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TRANSNATIONAL LEARNING MOBILITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUTH WORKERS IN THE FLEMISH COMMUNITY

A quantitative analysis of the EU programmes Erasmus+
Youth and the European Solidarity Corps, 2007-2024

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PURPOSE AND METHOD



THE ROLE OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE EU PROGRAMMES OF LEARNING MOBILITY

RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- Monitor the programmes Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps
- Develop evidence-based and knowledge-based policies
- A better comprehensive understanding of the scope and evolution of the programme implementation



QUANTITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS: METHOD AND STRUCTURE

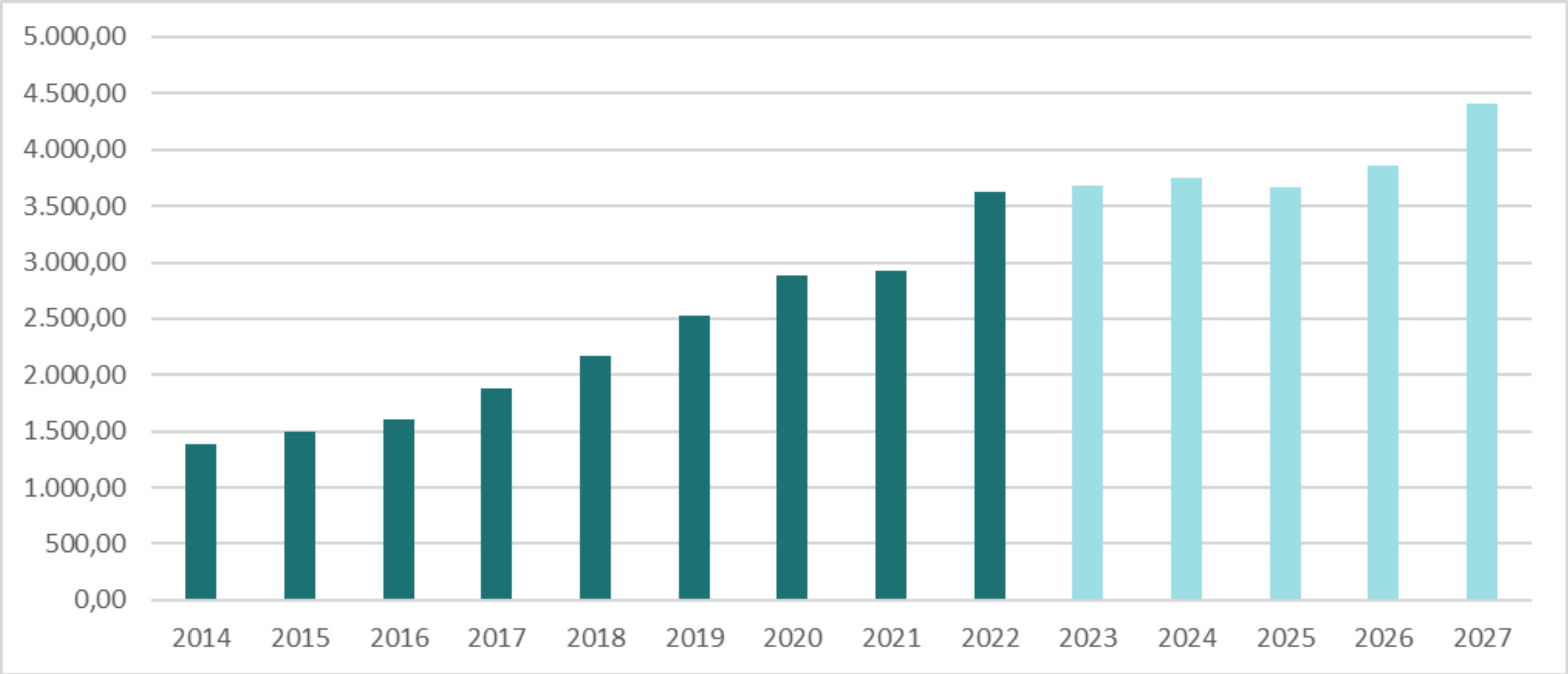
- Availability of data
- Four main topics:
 - Budget allocations
 - Organisations involved
 - Projects, and their approval rate
 - Participants
- Level of the Flemish Community, Belgium, and all participating countries

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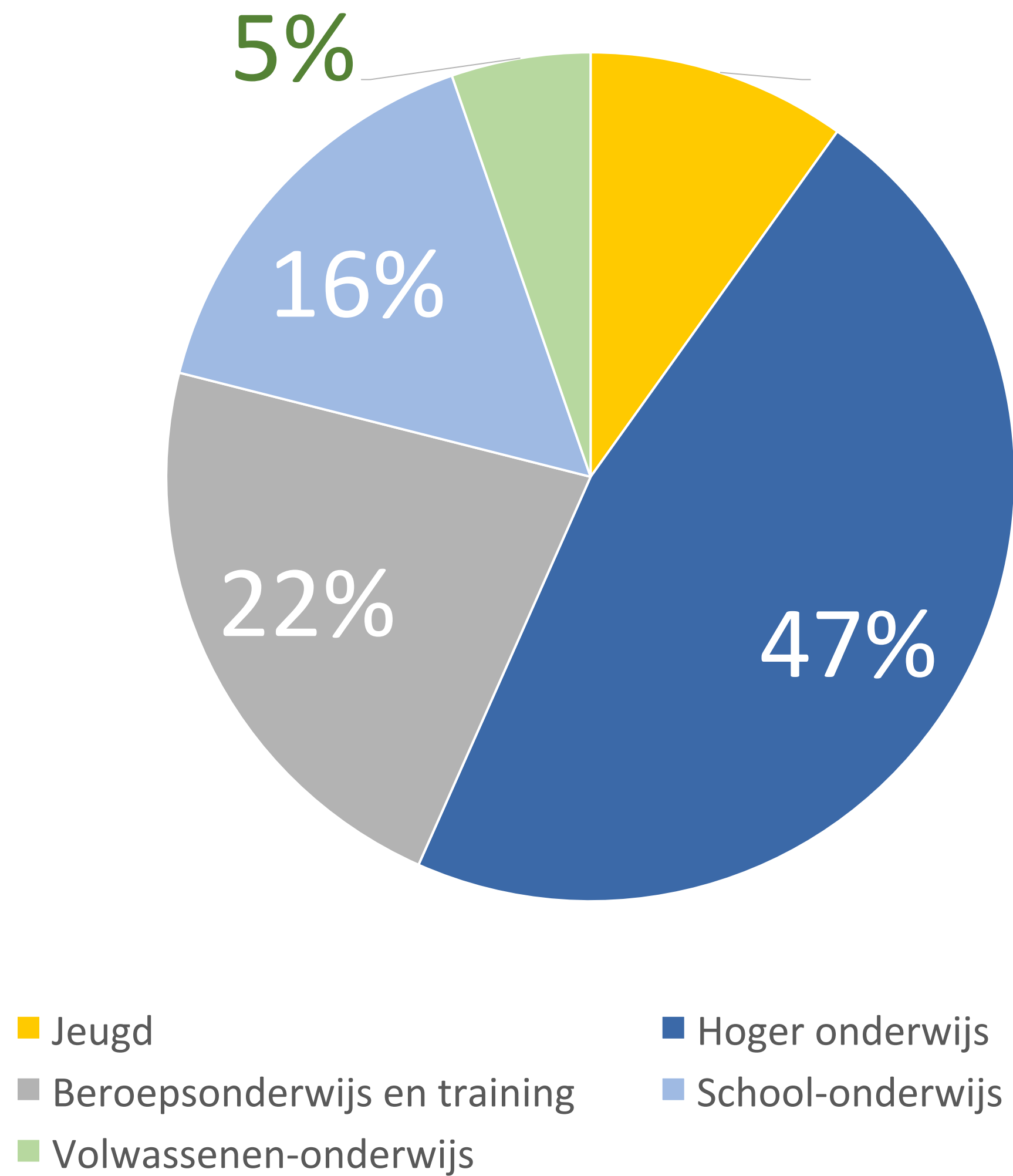
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A dive into the budgets

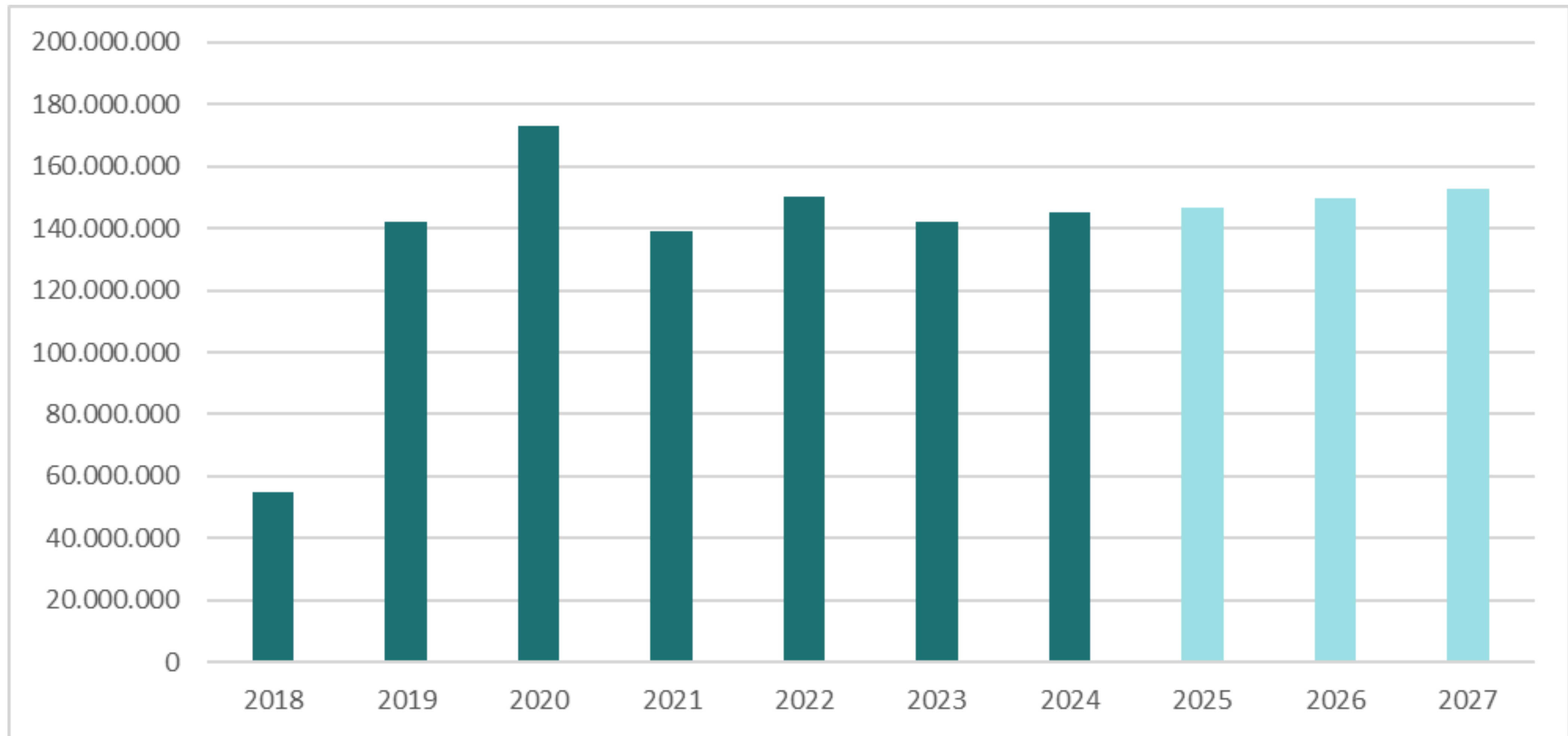


Erasmus+, Evolution of the total budget (2014-2027) in million Euro

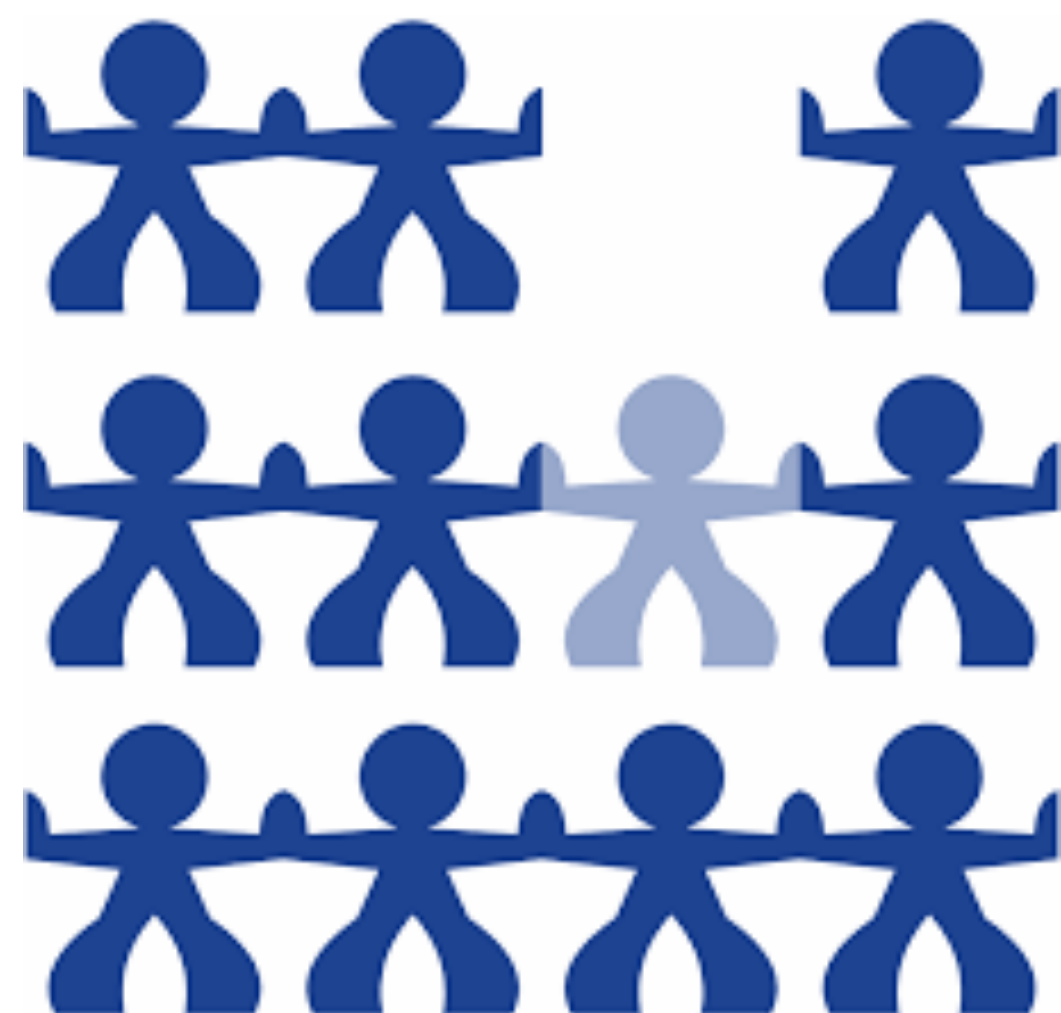


N = € 19.555 Mln

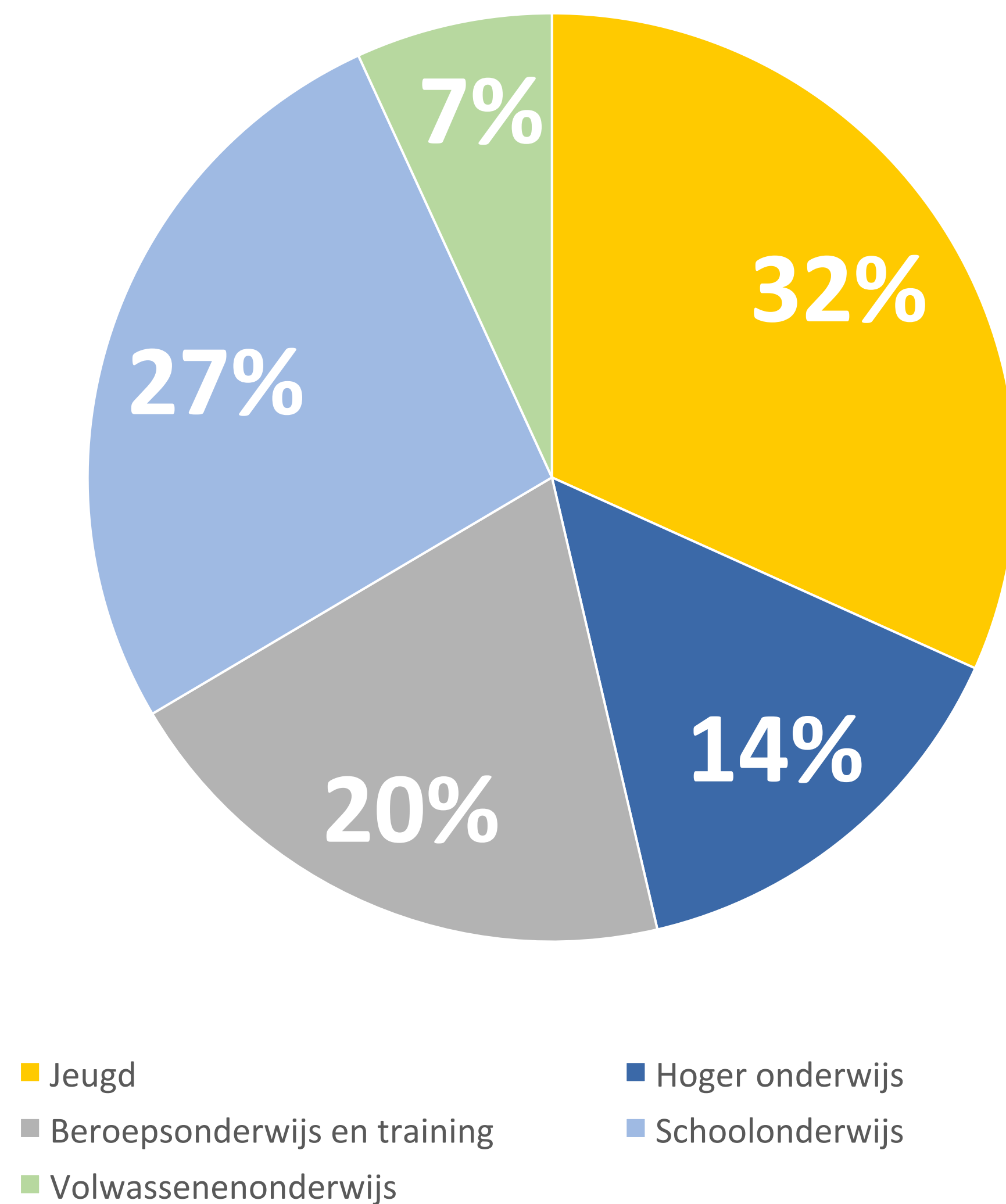
Erasmus+ distribution of the total budget for each subfield in of all participating countries, 2014-2022
Source: EC dashboard, EC Annual report E+ 2021, EC Annual report E+ 2022



European Solidarity Corps, total budget for all participating countries, 2018-2027



A dive into the organisations



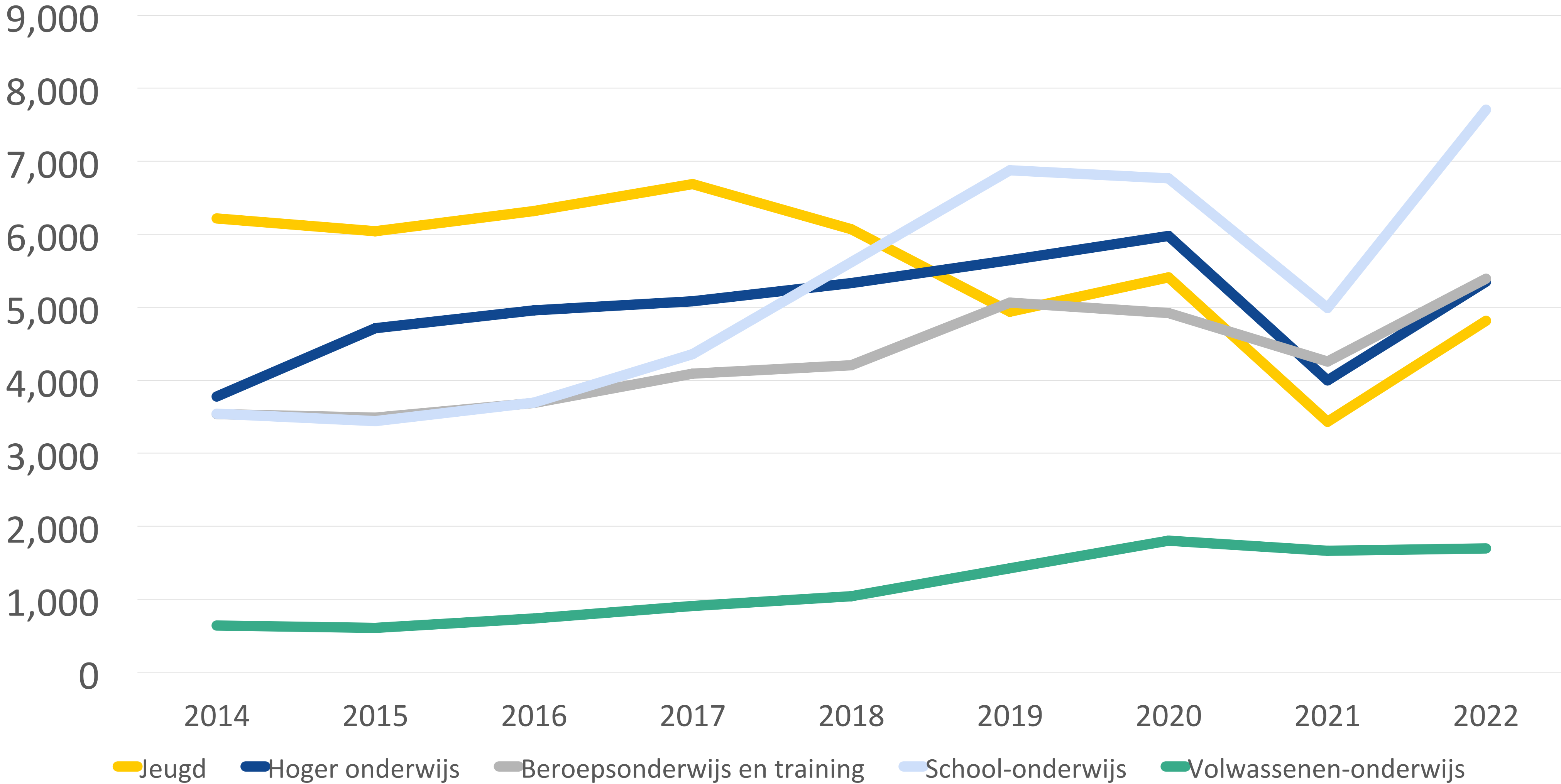
N = 70.109 organisations

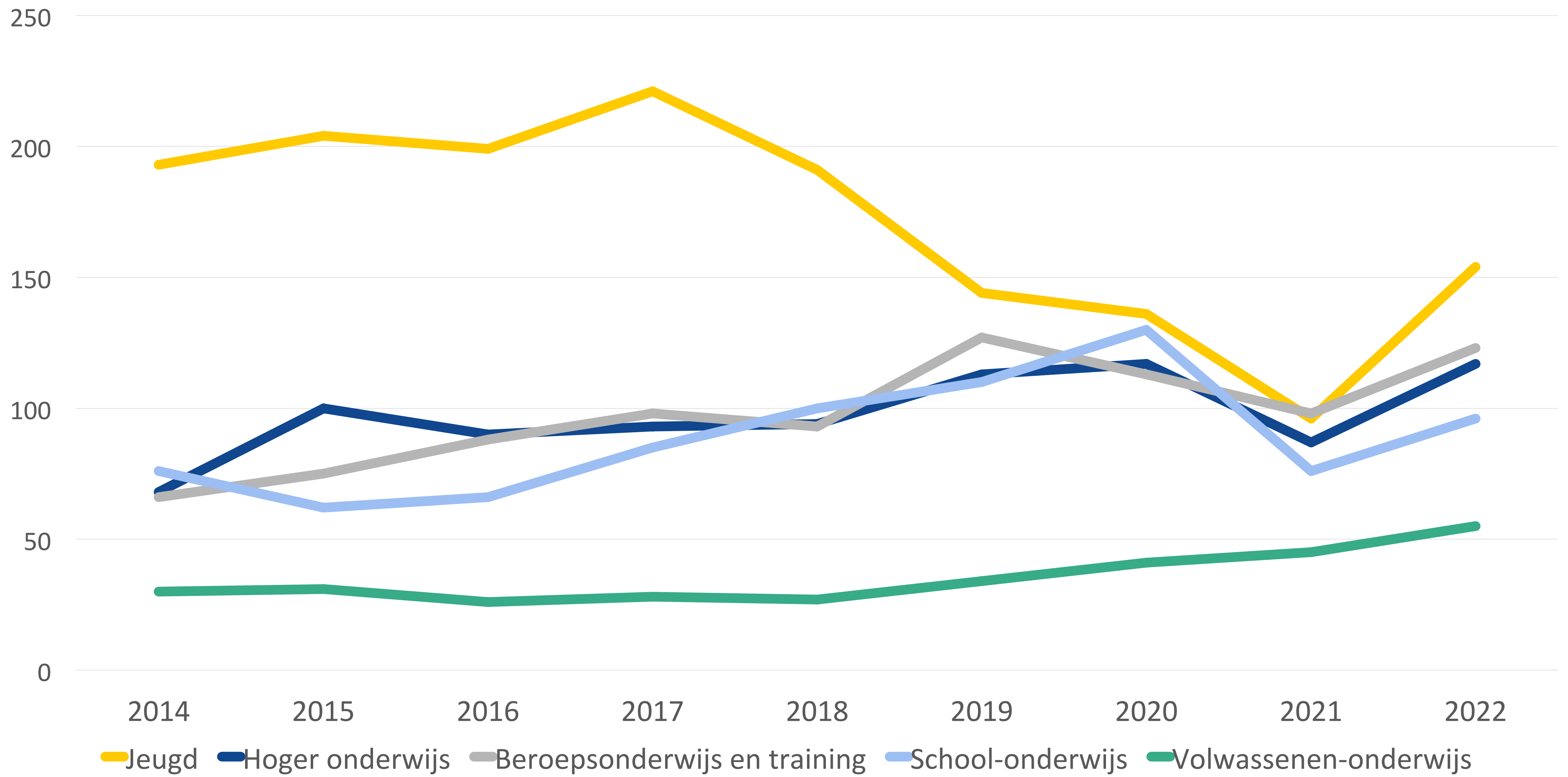
Erasmus+ distribution of the total amount of host organisations for each subfield in of all participating countries, 2022

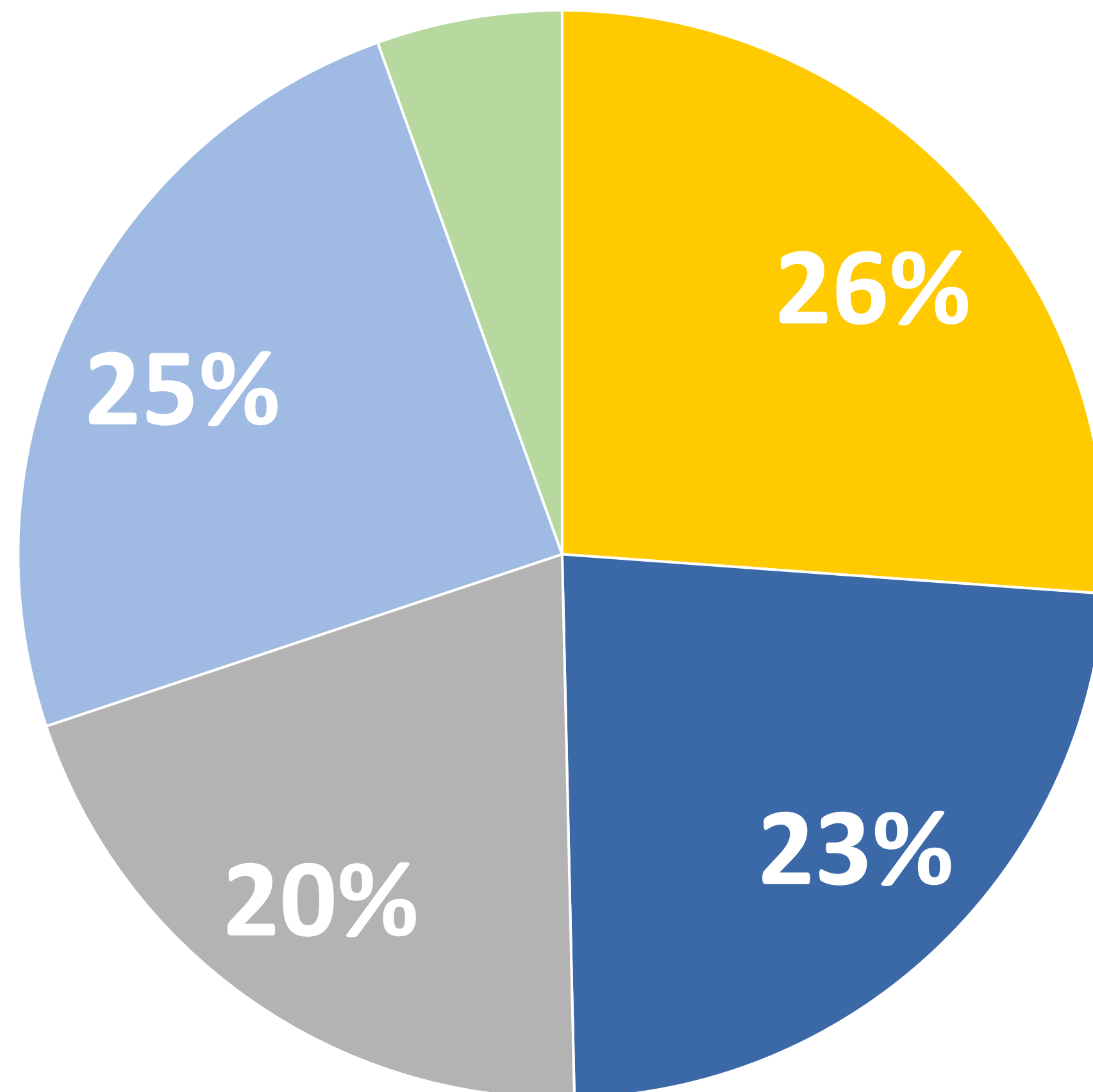
Source: EC Annual report E+ 2022



A dive into the projects





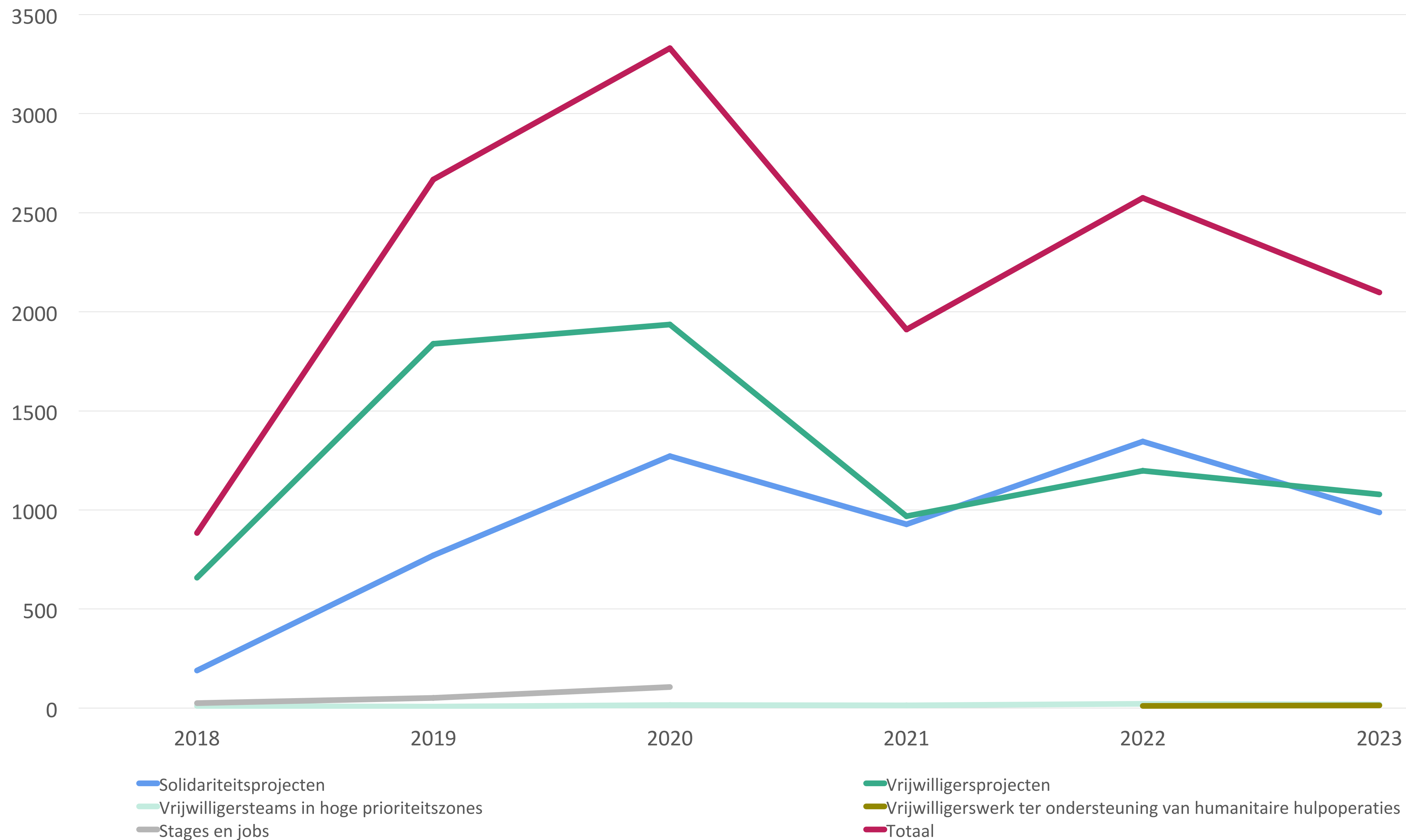


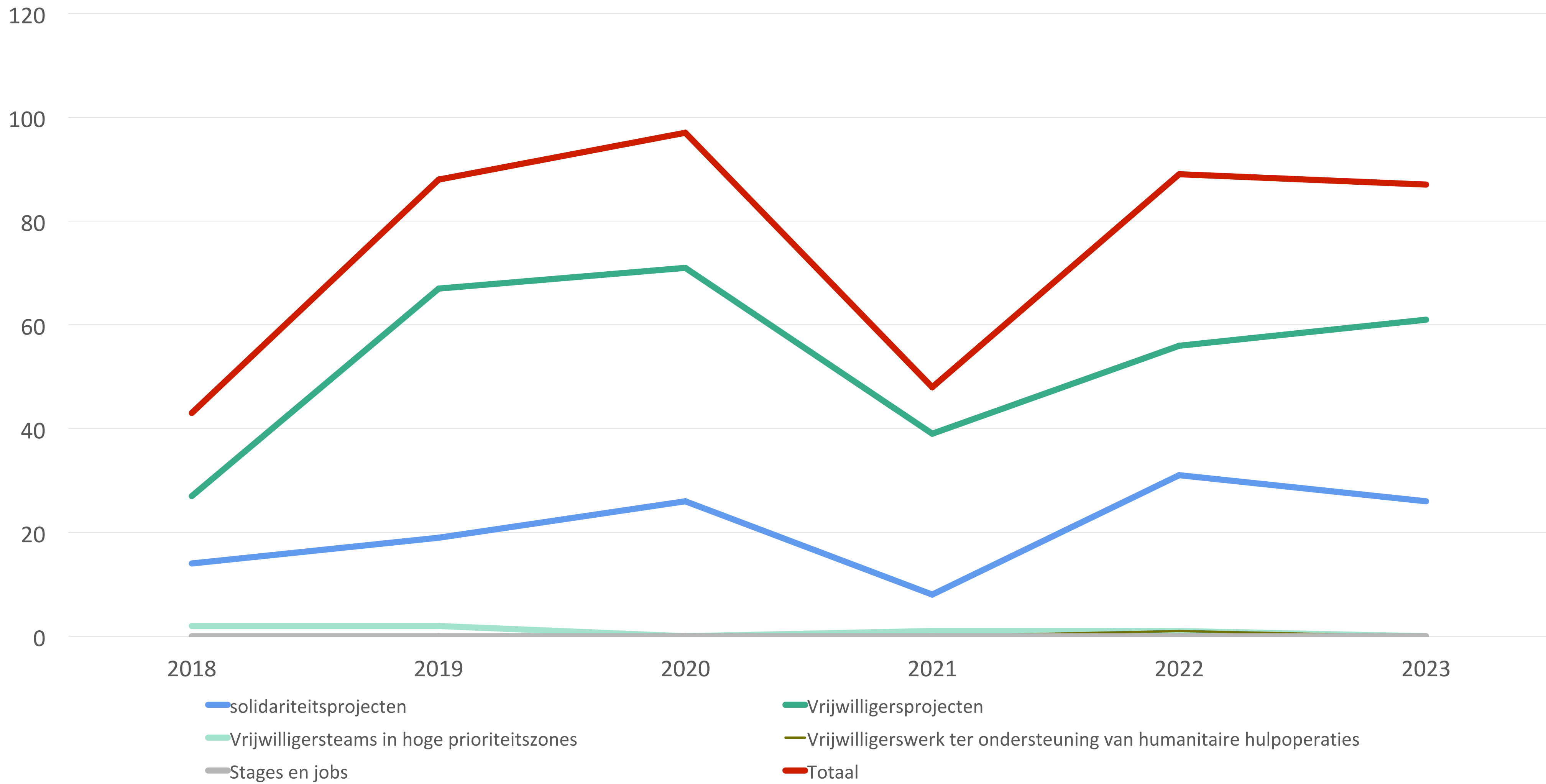
■ Jeugd
 ■ Hoger onderwijs
 ■ Beroepsonderwijs en training
 ■ School-onderwijs
 ■ Volwassenen-onderwijs

N = 190.889 projects

Erasmus+ distribution of the total amount of projects for each subfield in of all participating countries, 2014-2022
 Source: EC dashboard, EC Annual report E+ 2021, EC Annual report E+ 2022

ESC - PROJECTS – ALL COUNTRIES

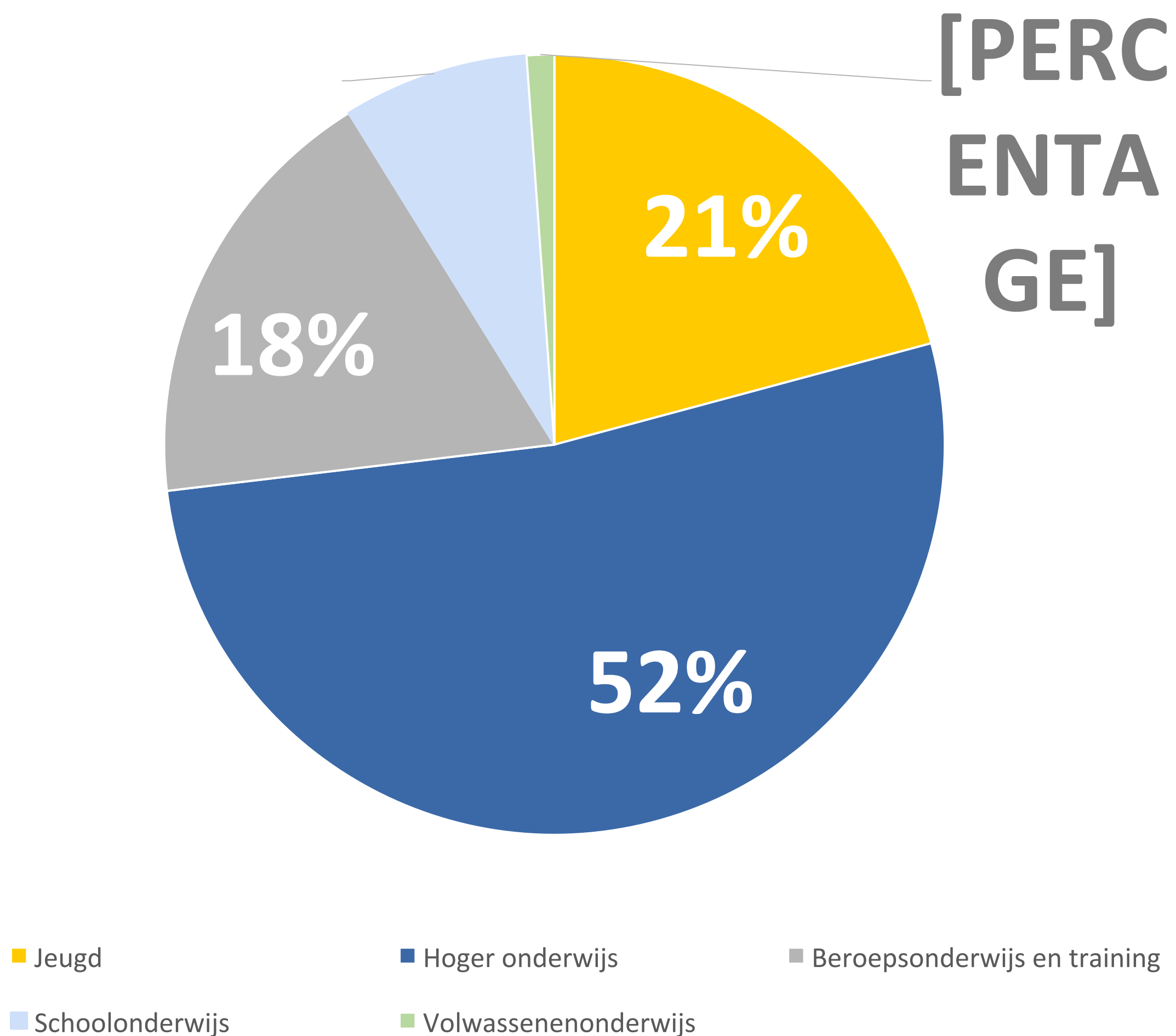






A dive into
the number of
participants

ERASMUS+ MOBILITY PROJECTS -
PARTICIPANTS - ALL COUNTRIES



N = 6.960.769 participants

Erasmus+ distribution of the total amount of participants for each subfield in all participating countries, 2014-2022
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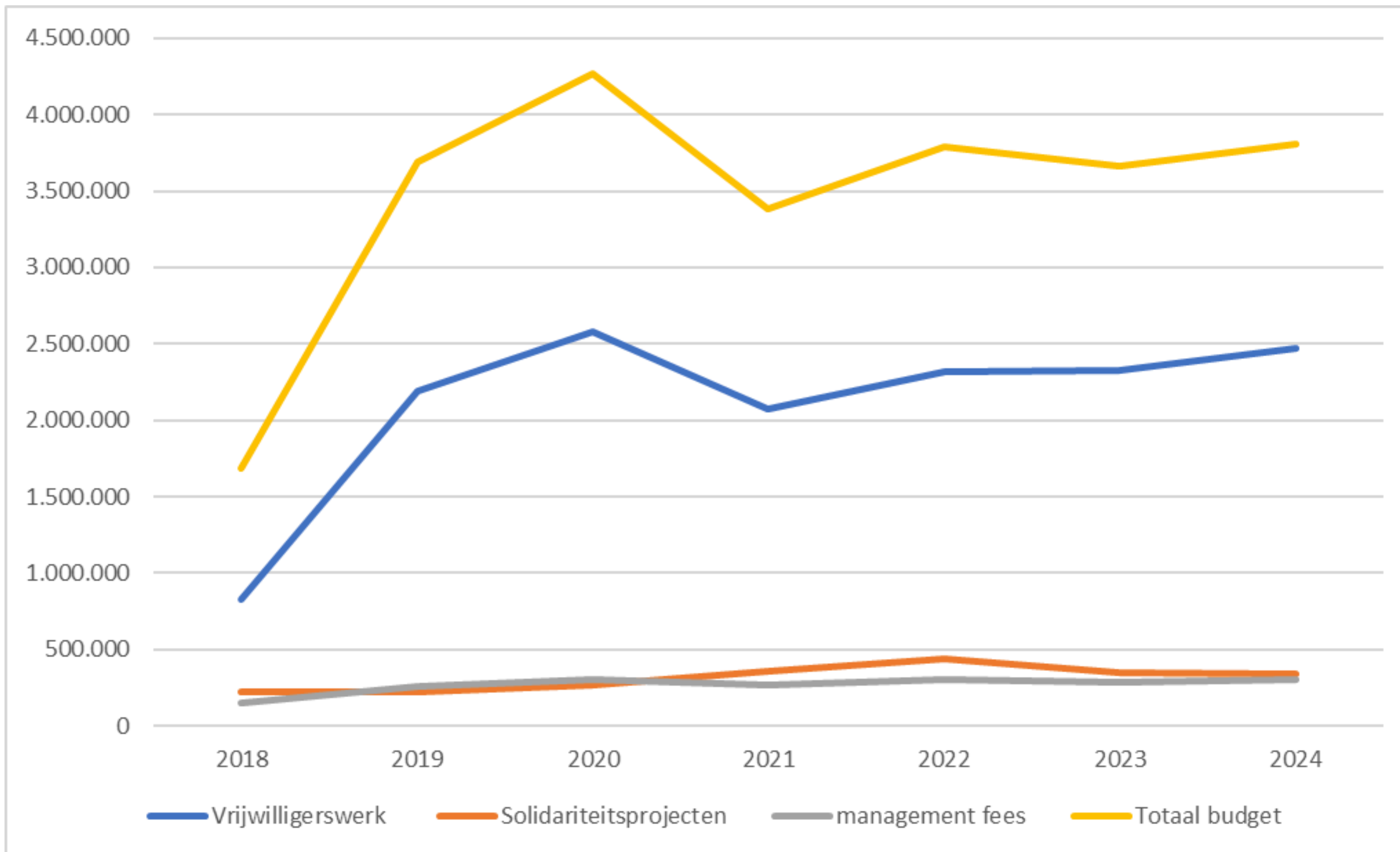
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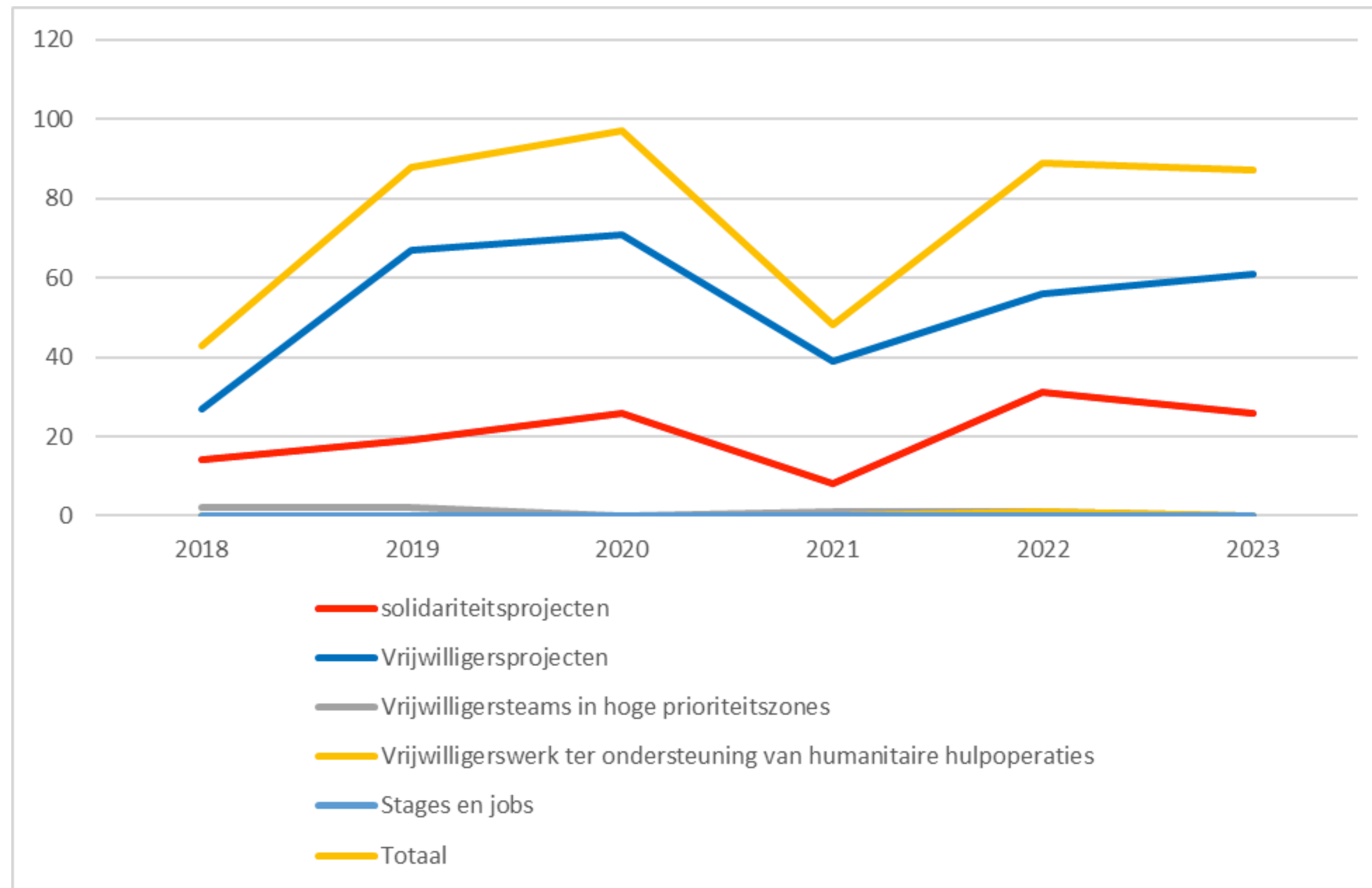
Is the youth field underfunded?
Despite its significant impact, which is evident in the number of participants, projects, and organizations involved, the allocation of resources to support youth initiatives is disproportionately low.

	Gecontracted projects		Gecontracted budget		Prognosis total participants		Average budget per participant	
	Total E+	E+ Youth	Total E+	E+ Youth	Total E+	E+ Youth	Total E+	Total E+ Youth
Total	1.476.0000	41.680	€ 13.950 million	€ 1.260.000 million	9.970.000	2.020.000	€ 1.400,00	€ 623,50
Flemish Community	34.700	752	€ 355.400 million	€ 19.550 million	261.100	28.410	€ 1.360,00	€ 688,10

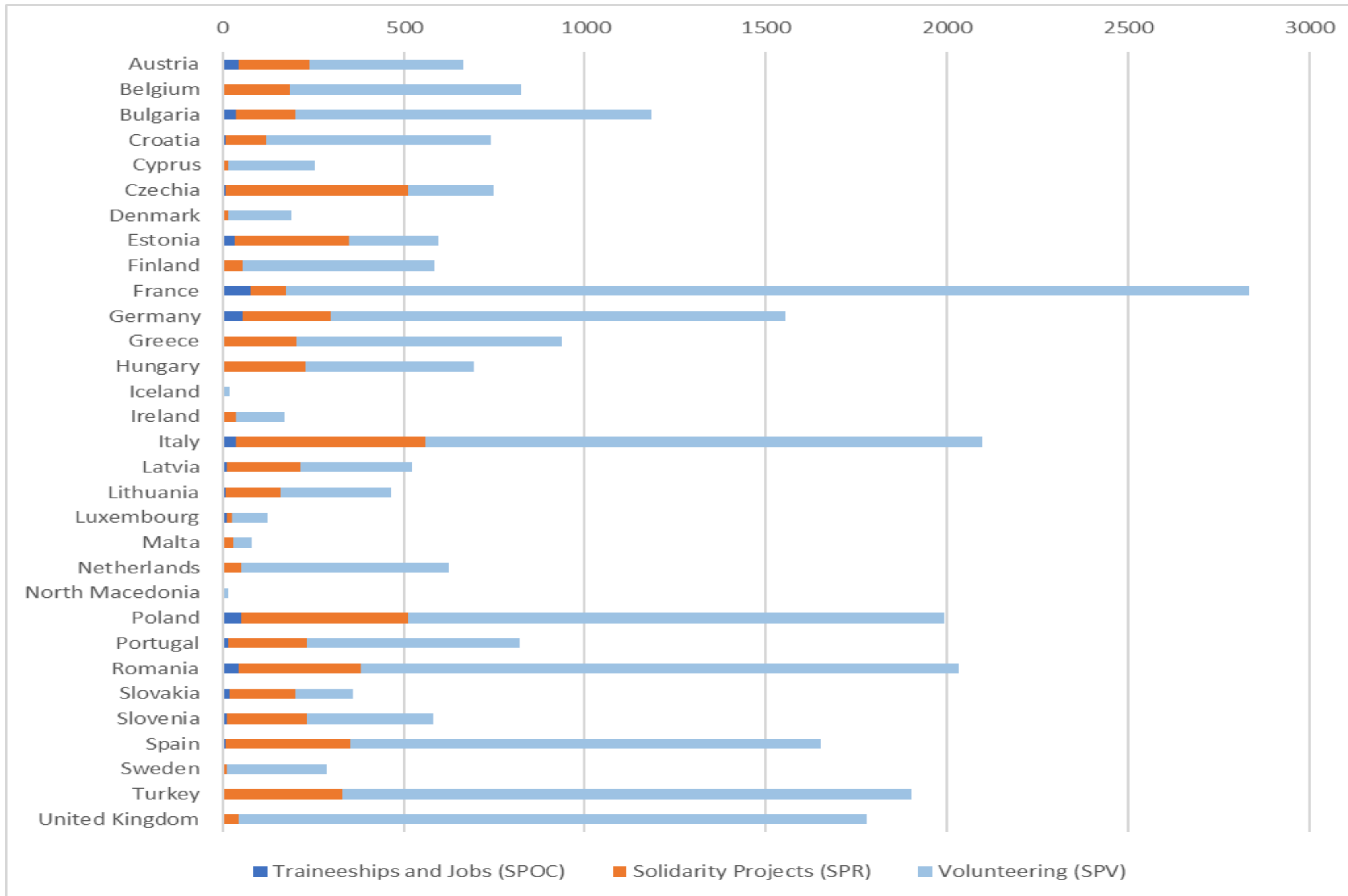
STATEMENT 3

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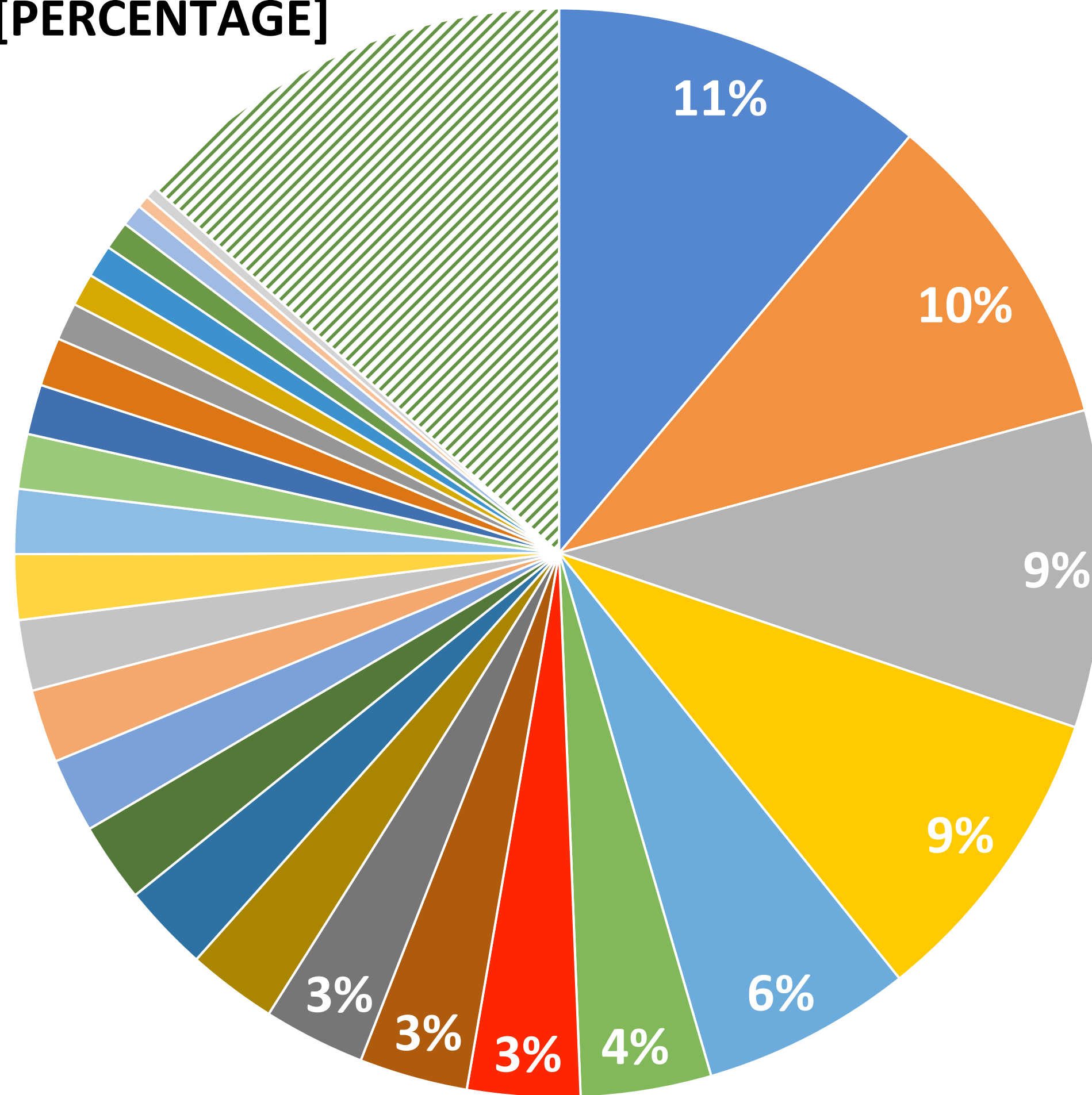


ESC – PARTICIPANTS - ALL COUNTRIES



ESC – ACCREDITATION - ALL COUNTRIES

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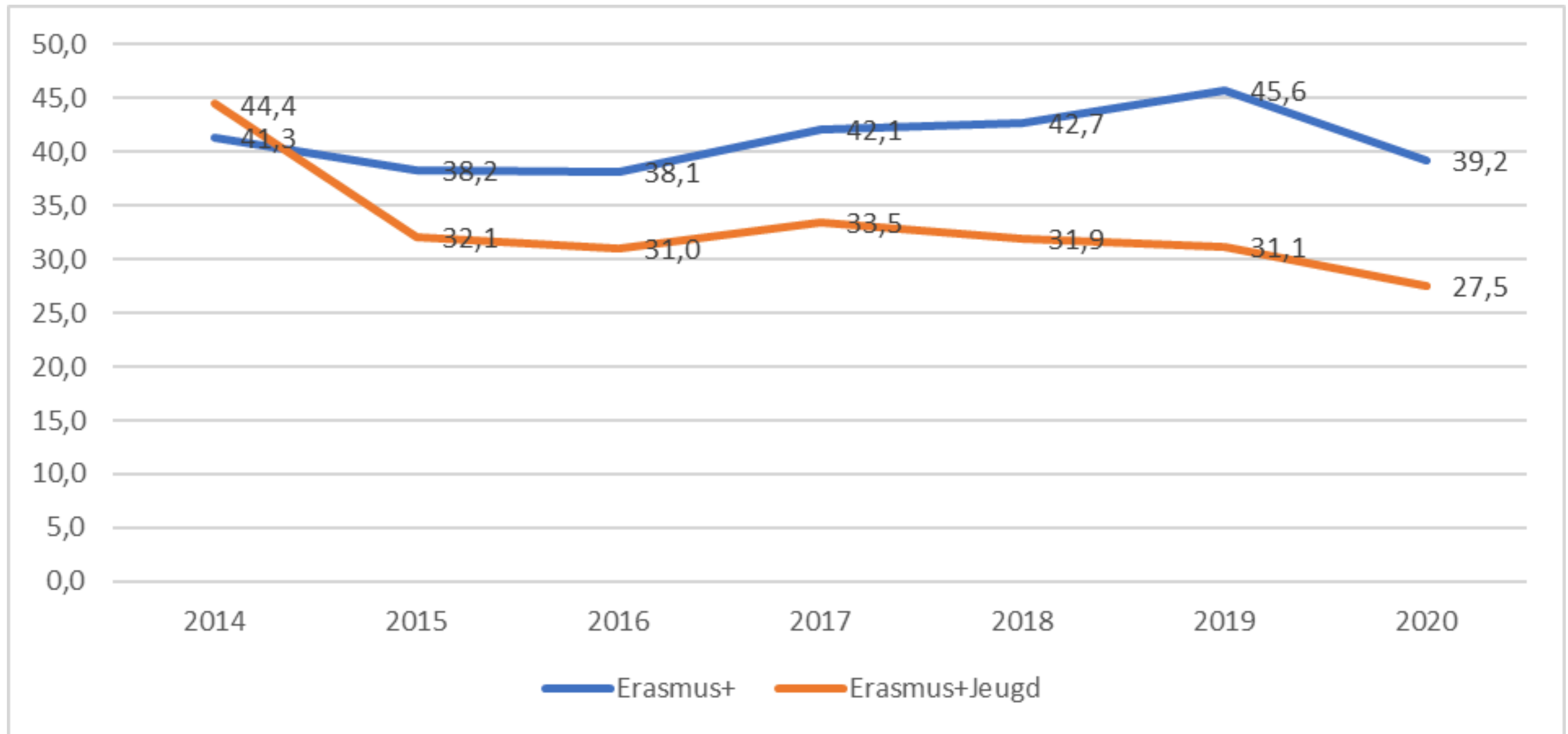


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STATEMENT 4

The percentage of high-quality projects that cannot be approved due to budget constraints is unacceptably high.

E+ AND E+ YOUTH – APPROVAL RATES - ALL COUNTRIES






Not Eligible	Not qualitative enough	Qualitative projects
10	26	42
€ 511.331	€ 849.654	€ 1.239.795

Non-approved projects Erasmus+ Youth, Flemish Community, 2018.

STATEMENT 5

National Authorities require more current and detailed data on both programs from the EC to develop evidence-based and knowledge-based policies effectively.


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- Erasmus + dashboard: figures available in March 2024: years 2014-2020
 - Erasmus+ annual reports and country reports 2021 and 2022: limited number of data
 - European Solidarity Corps: data up-to-date, however only available via Portal, with limited search options.
 - European Solidarity Corps: one multi-annual report 2018-2019

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION



FIVE STATEMENTS

1. Transnational learning mobility serves as a vital policy tool for the European Union. With an expanding pool of financial resources and a rising number of participants and projects, its significance is on the rise.
2. Is the youth field underfunded? Despite its significant impact, which is evident in the number of participants, projects, and organizations involved, the allocation of resources to support youth initiatives is disproportionately low.
3. Volunteering work plays a crucial role in both programs, providing significant added value for volunteers and volunteer efforts. This is not only true within the European Union but also extends across borders, highlighting its importance on an international scale.
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Invitation for feedback and peer learning by all national authorities to develop and refine our method.



Thank you for your attention.

Any questions or suggestions?

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