

EVALUATION SURVEY

RESULTS FROM THE COMMUNITIES IN POLAND, ITALY, CROATIA AND GREECE

Survey objectives, methods and timing:

This final evaluation report provides a concise overview of the results of the participatory evaluation exercise conducted as part of the CO-GREEN project's Event 13.

The evaluation was carried out through an online questionnaire set up in a Google Module, administered voluntarily to all participants in the local community activities, during October and November 2024.

The primary aim of collecting feedback was to enhance our community-based green initiatives by leveraging the insights of respondents. Their valuable perspectives will help project partners ensure that future interventions are more inclusive, effective, and democratic, contributing to a more robust approach in addressing local environmental challenges.

The survey focused specifically on participatory methods and techniques, seeking to gather participants' feedback and assess their satisfaction with the process. Given that CO-GREEN emphasises community participation as an ongoing process, the evaluation recognises that the communities involved are continuously developing their awareness and expertise in participation and environmental matters. As a matter of fact, by employing specific participatory methods, the project aims to empower community members, ensuring that each voice is heard and valued in local decision-making.

This report also reflects on the lessons learned, highlighting the most appreciated practices and proposing areas for improvement, to support the long-term sustainability and success of similar initiatives in the future.

General data

The collected questionnaires were distributed as follows:

- Poland: 2 replies
- Italy: 57 replies
- Croatia: --
- Greece: 10 replies

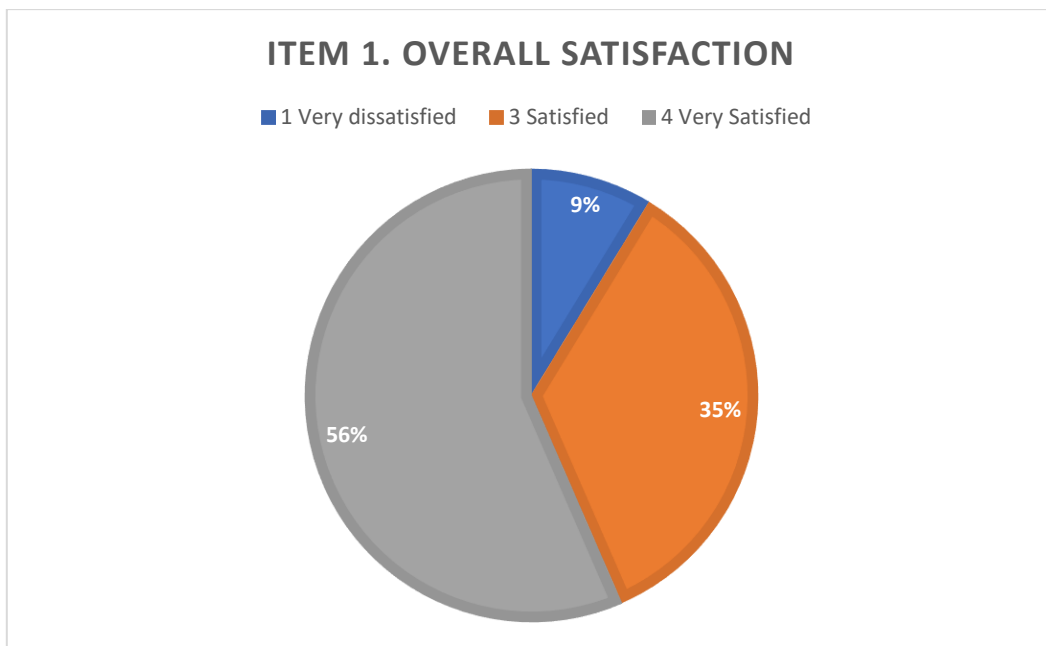
TOTAL: 69 replies

Results

Item 1. Overall satisfaction. *How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the community green activities you participated in?*

The overall satisfaction reported across Poland, Italy, Croatia, and Greece indicates a strong positive reception of the community green activities. High satisfaction levels suggest that participants found the initiatives meaningful, well-organised, and aligned with their expectations. This consistency across different countries highlights the effectiveness of the project's framework in addressing local environmental issues.

Positive feedback points to strengths such as well-structured activities, engaging discussions, and tangible outcomes. To build on this success, future initiatives should continue leveraging these strengths while identifying any subtle variations in satisfaction among specific demographics or regions.



Gathering qualitative insights can further enrich the understanding of what aspects participants valued most, ensuring sustained high satisfaction levels.

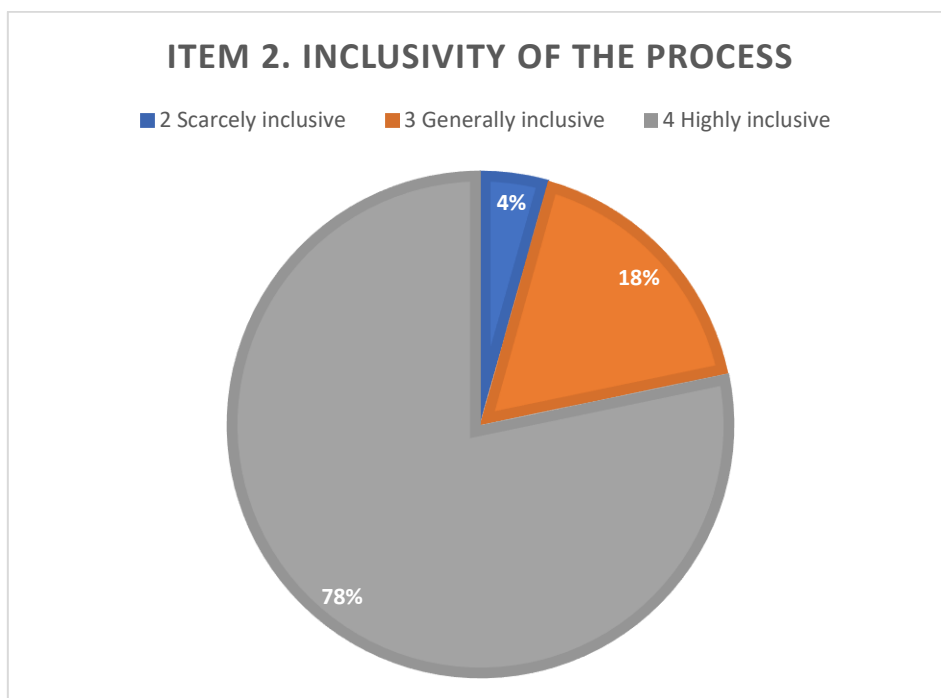
Item 2. Inclusivity of the process. *To what extent do you feel that the activities allowed a diverse range of voices (e.g., citizens, businesses, officials, environmental groups) to be heard?*

Participants from all four partner countries expressed positive feedback regarding the inclusivity of the process, indicating that diverse voices (including citizens, businesses, officials, and environmental groups) felt heard and valued. This reflects a strong commitment to democratic principles and community empowerment.

The consistent positive responses suggest that the project effectively implemented inclusive practices, such as facilitating balanced discussions and providing platforms for marginalised voices.

To enhance inclusivity further, future initiatives could explore additional methods, such as targeted outreach or anonymous feedback mechanisms.

By continuing to prioritise diverse participation, the project can strengthen its impact and foster deeper community trust.

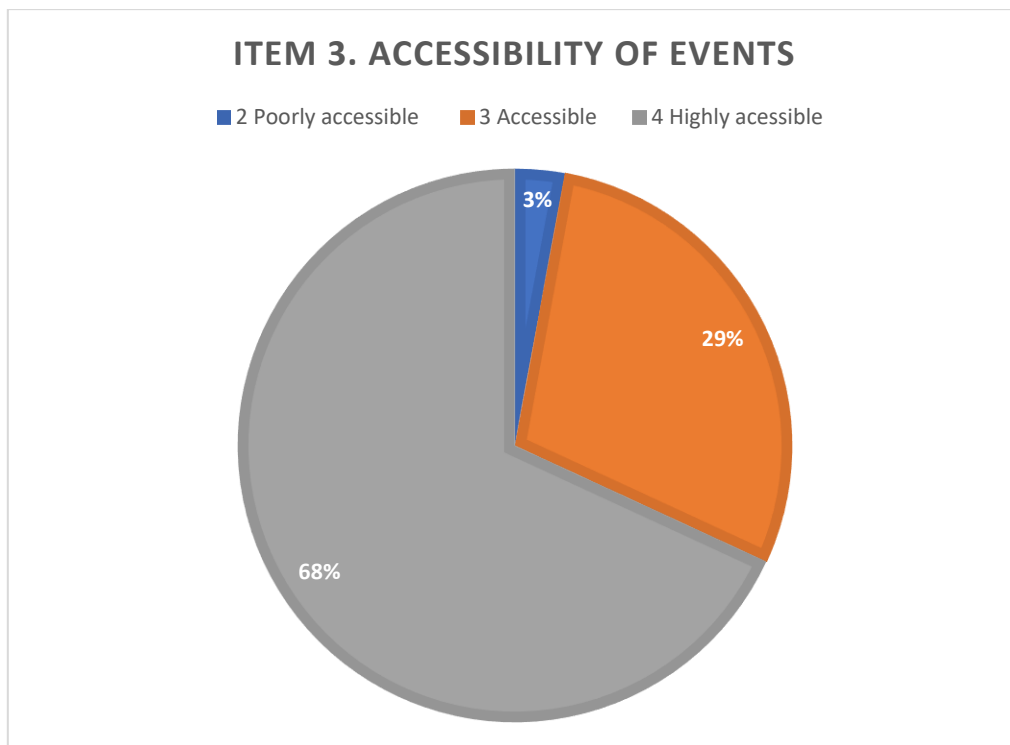


Item 3. Accessibility of events *How accessible were the community events in terms of location, time, and format?*

Positive feedback on accessibility from participants across all partner countries underscores the project's success in ensuring that events were convenient and inclusive. Factors such as well-chosen locations, flexible timings, and user-friendly formats contributed to this favourable perception.

The success in accessibility demonstrates an understanding of the diverse needs within each community.

Going forward, organisers can build on this by incorporating hybrid models that combine in-person and virtual participation, further enhancing accessibility. Additionally, collecting detailed feedback on specific aspects of accessibility, such as transportation or digital access, will help fine-tune future initiatives.

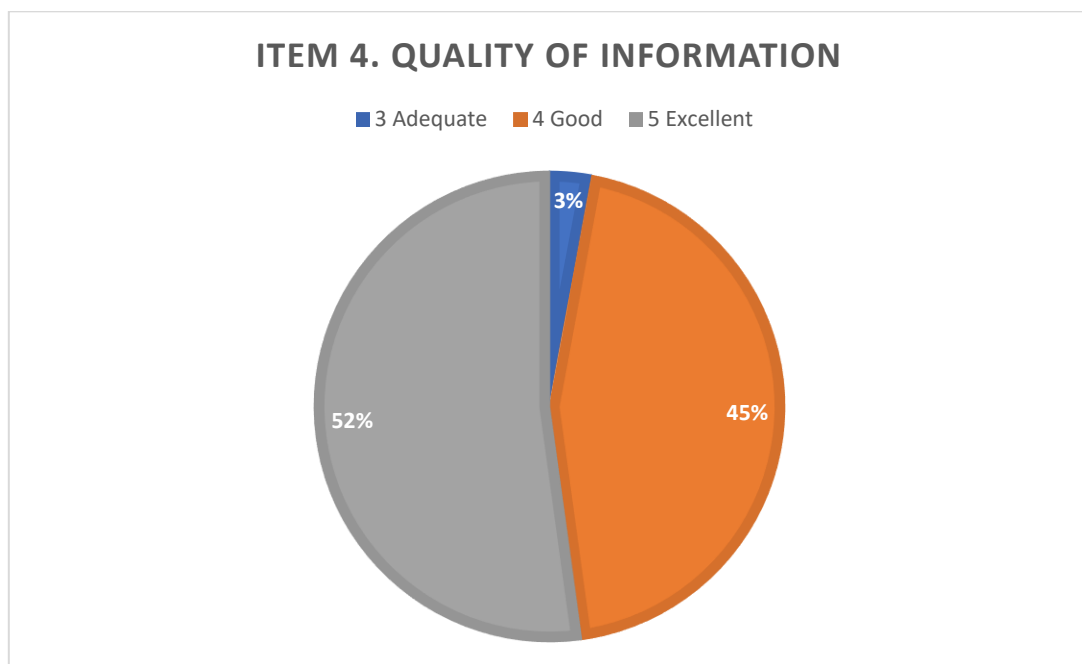


Item 4. Quality of information. *How would you rate the quality and clarity of information provided during the discussions (e.g., regarding green emergencies, assets, or future strategies)?*

Respondents in all four countries rated the quality and clarity of information positively, indicating that the content provided during discussions was informative, relevant, and well-communicated.

This positive feedback suggests that participants felt well-informed, which is crucial for meaningful engagement. Effective use of clear language, visual aids, and real-life examples likely contributed to this success.

To maintain this standard, future projects should continue tailoring information to participants' needs and ensuring that complex environmental concepts are accessible to all. Providing pre-event materials and follow-up summaries can further enhance participants' understanding and engagement.

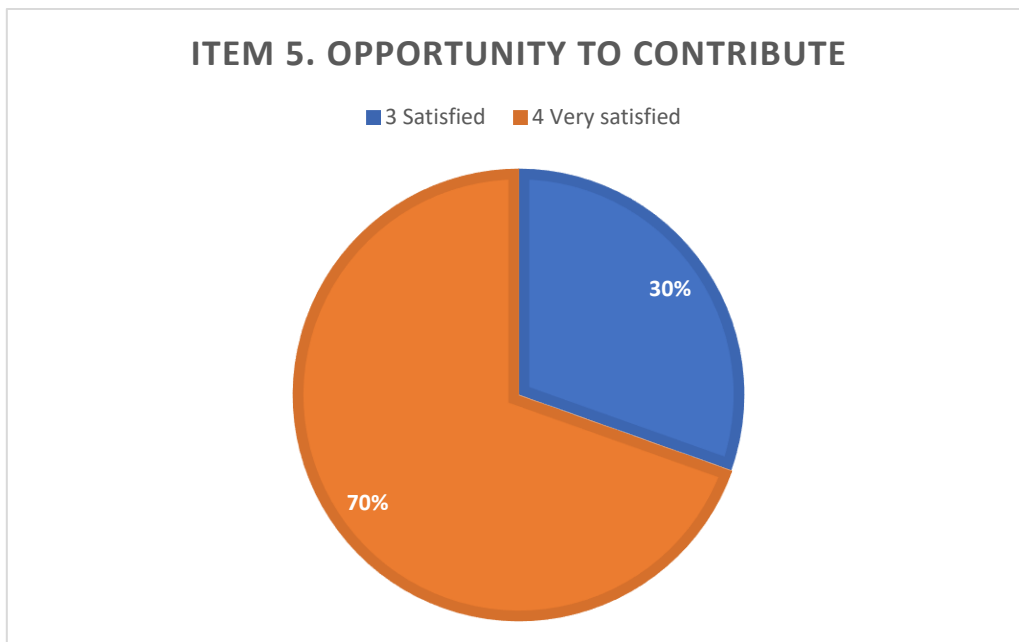


Item 5. Opportunity to contribute. *How satisfied are you with the opportunities provided to express your ideas or concerns during the activities?*

This item assesses whether participants felt they had sufficient opportunities to express their ideas or concerns. Participants across the four countries expressed satisfaction with the opportunities provided to contribute their ideas and concerns. This positive feedback reflects a participatory environment where diverse perspectives were encouraged and valued.

The project's facilitation methods, such as structured discussions and small group activities, likely played a key role.

To build on this, future initiatives should continue to employ inclusive facilitation techniques and provide multiple avenues for contribution. Ensuring that quieter voices are equally heard will sustain this positive trend and foster deeper community engagement.

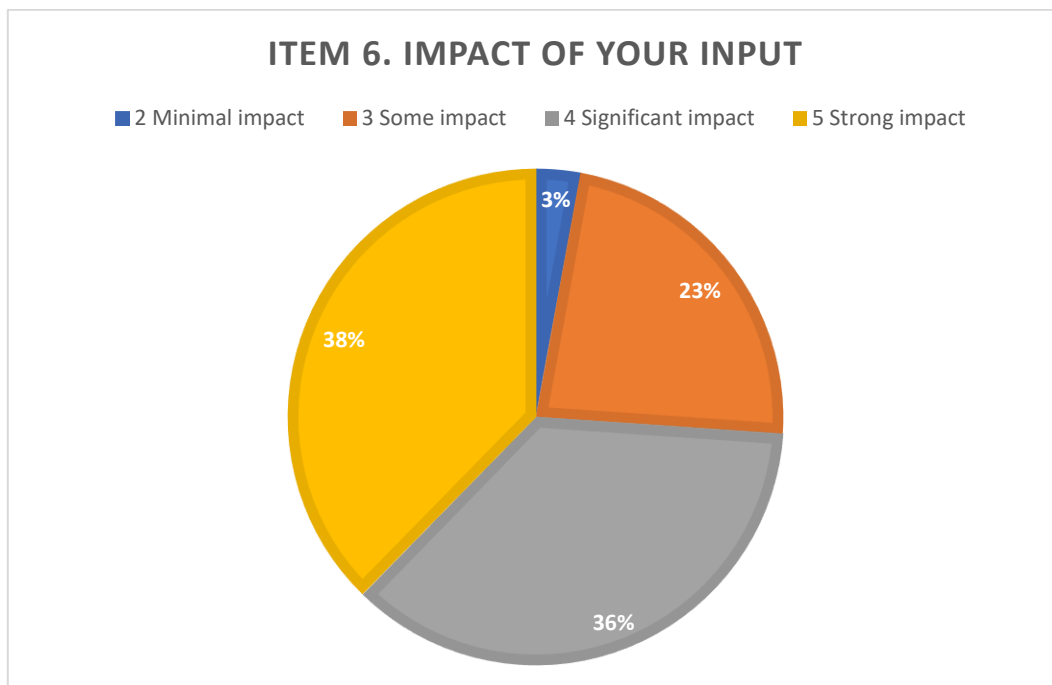


Item 6. Impact of your input. *How do you perceive the impact of your contributions on the outcomes of the discussions?*

The positive feedback regarding the perceived impact of participants' contributions across all four countries indicates that respondents felt their voices influenced the outcomes. This perception is crucial for maintaining motivation and trust in the process.

The consistent positive responses suggest that the project effectively communicated how participant input was utilised. Future initiatives should continue this practice by providing clear feedback loops and tangible examples of how contributions shaped decisions.

Demonstrating the impact of community input reinforces the value of participation and fosters a sense of ownership.

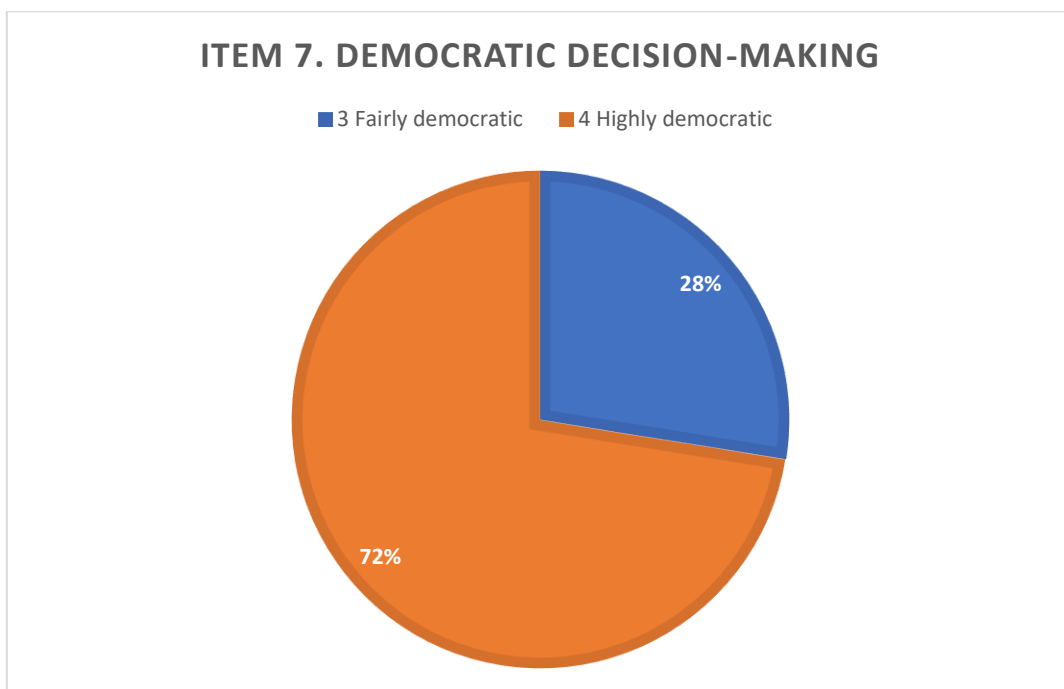


Item 7. Democratic decision-making. *How transparent and fair do you think the decision-making process was during the activities?*

Transparent and fair decision-making processes are the cornerstone of participatory democracy. This item assesses whether participants felt the decision-making process was open, inclusive, and fair.

Respondents in all partner countries reported positive perceptions of the transparency and fairness of the decision-making process. This feedback underscores the project’s commitment to democratic principles and open governance. Participants felt that decisions were made equitably, with their input considered thoughtfully.

To maintain this standard, future projects should continue to emphasise transparency by clearly communicating decision-making processes and outcomes. Providing participants with insights into how decisions are reached and who is involved will further strengthen trust and confidence.

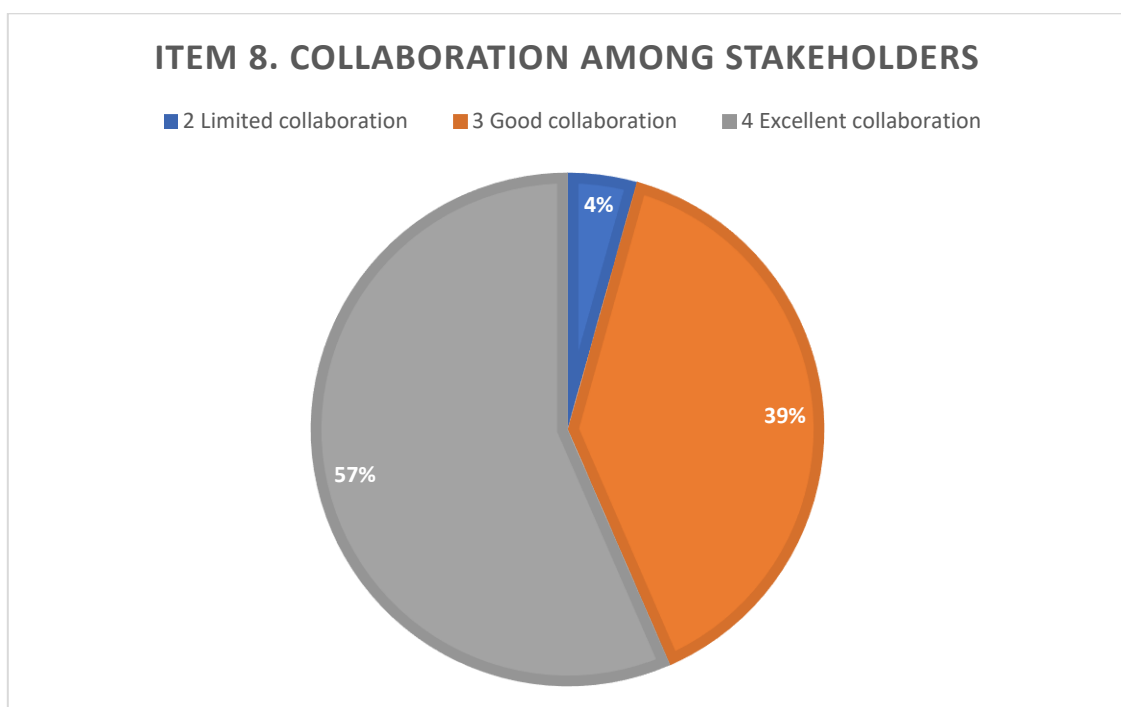


Item 8. Collaboration among Stakeholders. *How would you evaluate the level of collaboration and interaction between different stakeholders (e.g., citizens, organisations, local authorities) during the activities?*

Effective collaboration between stakeholders, citizens, organisations, and local authorities, enhances the quality and legitimacy of outcomes. This item assesses the level of interaction and cooperation during activities.

Positive feedback suggests strong partnerships and shared goals, while negative responses might indicate siloed efforts or conflicts. Facilitating collaboration requires creating spaces for dialogue and joint problem-solving.

Future initiatives should focus on building trust and fostering relationships among stakeholders, ensuring that diverse perspectives are integrated into decision-making processes. Collecting specific examples of successful collaborations can highlight best practices and inspire future efforts.

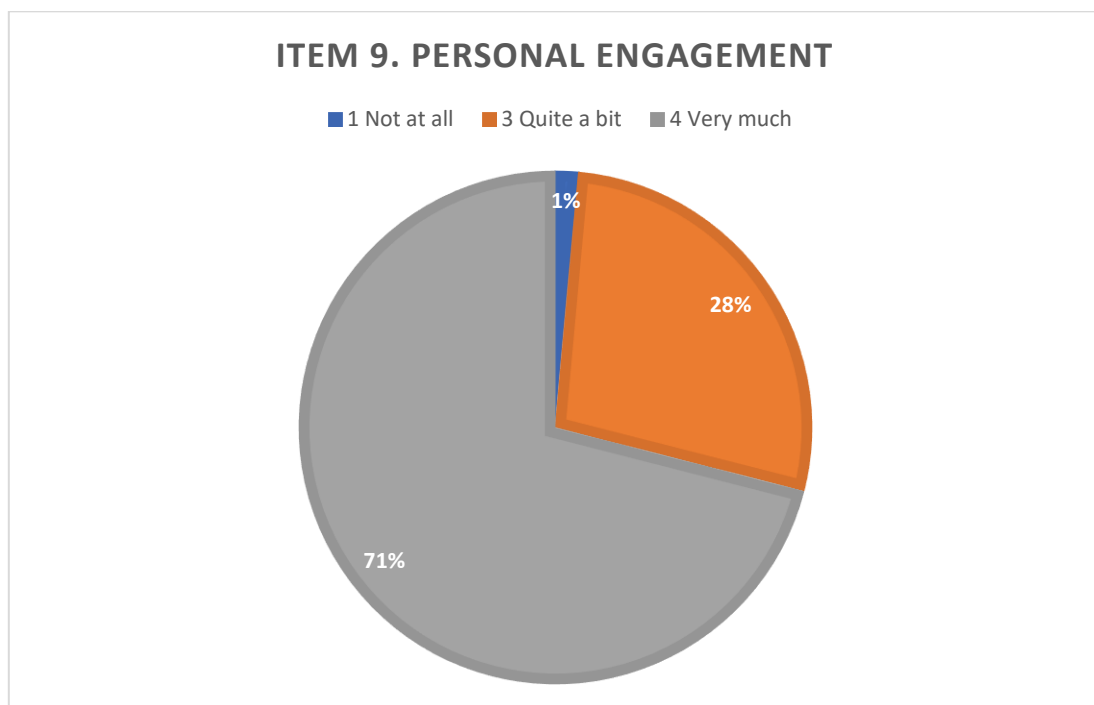


Item 9. Personal Engagement: *Did participating in these activities increase your personal interest or engagement in addressing local green issues?*

This item evaluates whether participation increased individuals' interest or engagement in local green issues. With the majority of respondents providing positive responses, it is clear that the activities successfully fostered a sense of responsibility and commitment.

Participants in all four countries reported increased personal interest and engagement in local green issues as a result of their involvement. This positive feedback indicates that the activities successfully fostered a sense of responsibility and commitment. The consistent responses suggest that the project's approach resonated with participants, motivating them to take an active role in environmental efforts.

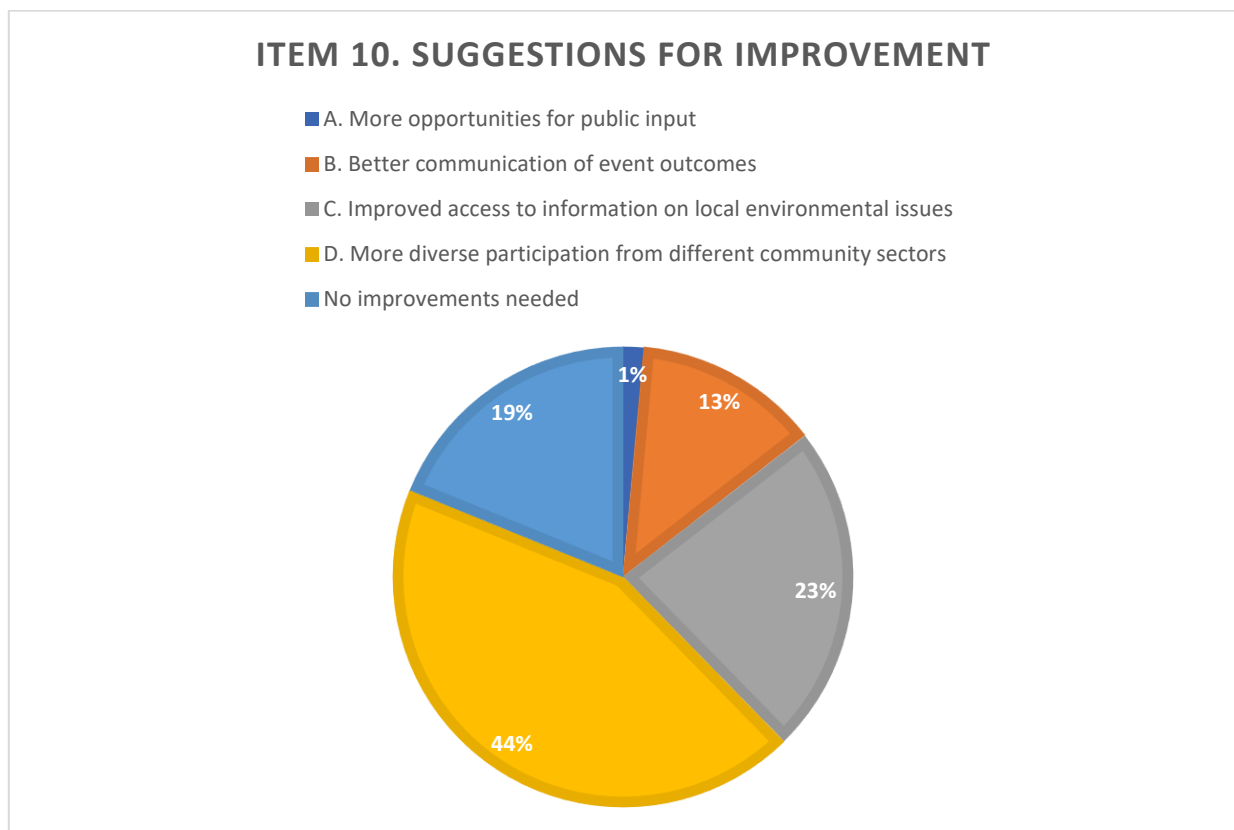
To sustain this *momentum*, future initiatives should provide opportunities for continued involvement and recognise participants' contributions. Creating action-oriented experiences and follow-up activities can further deepen personal engagement.



Item 10. Suggestions for improvement. *What would you suggest to improve future community green initiatives?*

This item provides valuable insights into participants’ experiences and expectations. The positive feedback across all partner countries was complemented by constructive suggestions for improvement, reflecting participants’ investment in the project’s success. Common themes likely include enhancing specific aspects of events or introducing new engagement methods. Analysing these suggestions will provide valuable insights into areas for growth.

By acting on participant feedback, future initiatives can demonstrate responsiveness and a commitment to continuous improvement. Engaging participants in co-creating solutions ensures that the project remains relevant and aligned with community needs.



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