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Sports Volunteering: the perspective of the European Commission

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European Commission
EU Policies and Volunteering
White Paper
Aarhus Declaration
A Budget for Europe
Communication on Sport
recognising
qualifications
projects
non-formal learning
European Year of Volunteering
inclusion
mobility
rewarding
Sport
Council
skills
EQF
Volunteering
support
TFEU
awareness
validation
training
empowerment

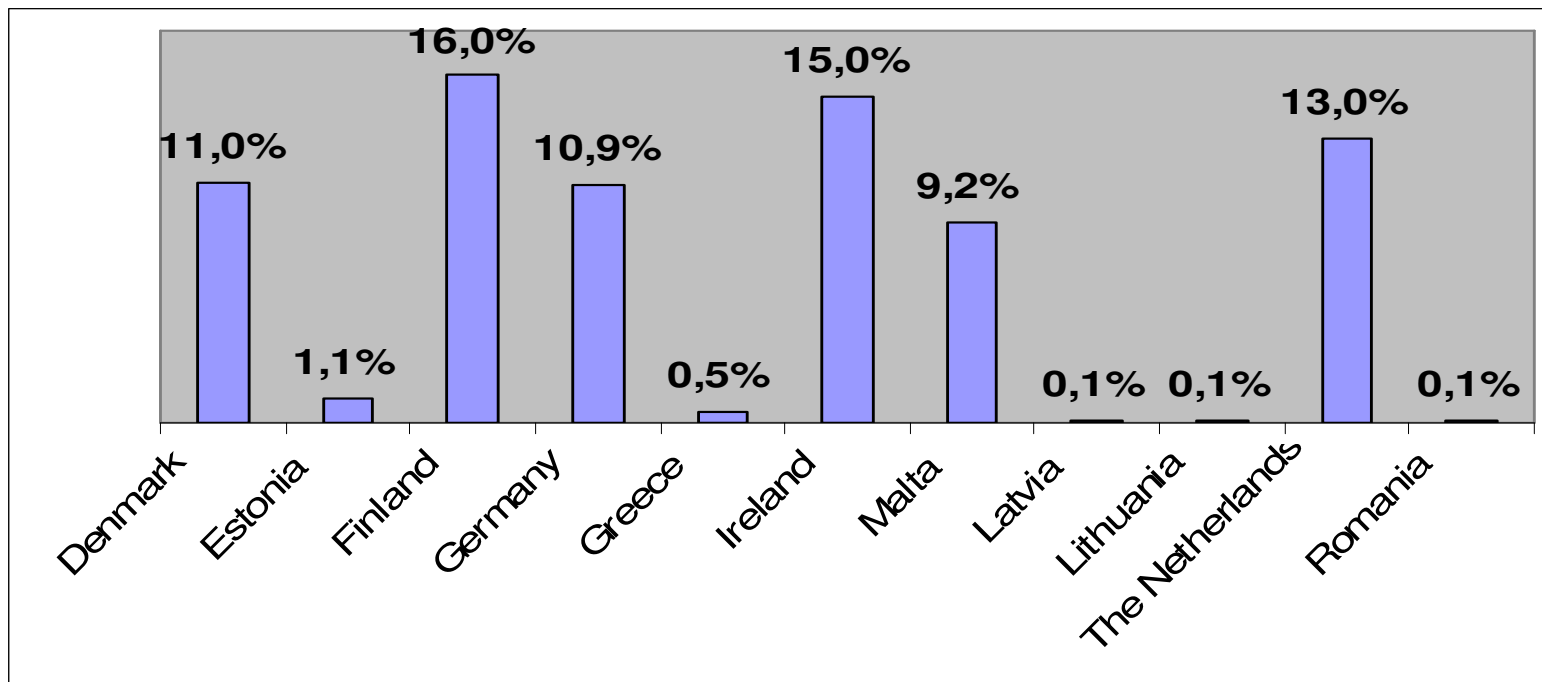
E4A





3. Challenges

Huge diversity: share in adult population

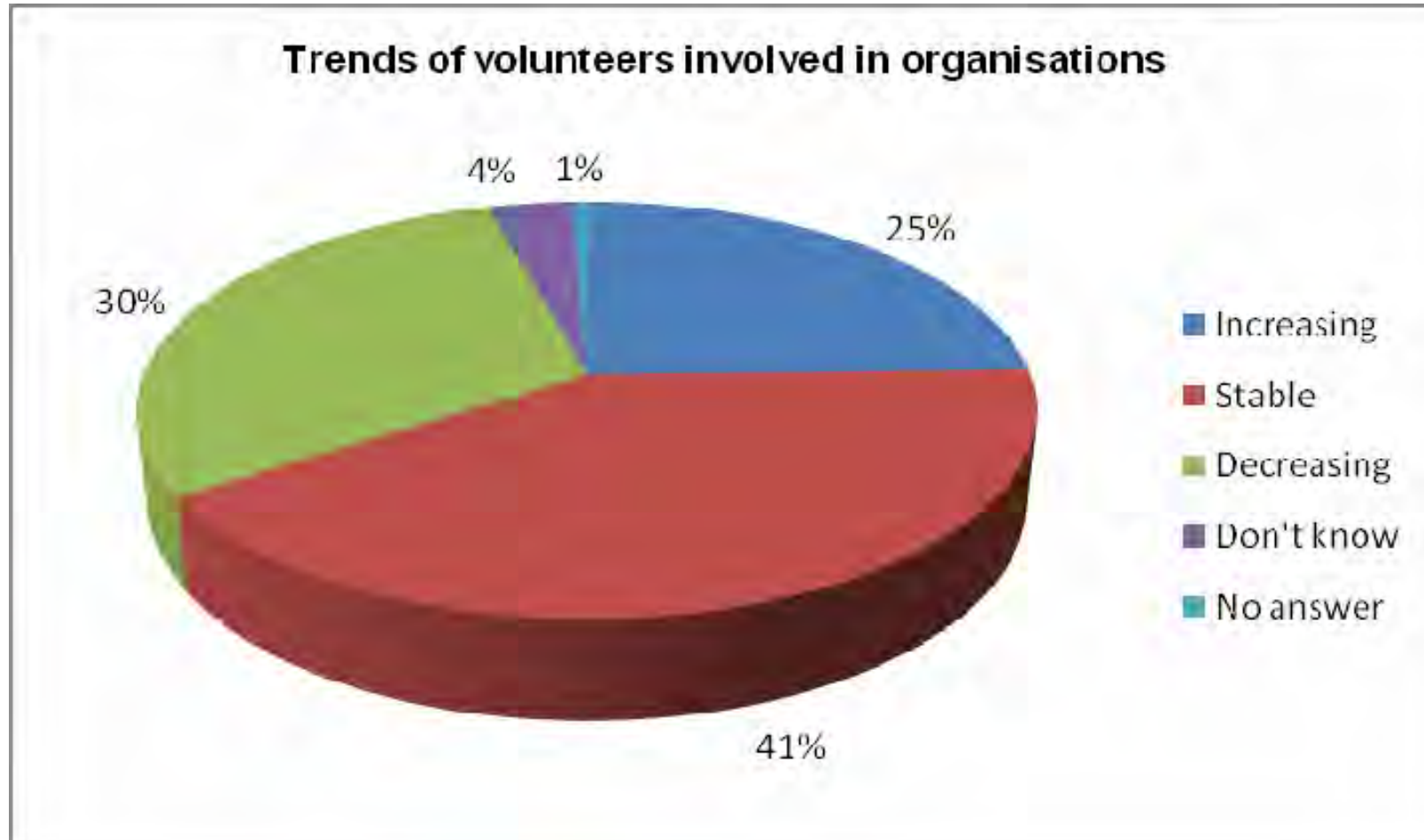


(Source: GHK, 2010, p. 8)

...But is there some invisible volunteering?



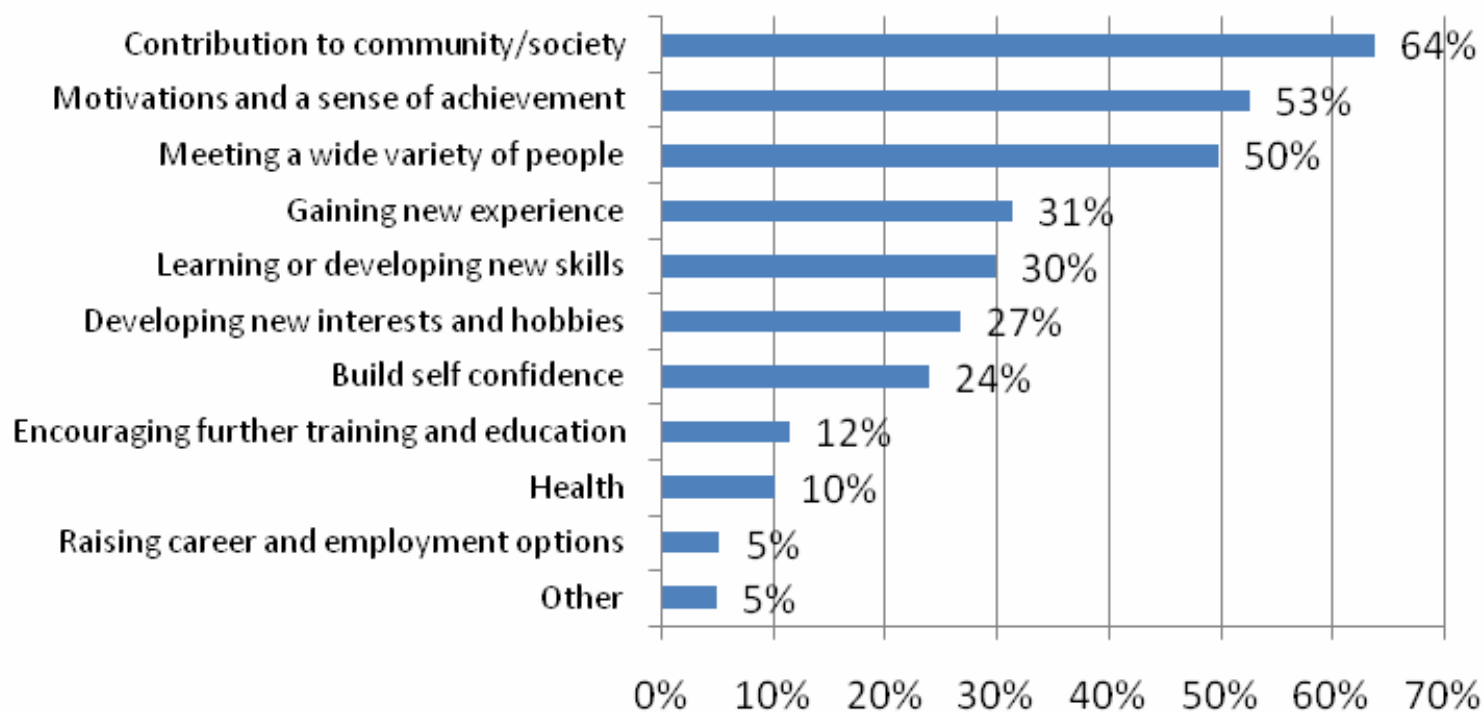
Worrying trends



4. Benefits



Benefits of volunteering in sport from the volunteer's perspective



2011

European Year of Volunteering

value awareness friendly environment
reward recognition
quality empower



Sport and Sports Volunteering: 2002-09

2002: Aarhus Declaration

2007: Commission White Paper on Sport

2009: Sport an EU competence (Article 165 TFEU)

2011: Commission Communication: “Developing the European Dimension in Sport”





Communication on Sport (2011):

“Commission and Member States: support the inclusion of sport-related qualifications when implementing the European Qualifications Framework. In this context, promote the validation of non-formal and informal learning gained through activities such as voluntary activity in sport.”





Sport and Sports Volunteering: 2011+

- 2011 (June): Communication “A Budget for Europe 2020”
- 2011 (Sep): Communication “EU Policies and Volunteering”
- 2014: Sport Chapter as part of the E4A programme



Communication "A budget for Europe 2020",
outlining the architecture of the next Multiannual
Financial Framework 2014-2020



Budget EAC programmes

Constant prices 2011	Budget 2007-2013	Budget 2014-2020	Growth rate
Education Europe (excl Heading 4)	8.7 bn	15.2 bn (incl sport)	+75%
Creative Europe	1.2 bn	1.6 bn	+37%

The Sport sub-programme



- A tool to support EU policy objectives in the field of sport:
 - Commission Communication (Jan. 2011),
 - Council Resolution on an EU Work Plan for Sport (May 2011).
- Innovative approaches to leverage private funding.
- Target group: grassroots organisations at the base of the sports “pyramid”.



The Sport sub-programme will focus on:

Developing European cooperation in sport through, for example, guidelines for dual careers of athletes or benchmarks for good governance of sporting organisations

Tackling transnational threats that are specific to sport such as doping, violence, racism and intolerance, or issues relating to the integrity of competitions and sportspersons;

Supporting grassroots sports organisations which can play a role in addressing wider socioeconomic challenges such as social inclusion.

The EU's added value

- **Respecting the autonomy of sport governing bodies; subsidiarity**
- **Addressing transnational challenges**
- **Provide a platform for exchange and dialogue**
- **Promote the creation and development of European networks**
- **Support and coordinate Member State's policies and actions**

This year's sport volunteering projects



Federation for the Associations of the European Capitals and Cities of Sport





Sport volunteering is crucial

- The sector needs volunteers
- But volunteers need training

What kind of support

- Better recognition and validation
- Better mobility within the EU
- Better skills: not only “people skills”, but also skills to handle paper work ...





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