

research based analysis of **youth in action**



Youth Intergroup



## TURBOCHARGING ERASMUS+ YOUTH IN ACTION

### WHAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM RESEARCH FOR THE NEW PROGRAMME GENERATION?

A JOINT EVENT OF THE YOUTH INTERGROUP AND THE RAY RESEARCH NETWORK

**5 facts  
about RAY**

**5 things  
to **maintain****

**5 things  
to **improve****

**5 things  
to **introduce****

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**B. 5 things to maintain in E+/YiA**

**C. 5 things to improve in E+/YiA**

**D. 5 things to introduce in E+/YiA**

**RAY stands for**

**“Research-based Analysis of  
Erasmus+ Youth in Action”**

**and is a research network with  
partners in 31 European countries.**

# RAY-MON

**monitors the implementation and achievements of the programme.**

**64.351 project participants**  
**17.134 project leaders**

# RAY-CAP

**explores capacity building and competence development through training within the programme.**

**388 semi-structured interviews**

# RAY-LTE

explores effects of the programme  
on participation and citizenship.

1.514 survey responses

270 semi-structured interviews

# RAY-MON + RAY-CAP + RAY-LTE

81.485 online survey responses

708 semi-structured interviews

50 thematic focus groups

31 countries and 26 languages



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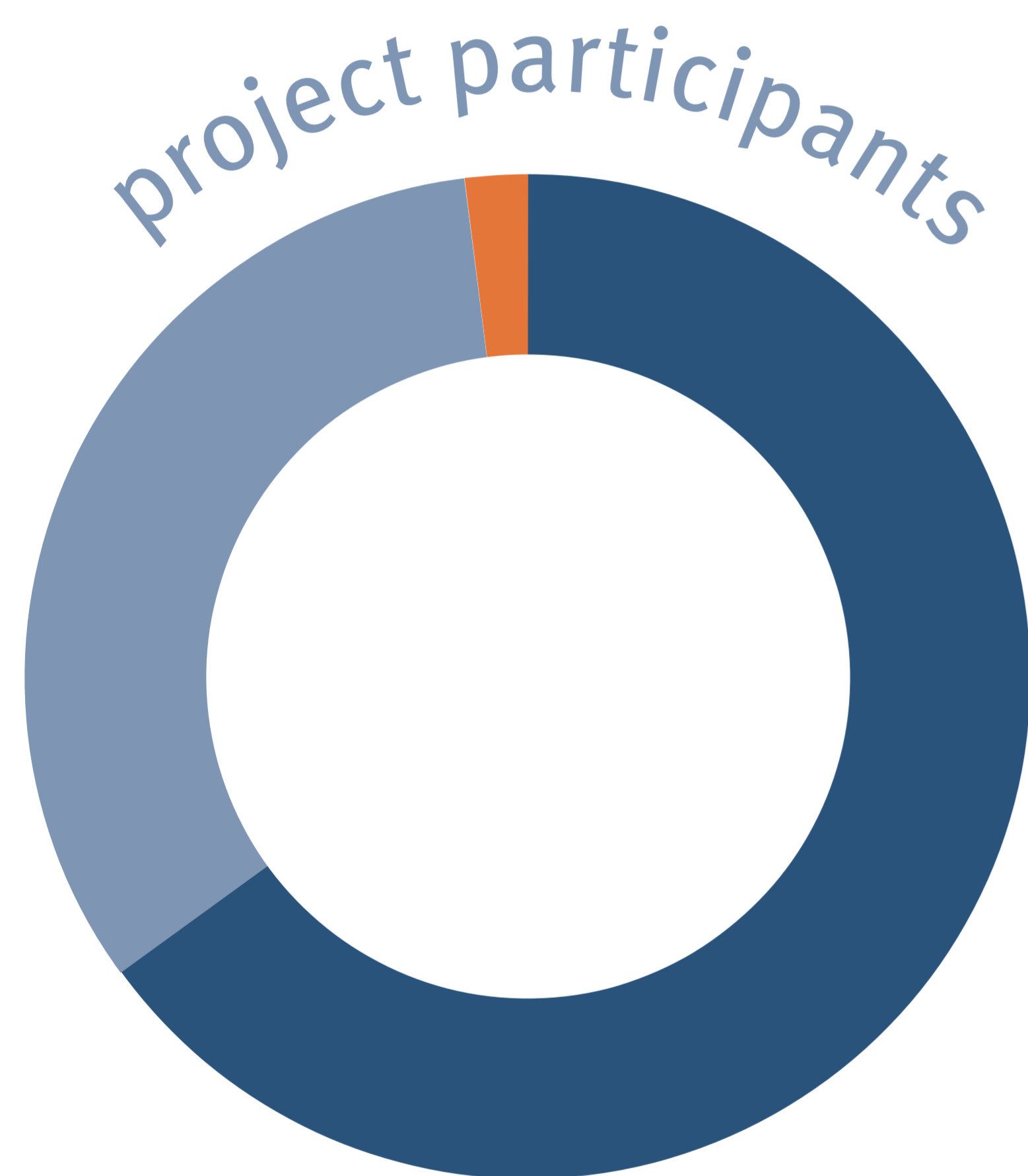
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# 1/5 things to maintain

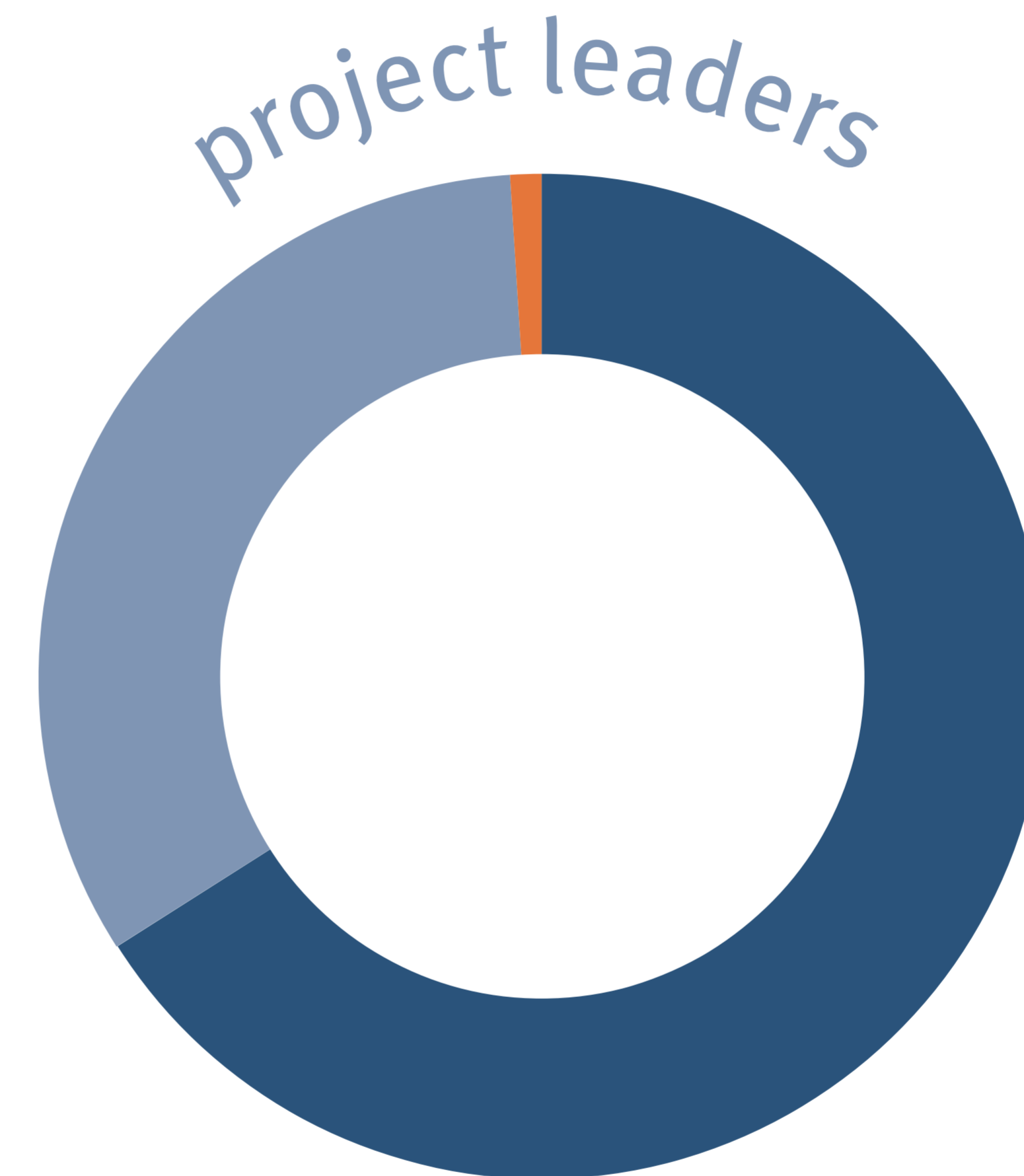
**E+/YiA as a safe and fun space to encounter, explore and appreciate differences with positive curiosity.**

# Promoting citizenship, inclusion & solidarity

«I appreciate cultural diversity.»



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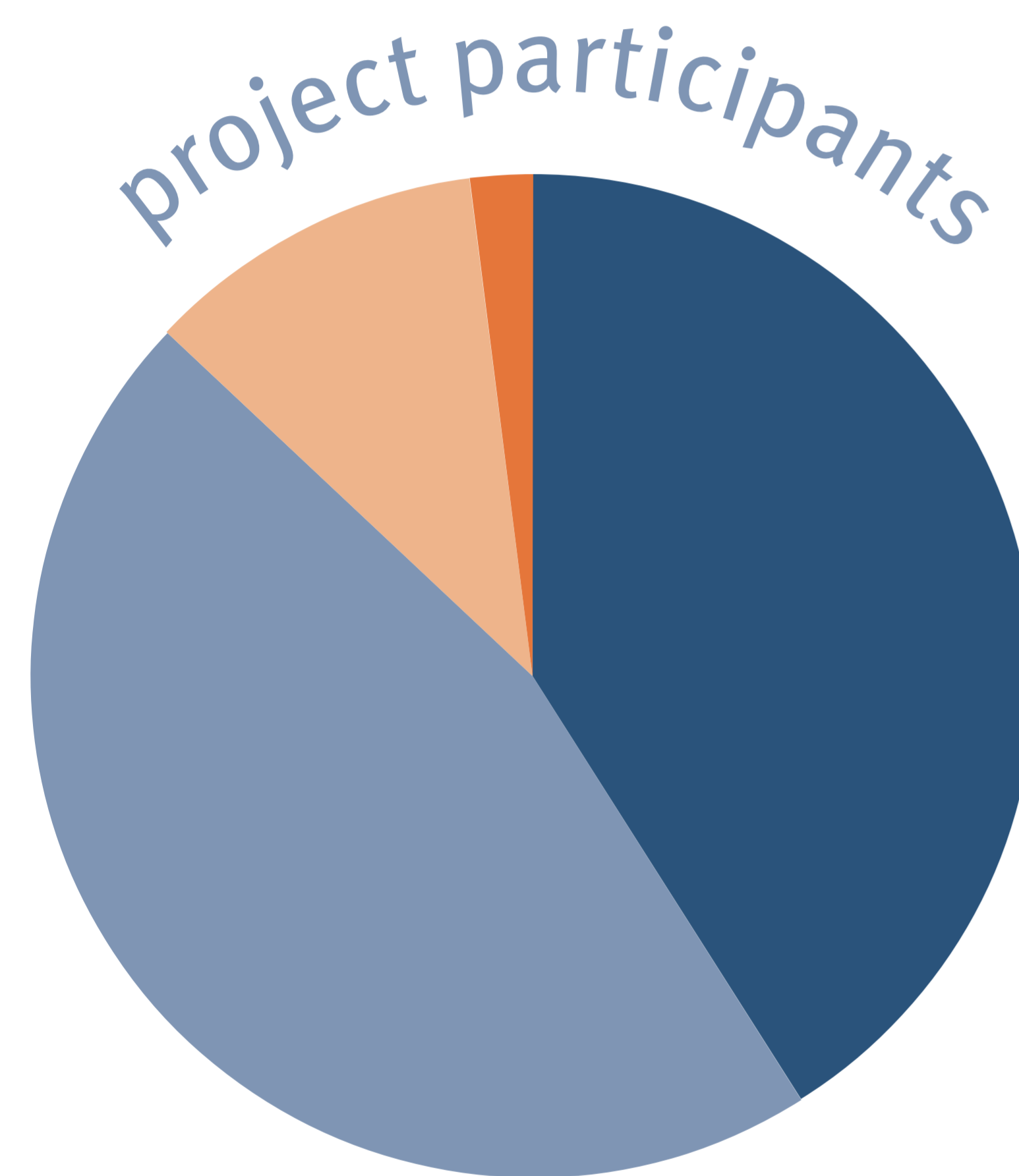
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# 2/5 things to maintain

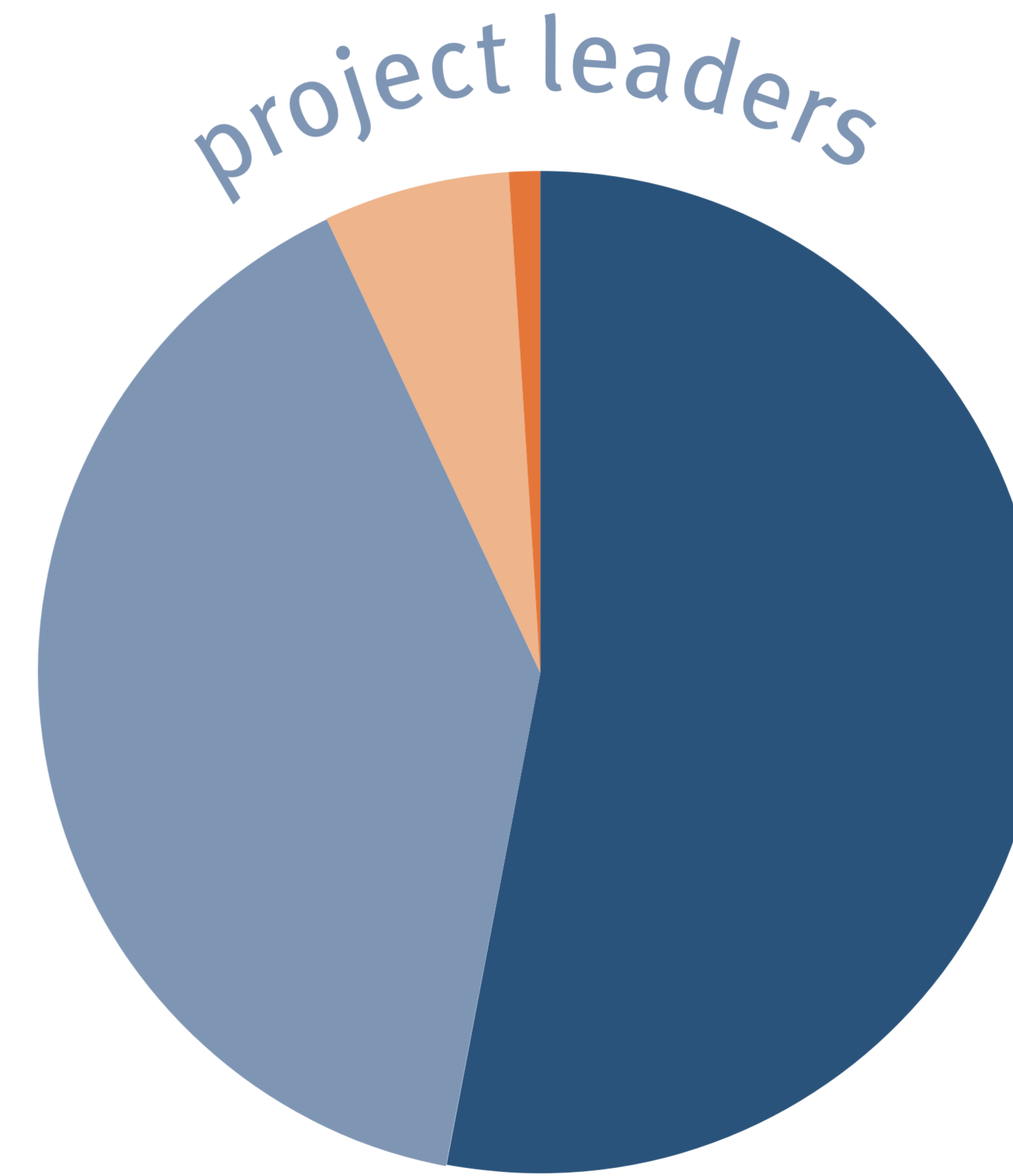
**E+/YiA as the European powerhouse  
that enhances youth work with an  
international dimension.**

# Enhancing the international dimension

«I have learned how to better develop and implement an international youth project.»



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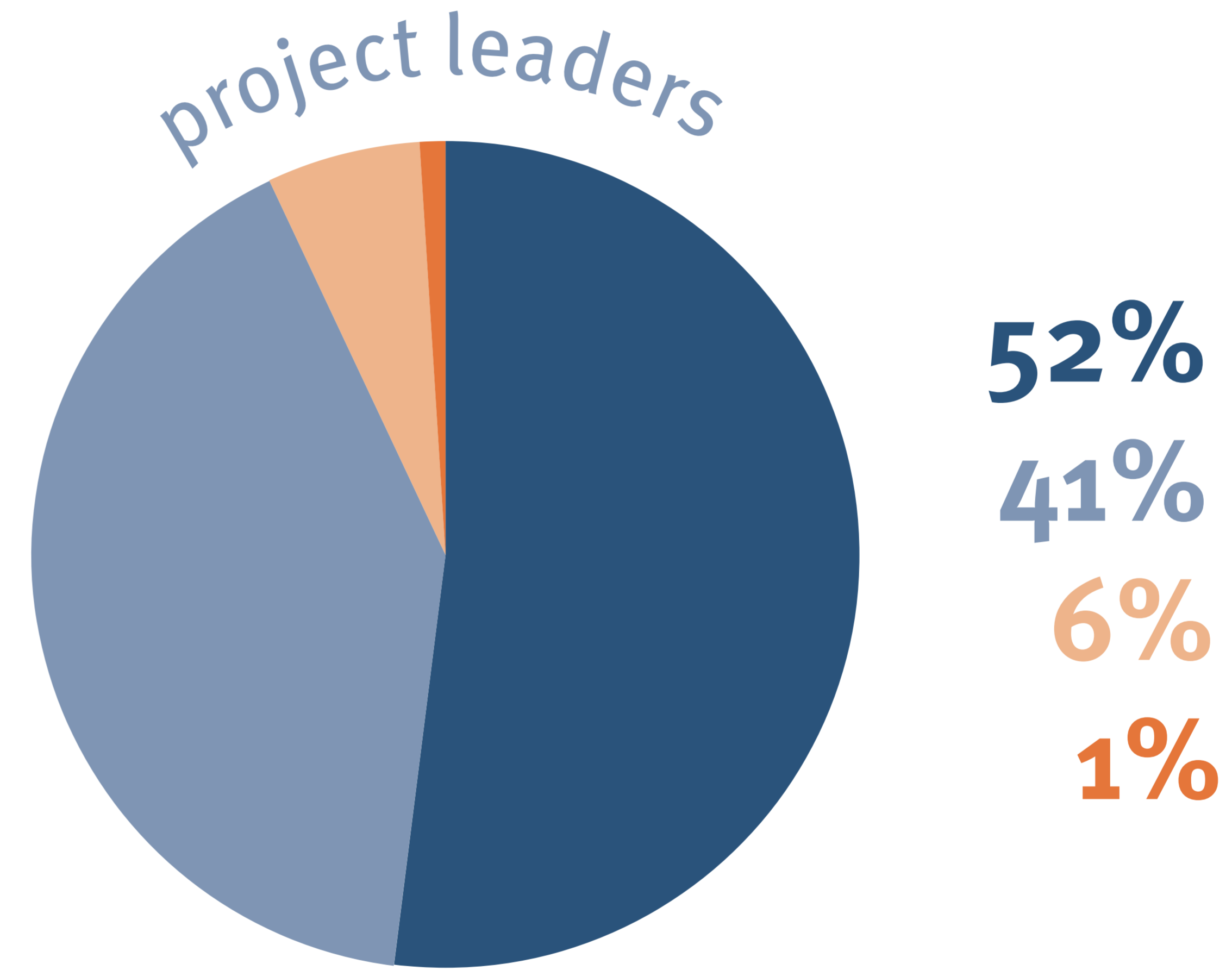
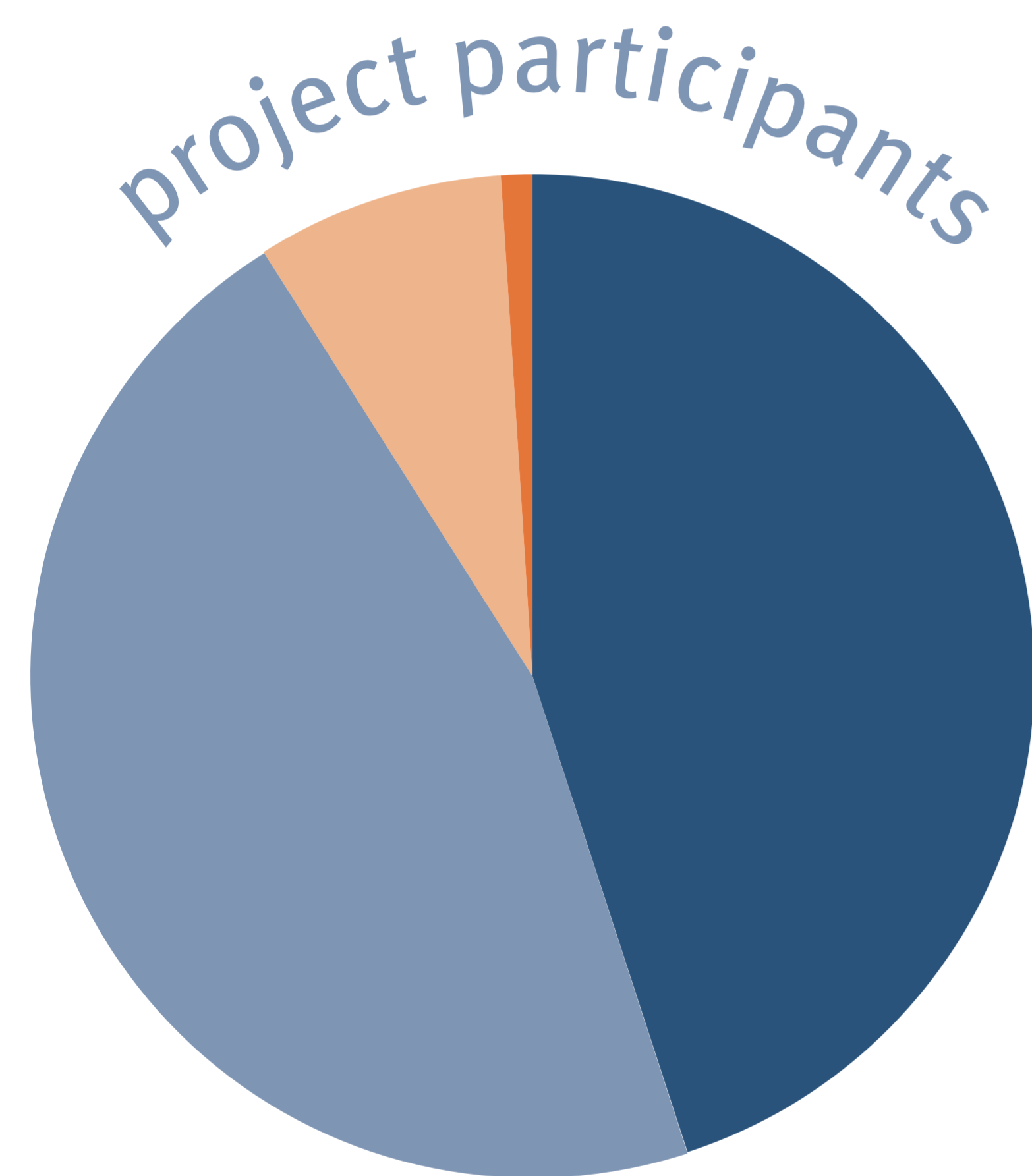
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# 3/5 things to maintain

**E+/YiA as a crucial training ground for new youth leaders, youth trainers and youth workers on key aspects.**

# Fostering quality in youth work

«I have learned something which I intend to use in my work/involvement with young people.»



**strongly agree** » **agree** » **disagree** » **strongly disagree**

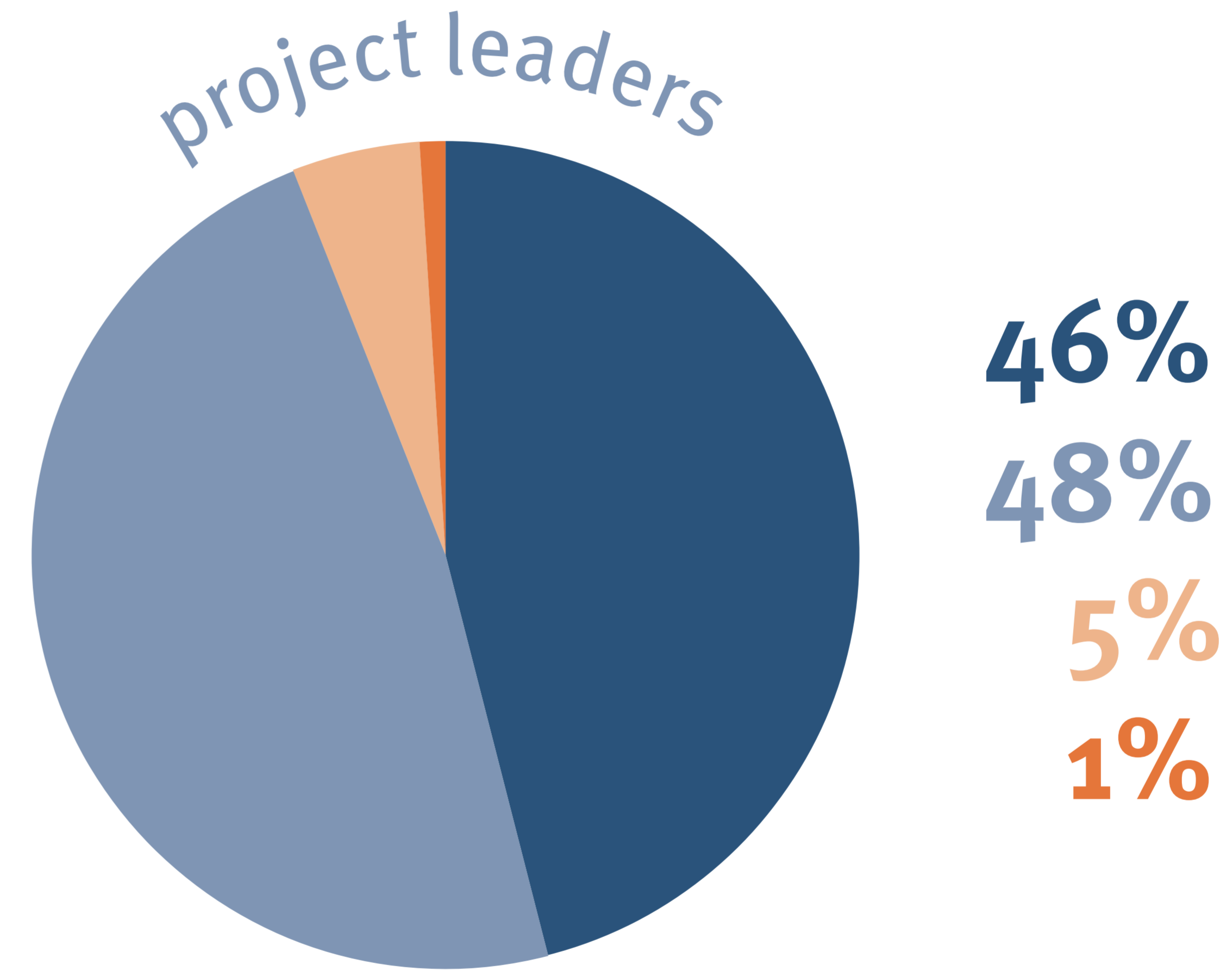
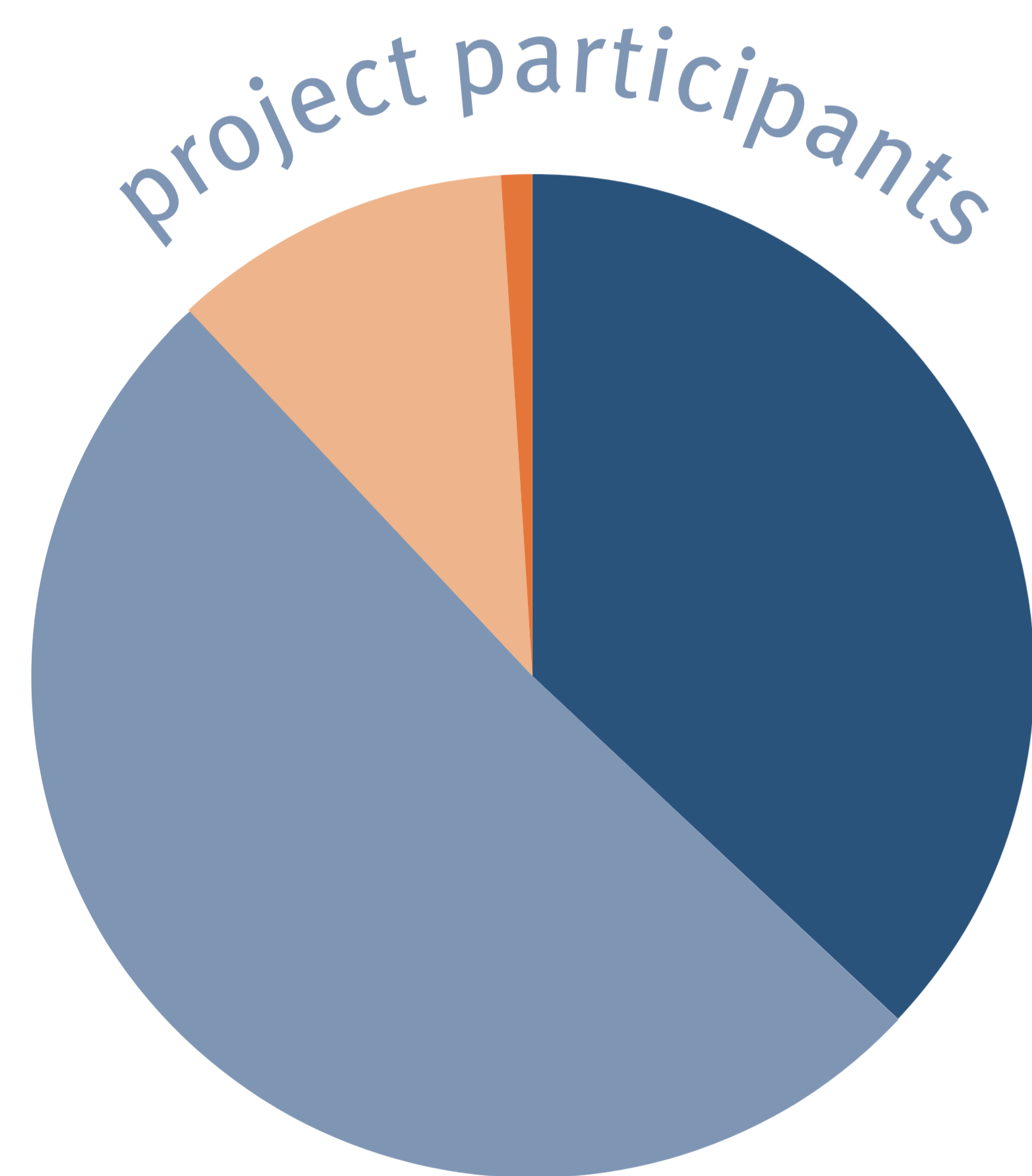
# 4/5 things to maintain

**E+/YiA as empowerment of young people and youth professionals by drawing on non-formal learning.**



# Fostering quality in youth work

«I have learned better how to choose, modify or develop adequate methods for working with young people.»



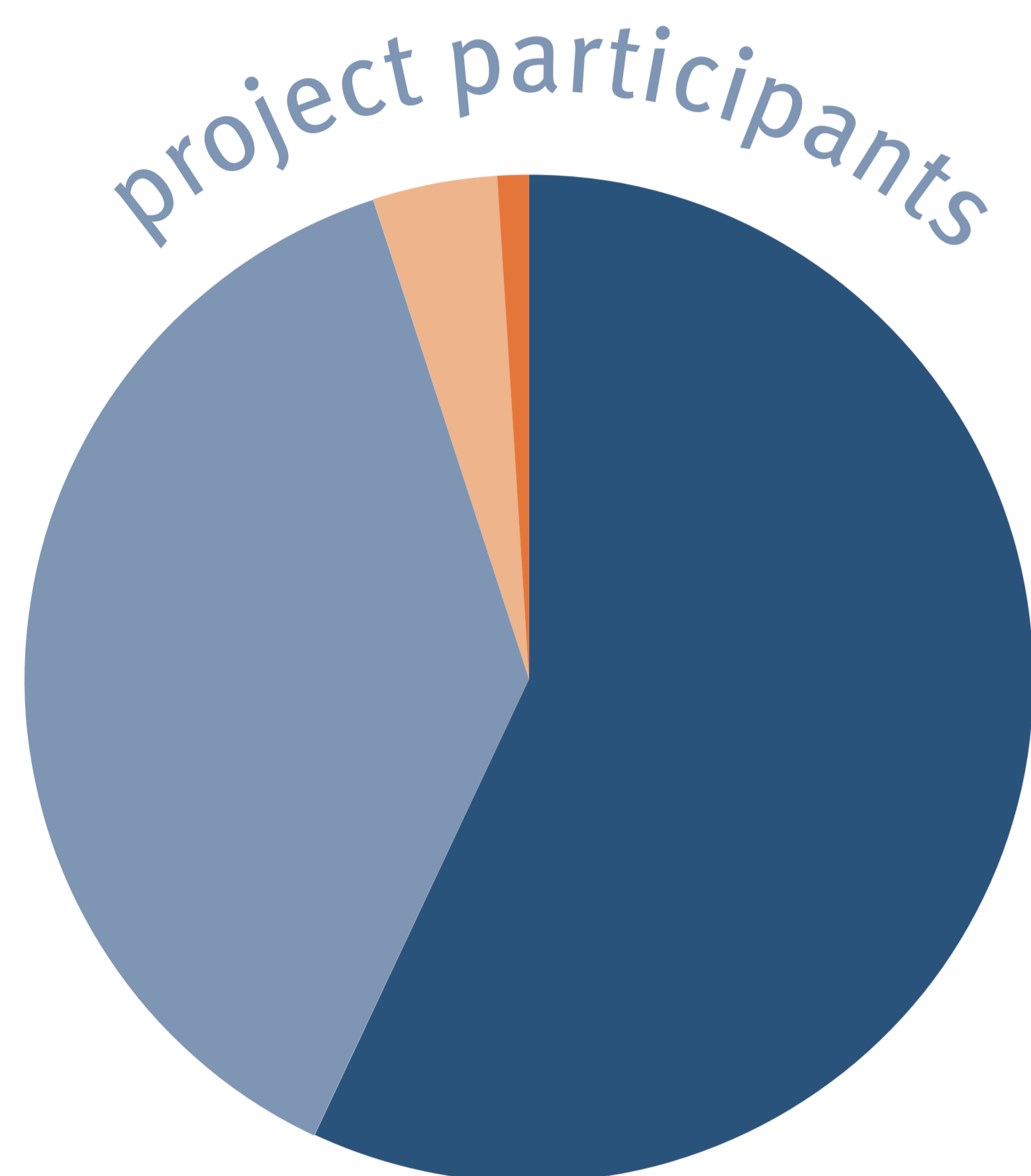
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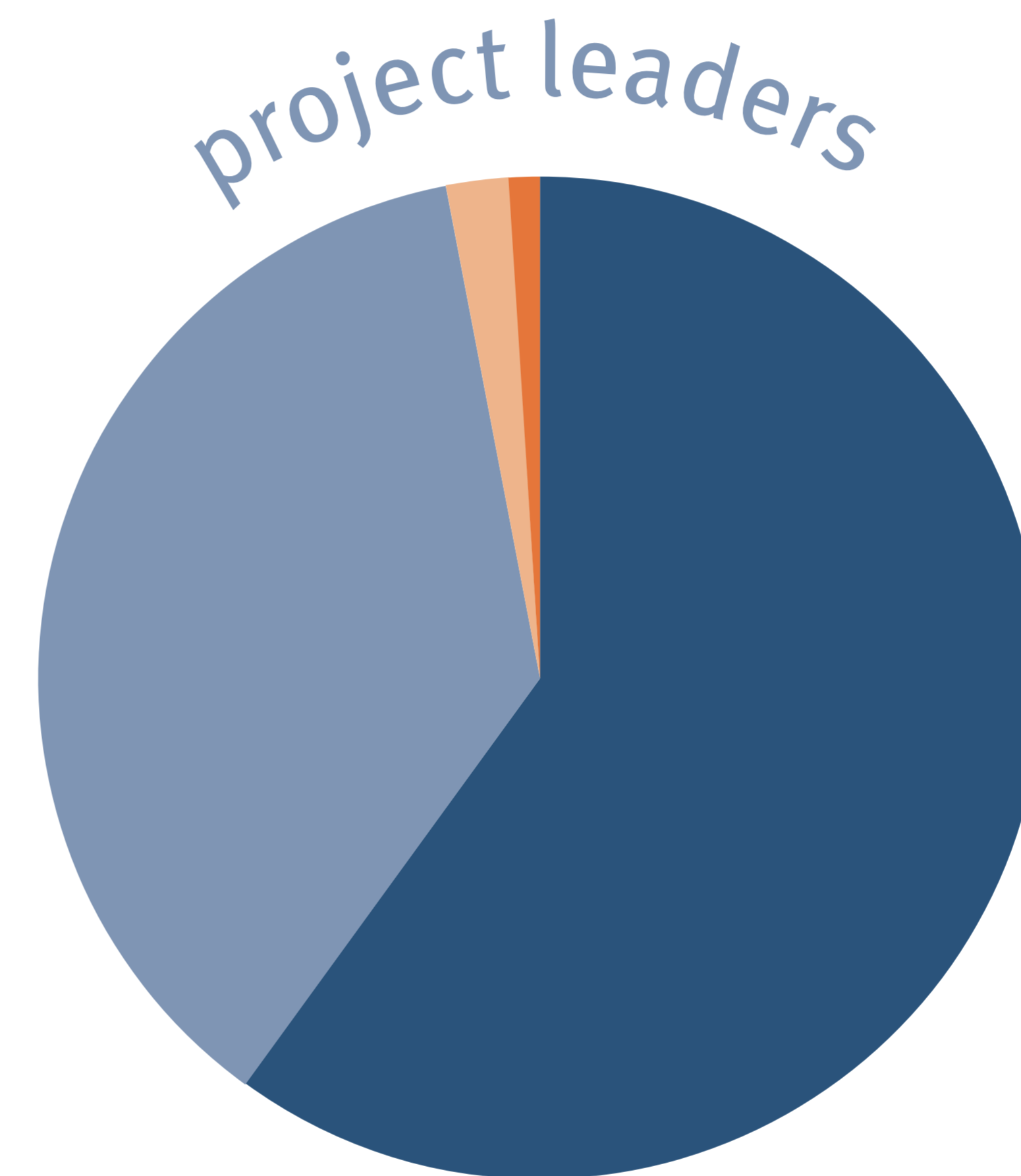
**E+/YiA as a space that attracts novice and veteran youth professionals with a rich diversity of backgrounds.**

# Improving skills & competences

Improved ability to get along with people of different cultural backgrounds



57%  
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4%  
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60%  
37%  
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strongly agree » agree » disagree » strongly disagree

## » Five aspects of E+/YiA to maintain

- » Safe spaces for intercultural learning
- » Powerhouse for international youth work
- » Training ground for youth leaders/workers
- » Empowerment through non-formal learning
- » Diversity of project participants & leaders

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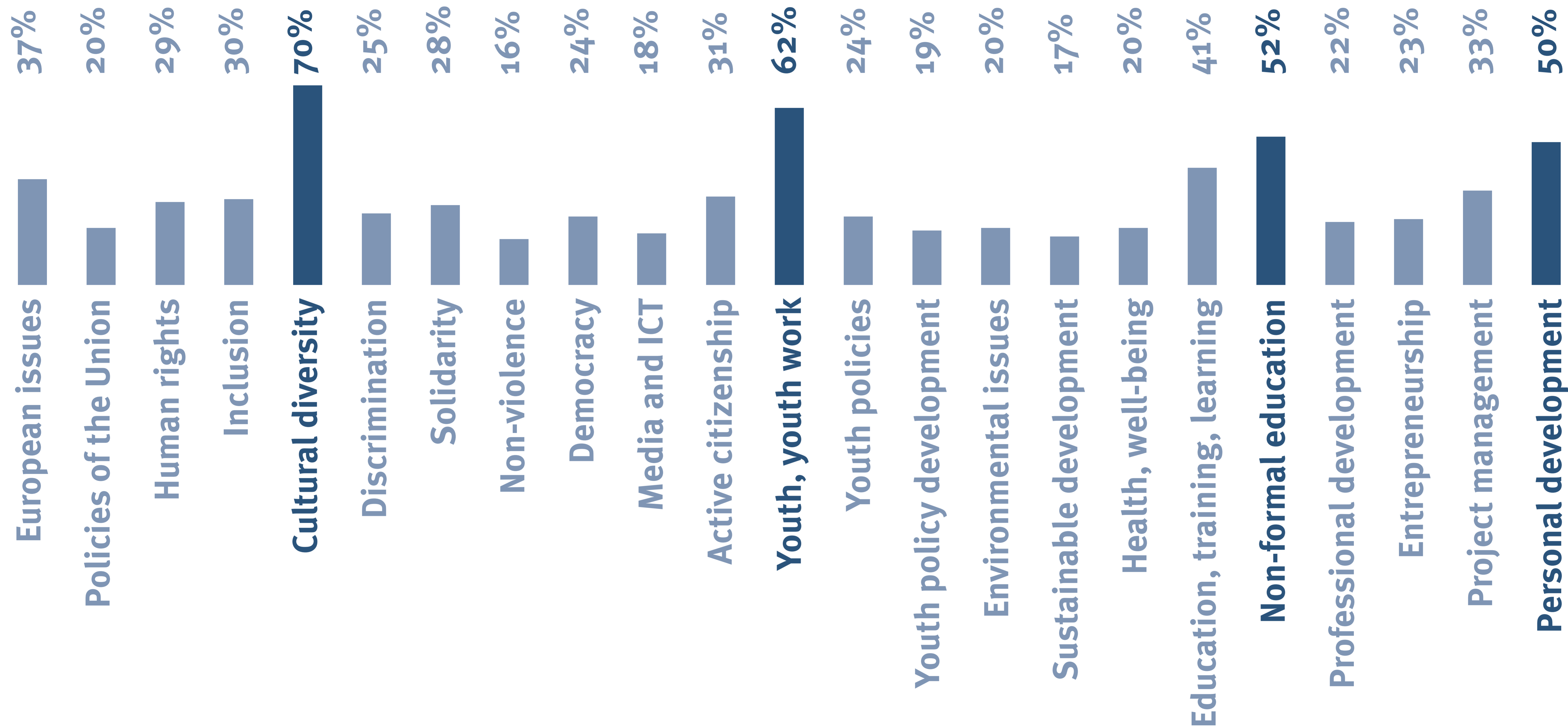
**D. 5 things to introduce in E+/YiA**

# 1/5 things to improve

**E+/YiA needs to get better at building a recognition that goes beyond mobility.**

# Erasmus+ is mobility with a snowball effect

« Project participants: in the project, I learned something new about: »



# 2/5 things to improve

**E+/YiA needs to get better  
at training experienced  
youth professionals.**



# » Training and support needs diversification

- » experienced participants as well as thematic specialists are very critical
- » integrity, ethics, politics all need to return to training and support offers
- » methodological variety & creativity need encouragement and support

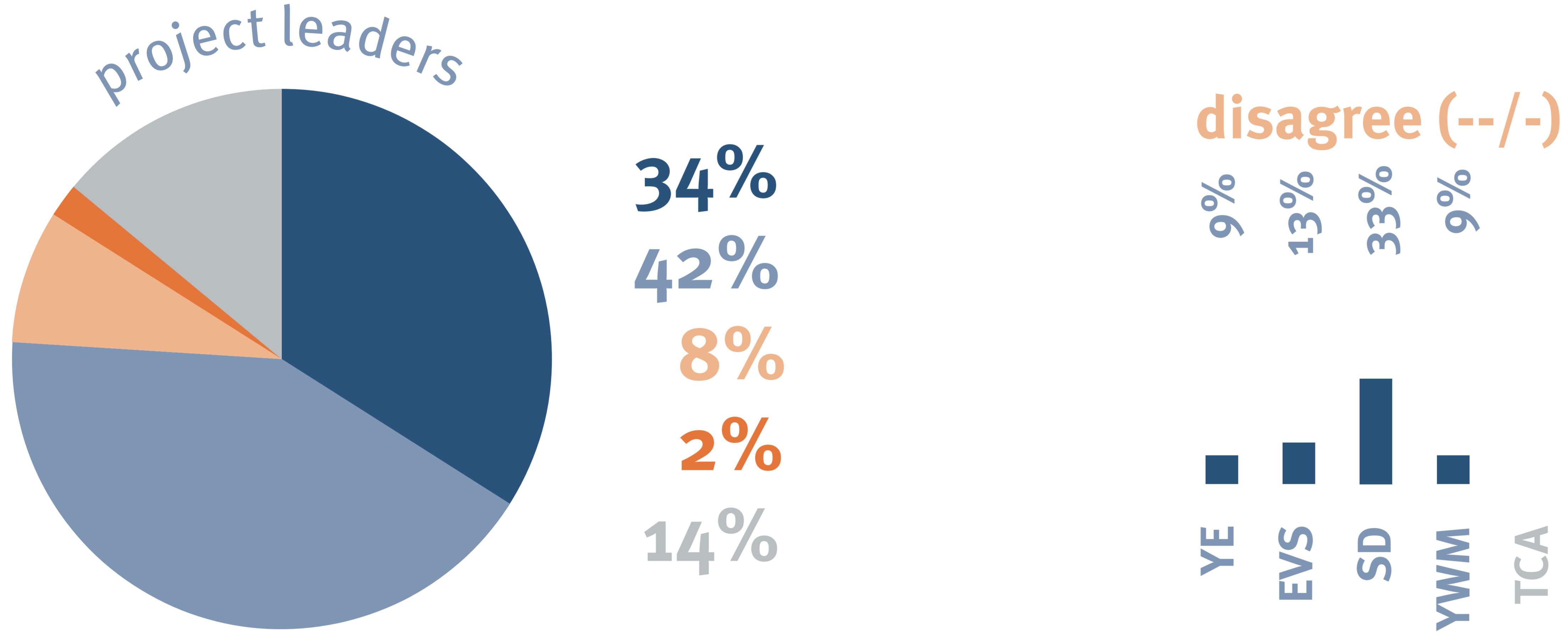
# 3/5 things to improve

**E+/YiA needs to get better  
at developing modern tools  
for Youthpass.**

# Supporting non-formal learning recognition

## Project leaders:

«The online tool for Youthpass was easy to use.»



strongly agree » agree » disagree » strongly disagree » can't judge

# 4/5 things to improve

**E+/YiA needs to get better  
at strengthening and  
reproducing diversity.**

# Educational attainment is ...

- » higher than in average youth population
- » increasing over time in the programme
- » growing faster than in the population

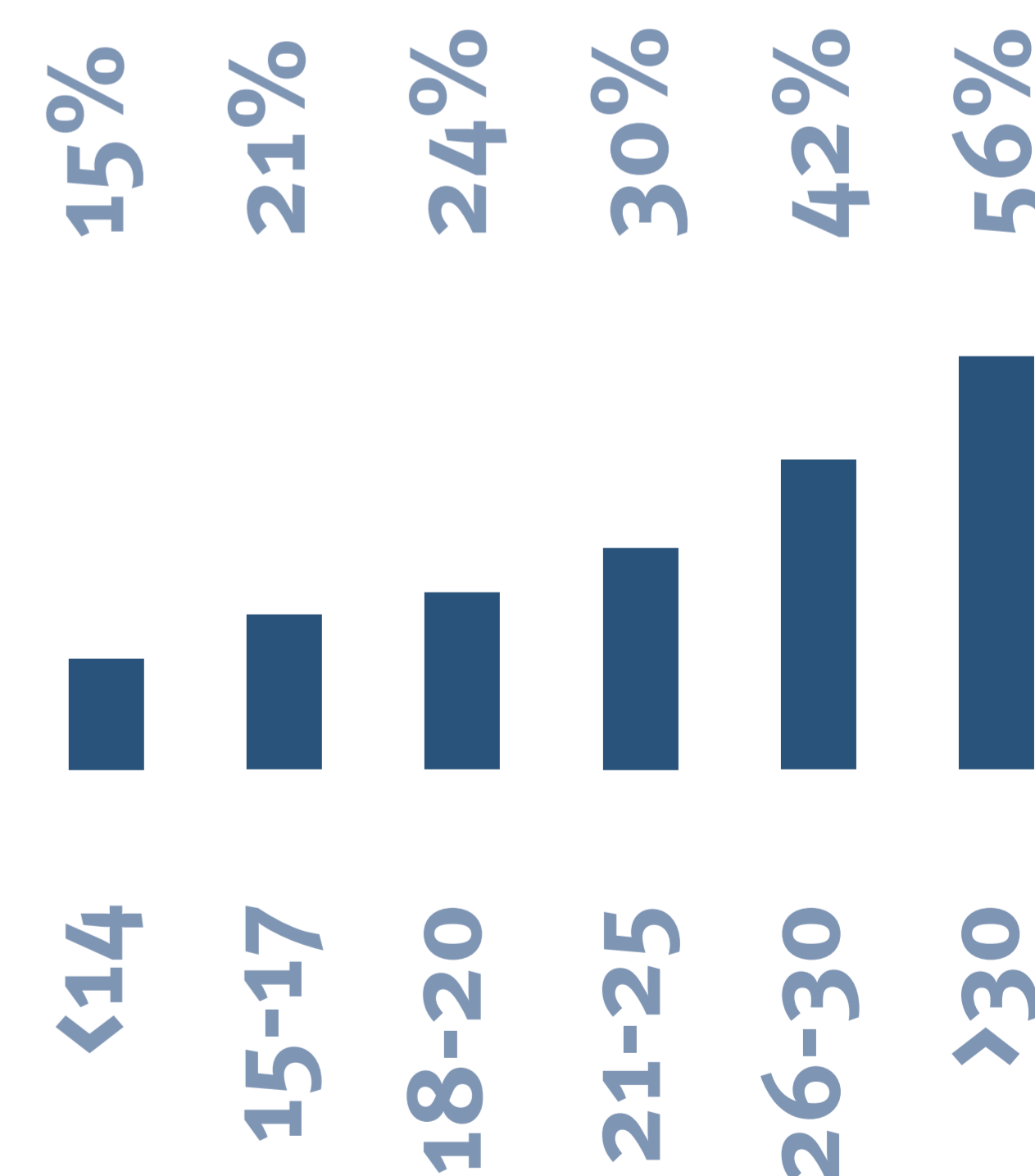
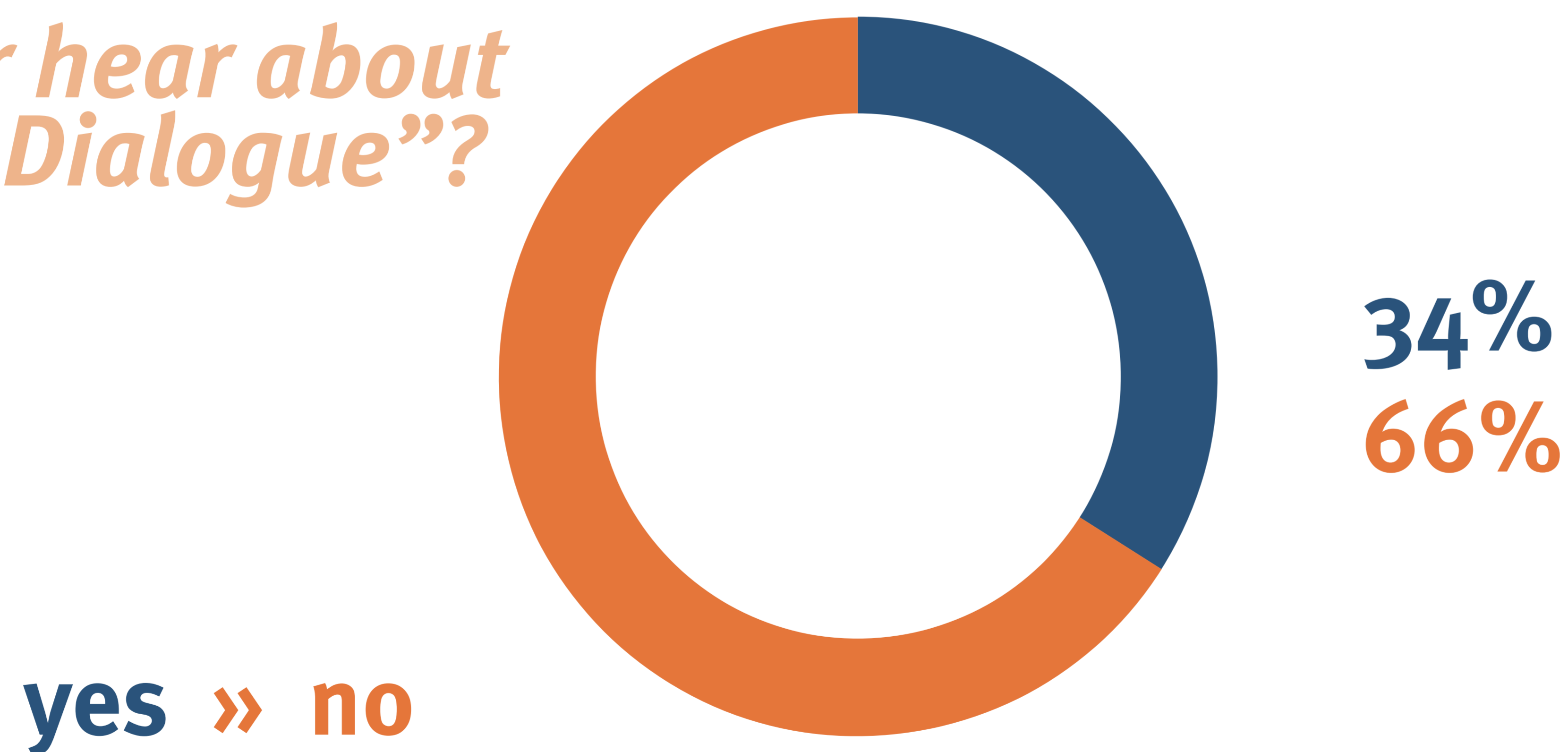
# 5/5 things to improve

**E+/YiA needs to get better  
at organising meaningful  
policy dialogue.**

# Complementing policy reforms

The European Union aims to strengthen the involvement of young people in political processes. Therefore, the so called “Structured Dialogue with Young People” was established as a new opportunity for meetings and discussions between young people and policy makers.

*Did you ever hear about “Structured Dialogue”?*



## » Five aspects of E+/YiA to improve

- » Recognition that goes beyond mobility
- » Trainings for experienced participants
- » Develop modern tools for Youthpass
- » Strengthen and reproduce diversity
- » Organise meaningful policy dialogue



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# 1/5 things to introduce

**E+/YiA needs new formats to address current social and political developments.**

# » Participants and leaders equally confused

- » Project participants expect that current developments play a role
- » Project leaders struggle to find ways to address current developments
- » There is a will on both sides but a lack of formats – and competence

# 2/5 things to introduce

**E+/YiA needs new tools that help the transfer of learning into organisations.**

» Support to/of/by organisations is suffering

» Shifting connections between individuals and organisations

» Lack of resources (time and money) on either side of the relationship

» Shaky connection between activities and organisational realities & needs

# 3/5 things to introduce

**E+/YiA needs new instruments that help organisations to grow and professionalise.**

# » Smaller organisations struggle most

- » The demands for applications and project management keep growing
- » Several actions increasingly attract unexperienced but large applicants
- » Smaller organisations need support to be able to organise larger projects

# 4/5 things to introduce

**E+/YiA needs new ideas to address the gap between digitalisation and youth work.**



- » **The programme remains largely analog**
  - » **digital tools are rarely used**
  - » **digital tools are rarely used well**
  - » **digital spaces are often abandoned**
  - » **paper & pens, flipcharts & markers rule the world of training and support**

# 5/5 things to introduce

**E+/YiA needs new approaches  
to the recognition of youth  
sector professionals.**

- » **Strategic professionalisation is relevant**
  - » **In a majority of European countries youth work can still not be studied**
  - » **Erasmus+ has become a crucial part professionalisation strategies**
  - » **No recognition for new competences**  
**Is it time for a youth work pass?**

## » Five aspects of E+/YiA to introduce

- » Formats for current political developments
- » Tools for learning transfer in organisations
- » Instruments for organisations to grow
- » Ideas to address the digitalisation gap
- » Ways to recognise youth professionals

- » **Keep:** Safe spaces for intercultural learning
- » **Keep:** Powerhouse for international youth work
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# Questions?

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