

Strategic Partnership on Inclusion

Update - October 2018



Group photo, SPI Harvesting Conference – Carcavelos, 19-22 June 2018

The Strategic Partnership on Inclusion (SPI) is...

A coordinated approach of 15 Erasmus+ Youth National Agencies (NAs) and 2 SALTO-YOUTH resource centresⁱ (Inclusion & Diversity and South East Europe) to involve **more inclusion organisations** and increase the participation of **young people with fewer opportunities** in the Erasmus+:YiA programme and the European Solidarity Corps.

Three **target groups**, which are underrepresented in Erasmus+, have been identified as a priority and below you can find the NAs currently working on these parallel 3 strands:

- (Organisations working with) young people with **disability and health issues** (EE, FR, DE, IS, LV, HU, PL, SALTO SEE, SI + RO, PT only sending)
- (Organisations working with) young people **in NEETⁱⁱ situation** (EE, LV, CZ, AT, UK, IT +FR, PT and RO only sending)
- (Organisations working with) young people from **disadvantaged areas** (IE, EE, RO, PT, SALTO SEE + SI only sending)

How does it work?

- **3 strands** organise national preparation activities for international events and follow-up support actions (such as coaching organisations on developing project proposals)
- **Coordination, documentation, monitoring** by SALTO Inclusion & Diversity
- 1 annual **SPI update & planning meeting** (2018 – August, Berlin)
- Online **platform** for project planning and communication

The 1st cycle, a coordinated approach...

Since 2016 NAs have been taking strategic steps to include more organisations and young people:

- **mapping** new organisations & **needs analysis**
- motivation, information & **capacity building**
- **partnership building** & networking
- **support** for international mobility as part of their inclusion work
- mapping existing **resources & tools**, or creating new ones
- **monitoring** impact & **documenting** the tested approaches

SPI results at a glance

Results so far (June 2018)

45 Erasmus+ projects (more expected at October deadline)

including 654 young people with fewer opportunities

Outreach

- **2237 new inclusion organisations** contacted
- **625 organisations expressed interest** (=28% positive reply)
- **National SPI activities – participation of 641 inclusion workers** from interested organisations (=103% participation rate)
- **International SPI activities – participation of 208 inclusion workers** from interested organisations (=33% of participation rate)

Additional results

Inspirational publication on projects involving young people with a disability (by FR, BE-FR)

Cookbook with Inclusion Recipes for NAs (August 2018)

Cheat sheets on inclusion topics (e.g. proportionality in projects selection)

4 new partners joining SPI in 2018 (Ireland, Italy, Poland and SALTO SEE)



SPI Harvesting Conference – Carcavelos, 19-22 June 2018

The SPI Harvesting Conference (June 2018, Carcavelos-Portugal)

67 people from the 12 different countries took part in this conference. Most countries were represented by a combination of National Agency officer, youth workers and young people.

“I loved the variety of participants in the conference, it really inspired me and broadened my mind, although I have been involved in Erasmus+ funded Projects for 6 years. Real connection and lived diversity and inclusion. Definitely impacted my future work in international youth work.”
(Youth worker)

The aims of the harvesting conference were:

- to **bring together** youth workers and young people who were involved in the SPI activities and those who would like to become involved, as well as NA officers and SALTO partners.
- to **gather the results, achievements and good practices** of the first 2 years of implementation of the SPI on national and transnational level and to **disseminate** them among the participants, National Agencies and other relevant stakeholders.
- to foster the **harvesting** of new practices, approaches, projects, networks and create space for **reflection, exchange of practice and future strategic planning** for inclusion of more young people with fewer opportunities in the Erasmus+ programme.

“The harvesting conference was a great final step of the first SPI cycle. I really enjoyed reading about the results and all the trees that have grown and I am even happier, that there is a lot of seeds and sprouts. It was once again shown, that the strategic approach is crucial that step by step you come, where you want to come (...)”
(NA Officer)

Why would you recommend to join SPI?ⁱⁱⁱ

What is for you the added value of the outreach work of the National Agency? What was useful for you? What did you get out of these SPI meetings/seminars?

- Getting to **know other organisations and peers** that do similar work
- Sharing our work and **learning** from others' practices
- **Networking** and partnership-building
- Becoming aware of **new opportunities** for our target group, in the framework of Erasmus+ Youth in Action
- Learning how to **develop a project** and about **youth policies**
- Being closer to and **supported** by the National Agency.

49.2% of respondents have applied for an Erasmus+ youth project and 40.7% are planning to apply

39% changed something in their work with young people with fewer opportunities, thanks to the participation in SPI activities (national/international)

96.6% recommend to other organisations to take part in the activities of the Erasmus+ National Agency



SPI Annual Meeting – Berlin, 29-31 August 2018

What's next?

During the SPI Annual Meeting in Berlin (29-31 August 2018), NA and SALTO officers had the opportunity to plan the 2nd SPI cycle (2019-2020).

With the launch of the European Solidarity Corps, partner NAs will also be working for stronger inclusion within the new programme.

It was agreed to have a common approach for the strands (mapping/outreach, national activities, international events and follow-up/support actions). General guidelines, together with a mission statement, will be developed. Each NA and each strand have been further developing action plans based on their specific needs and contexts, that have been included in their 2019 workplan.

It is foreseen an SPI general event in 2020 to assess the second cycle, celebrate achievements and reflect on possibilities of future inclusion work in the framework of the new Erasmus programme (2021-2027).

Find out more!

- Download the practical guide [“Beyond Disabilities European mobility for all!”](#)
- Check our [Cookbook for Inclusion](#) – recipes for National Agencies who want to reach more young people with fewer opportunities
- More info at www.salto-youth.net/SPIinclusion/

ⁱ National E+ Youth National Agencies actively involved: Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and United Kingdom & [SALTO SEE](#) - Coordination: [SALTO Inclusion & Diversity](#)

ⁱⁱ Not in Education, Employment or Training

ⁱⁱⁱ SPI questionnaire “How can we help you with your next steps?” - disseminated by National Agencies, sent to all youth workers engaged in national and/or international SPI related activities. 59 forms submitted between 20 March (first reply) till 16 May (last reply) 2018.