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### ***Evaluation***

### ***Concluding Workshop of Work Package 1 & the Annual Dissemination Conference***

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## Introduction

Quality Assurance activities are based on qualitative and quantitative data collected.

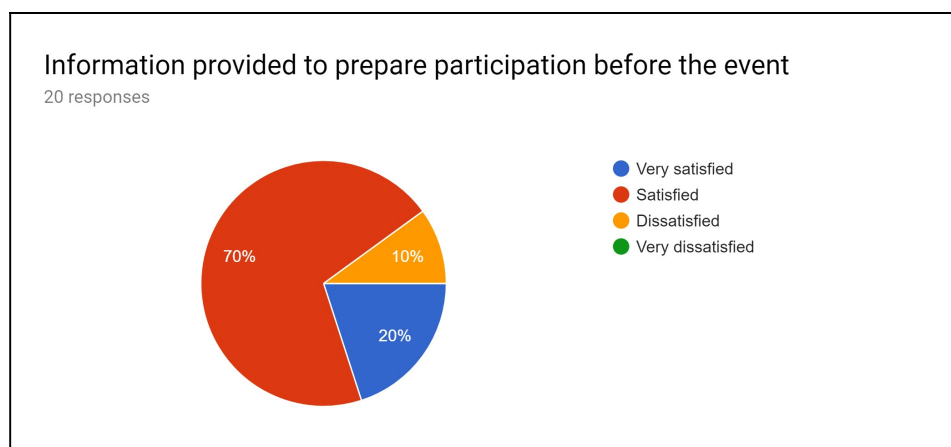
Three events have been taken place so far in Europe: a Kick-Off Meeting at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen as well as study visits to Masaryk University (Brno) and Global Impact Institute (Prague) as well as Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Leuven) Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (Groningen).

In September 2018, the first Annual Dissemination Conference took place at Salahaddin University in Erbil while training sessions were delivered in the same period at University of Sulaimani in Sulaymaniyah. Detailed results of the surveys are further presented.

## Evaluation Results

In total 20 people participated in the survey who represented the 10 partner institutions from Kurdistan. The participants were slightly gender unbalanced with a majority of men, all involved in internationalisation processes, head of international offices or similar. The general feedback from the participants was very positive and the majority of participants rated their general impression 3 or 4 in a 1-4 scale.

Most participants were satisfied with the information provided before the events took place, although this could be improved in future events. The content of the workshops/presentations was particularly satisfactory.

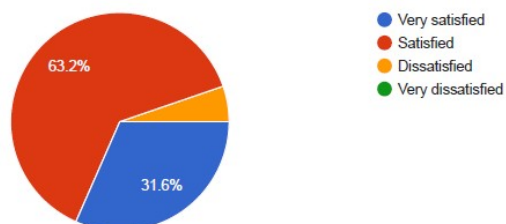


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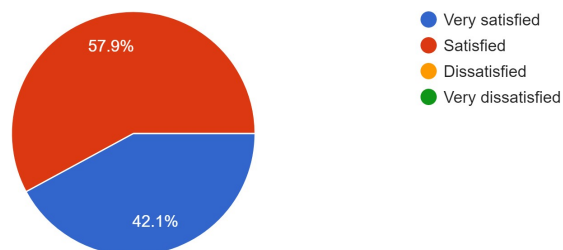
Information provided by the hosts in regard to the study visit (e.g. agenda, content, locations, materials, etc.)

19 responses



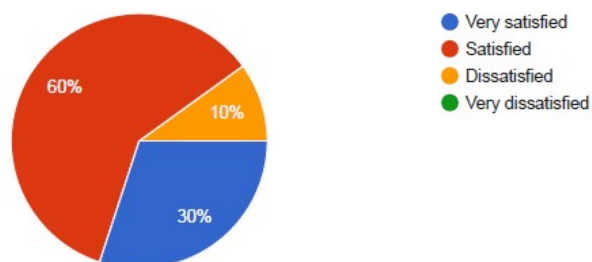
Content of the presentations/workshops

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Timing & scheduling of the workshops & events

20 responses



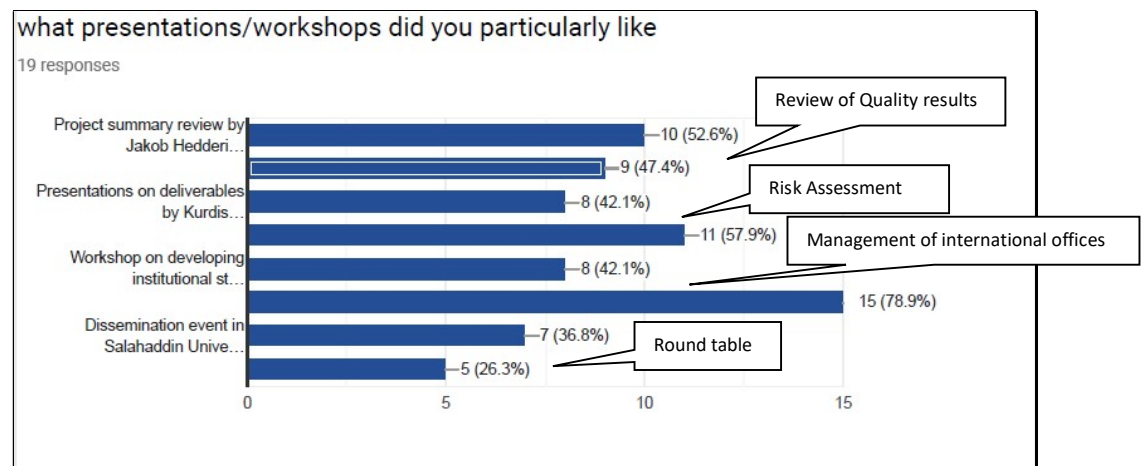
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Among the several presentations presented the 3 most valued were:

1. Management of International Offices - Thursday 27th September, morning session
2. Risk Assessment - Thursday 27th September, morning session
3. Project summary by project coordinator - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, morning session.

The different presentations and results are observed in the graph underneath. What seems to be disappointing is that the activities organised for the dissemination event seem not to have attracted main interest of the audience.



Especially the workshops on the management of international offices by Violeta Osouchova was highly assessed and the negative remarks addressed more the logistics than the contents.

The results of the questionnaire study were shortly shared with the organizers and we received feedback addressing the remarks from the participants. The Kurdish institutions were able to share the experience from the project development hitherto.

The work in groups was particularly appreciated by the participants and this seems like the most preferable style of work to be adapted during future workshops and trainings.

The organizers admit that for some participants the distinction between training and study visits needs to be highlighted prior arrival to be clear about the expectation and what is there to offer by the host. More attention should be given to the objectives of the events and to adjust the expectations of the participants to the scope of the project. Some participants particularly liked

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gathering all the partner universities and talking about their experience about internationalisation and the strategies they followed in this regard.

## Recommendations for future activities

According to several partner members, the contents of the number of workshops could be improved and given details ahead. More open discussions on the topics could be added in order to define the weak points of the events and find solution. Considerable assistance and help to be offered specially to young universities like UoH and more participation of academic staff in the events to be increased.

The tasks (activities) that each university should do in a time frame should be presented clearly.

To provide a space for all the universities to present their presentations equally. It would have been adequate a better time management of the agenda.

Distracting political events interfered with the agenda. This should be avoided in the future.

The dissemination event should be re-orientated to produce bigger impact and effect. Despite some other key stakeholders like embassies, EU delegation and non-partner Kurdish universities were invited and assisted to the event, the activity was mainly reduced to same participants. This should be taken into consideration in year 2. Perhaps one possibility is to embrace a similar event within a larger international conference or similar.

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