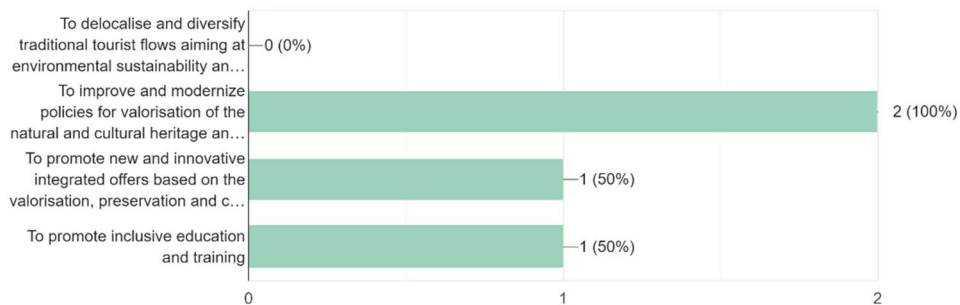
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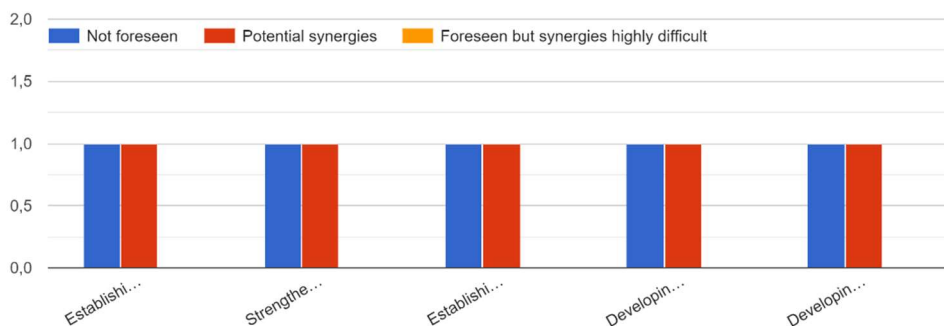
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Objective 4.1 (Culture and sustainable tourism) Please select the objectives of our OSI Call that are present also in your Programme's OSI approach

2 risposte



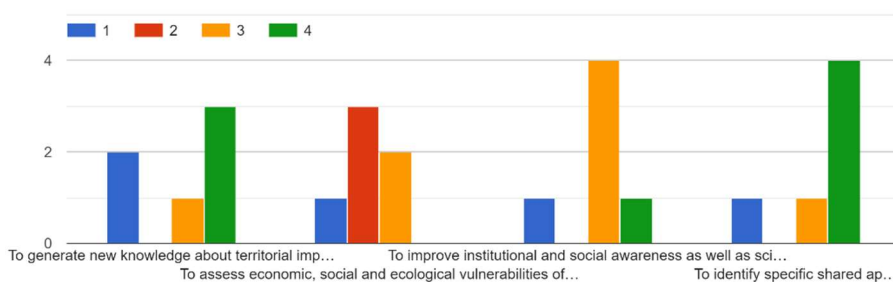
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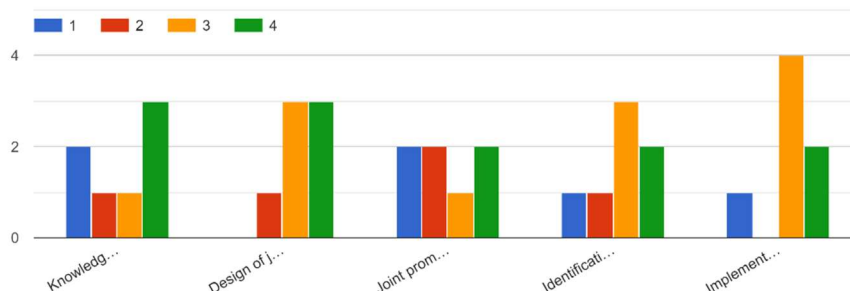
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EUSAIR SURVEY

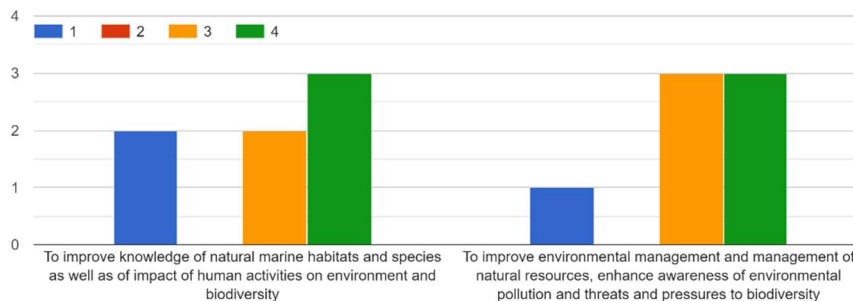
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Type of activities related to Objective 2.1

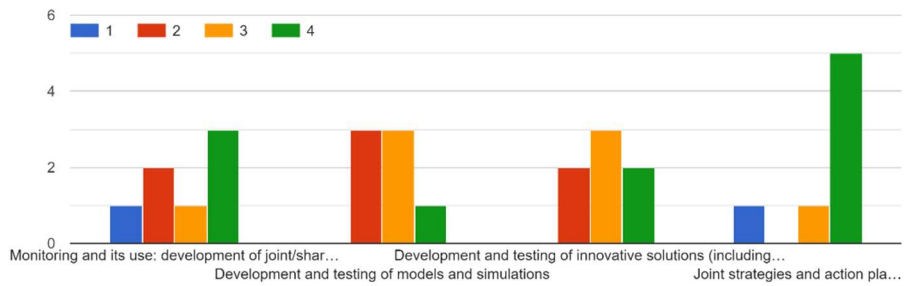


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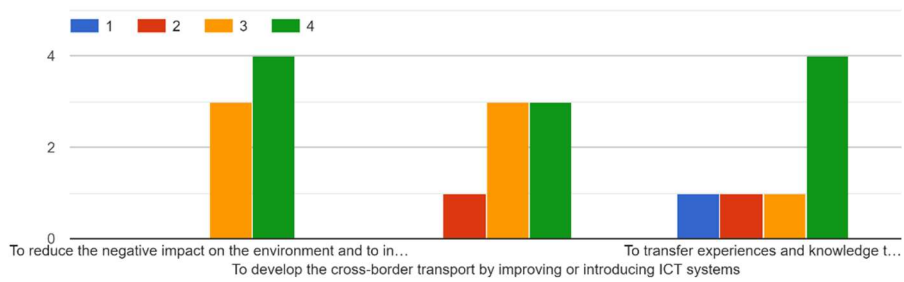


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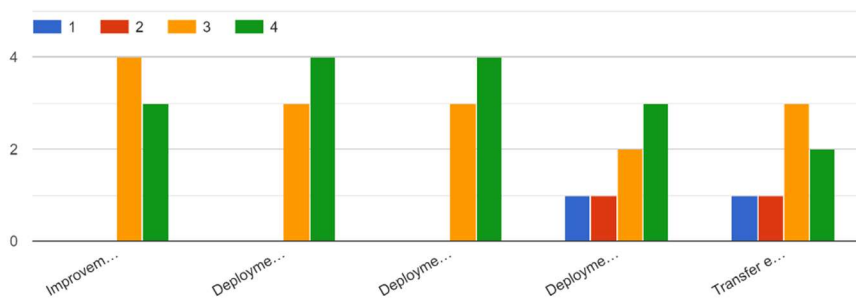
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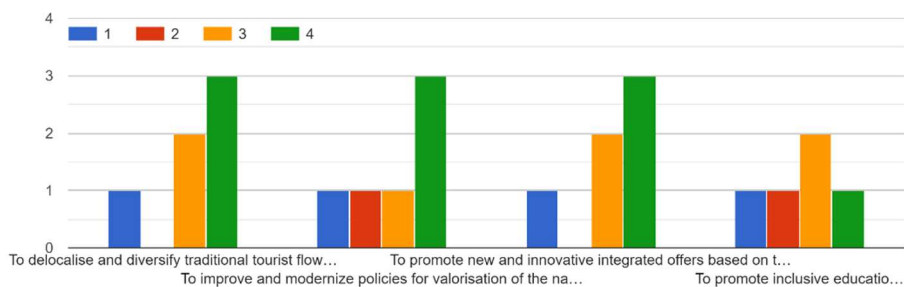


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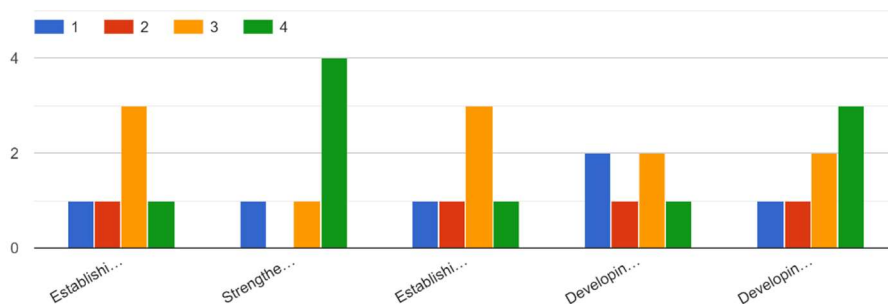


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Objective 4.1 (Culture and sustainable tourism) Select the OSI objectives' relevance according to EUSAIR Flagship projects:



Type of activities related to Objective 4.1



How would you like to be involved in the OSI implementation?

7 risposte

