

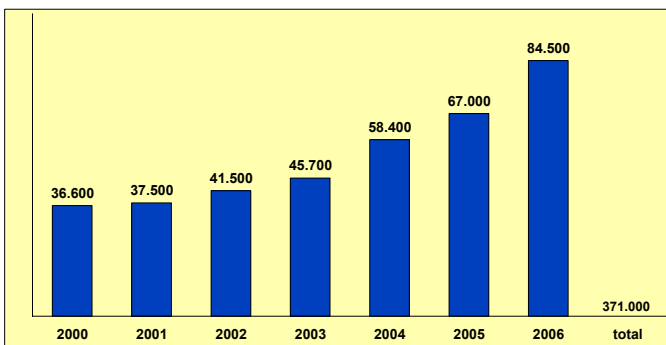


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Study on the Impact of Leonardo da Vinci Mobility Experiences

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1. General information about Leonardo da Vinci-Mobility participation



2. Overall objectives of the study

- To assess the professional value and impact of the Leonardo da Vinci Mobility programme
- To present an impact analysis of trainees' mobility experiences in correlation with their socio-economic background

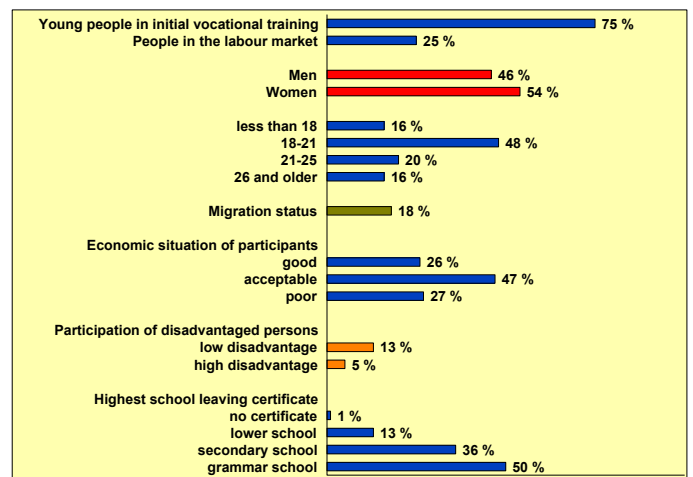
3. Collected data on trainees in initial vocational training and people in the labour market 2004 - 2005

- All participating countries, except Austria, Malta and Ireland, took part in this study
- About 26.000 questionnaires were sent out
- Approx. 8.400 replies were received
-> feedback of 35% (good representativity)

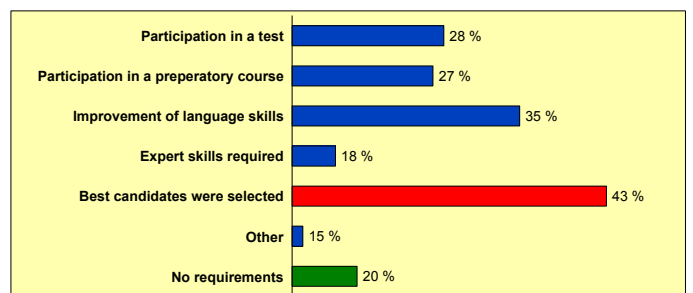
4. Structure and socio-economic background

- The Leonardo da Vinci Programme reaches all social groups, disadvantaged persons included (18 % of the participants)
- Based on participants' own assessment the economic situation is in most cases (75%) good or acceptable
- 18 % of participants have a migrant background, but they are in most cases members of more privileged migrant groups

- Trainees from SMEs are very well represented: About 80 % of participants worked in a company with less than 250 employees.
- 12 % of the participants worked in a crafts enterprise



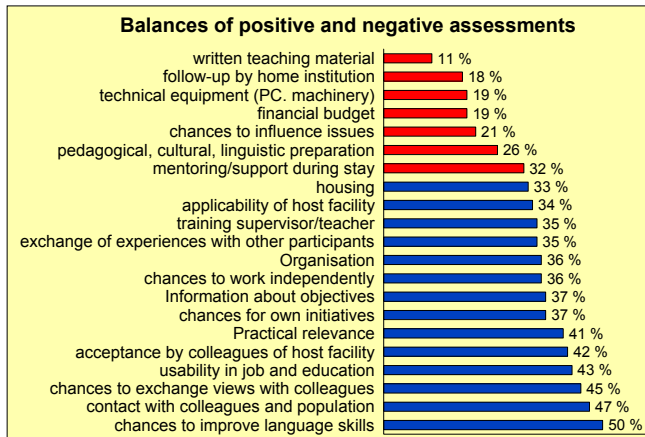
- The Leonardo da Vinci Programme is in principle open to all trainees, the selection is based on several criteria:



5. Quality of the preparation and the implementation of the stay abroad

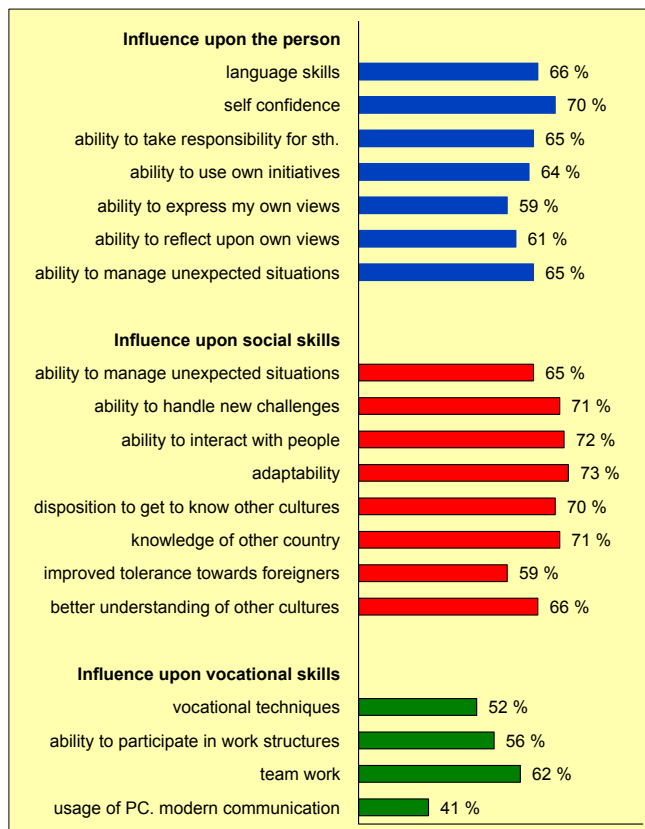
- Preparation and the quality of preparation have a positive impact on the success of the mobility measure
- Participants' assessment of the mobility experience is very high: 87 % vote the stay abroad as very useful, 10 % satisfactory and only 2 % poor

- Participants assessment of implementation quality shows strengths and weaknesses



6. Impact of the mobility measures

- The impact on the personal, social and professional development is very high, especially on participants' self confidence, adaptability and teamwork



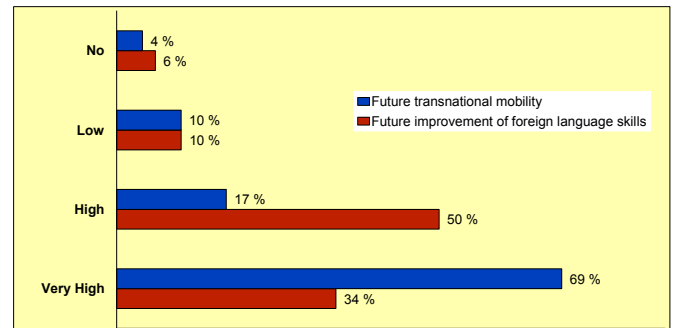
7. Long term impact of Leonardo da Vinci mobility

The long term impact is very high, especially on the employability:

- Unemployed People found Workplace:** 58%
- Employed People:**
 - found better Workplace: 27%
 - professional Advancement: 24%
 - got higher Income: 21%
 - got higher Responsibility at Workplace: 34%

Trainees in initial vocational training:

- found workplace after training or: 36%
 - work-, training place in another Country: 32%
 - better success in training: 37%
 - participation at training more intensive: 41%
- The Leonardo da Vinci Programme influences the readiness to improve language skills and the readiness for future transnational mobility



8. Success factors

- In principle the mobility experiences of all participants (including persons with migration status, unemployed, disadvantaged persons) have been very successful
- There is a positive correlation between the success of experience and the level of formal qualification/ vocational certificates of the participants
- Men and women are equally successful
- The quality of pedagogical, linguistic and cultural preparation influences the success
- The recognition and certification of the mobility experience has a positive impact on the vocational career
- Success is linked to a good project design and partnership

9. Conclusions

- The implementation quality of the Leonardo Da Vinci Mobility measures is high
- Leonardo Da Vinci is one of the EU-programmes with a strong impact on the participants
- All participants see the mobility experience as successful, including the disadvantaged, men, women and migrants
- The costs per participant are rather low (approx. 1.000 €). This means the programme is efficient

Further information:

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