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# Evaluation of EUYC Riga



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# Evaluation data

- 224 participants (including 35 governmental representatives)
- 76 evaluation forms (61 on-line, 15 in paper)





# General

Invitation and registration system

Information desks and reception

Transport to and accessibility of the venue

Venue

Meals

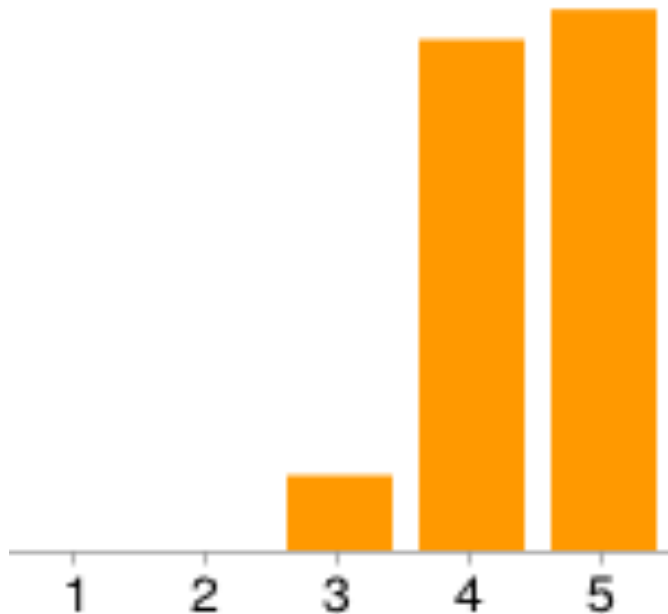
Conference package

Evening programmes

Overall impression of the EU Youth Conference



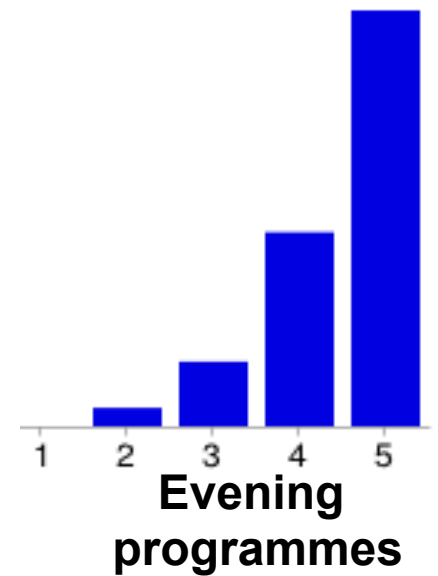
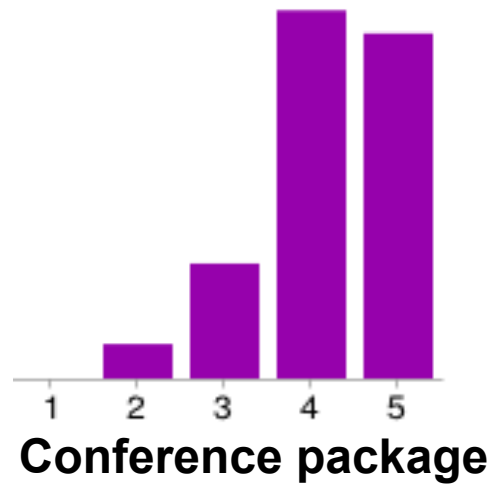
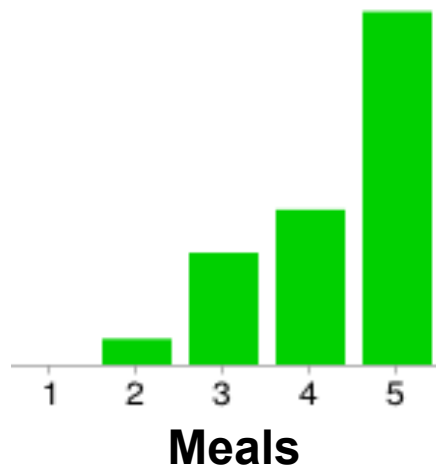
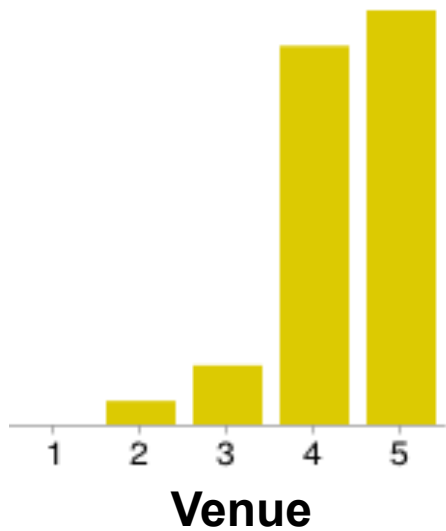
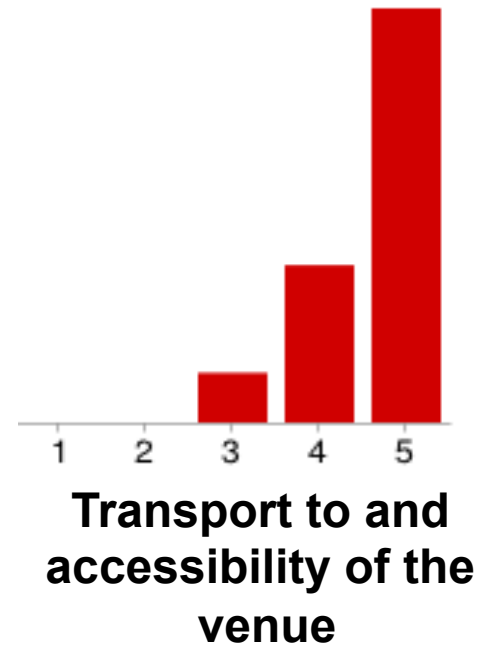
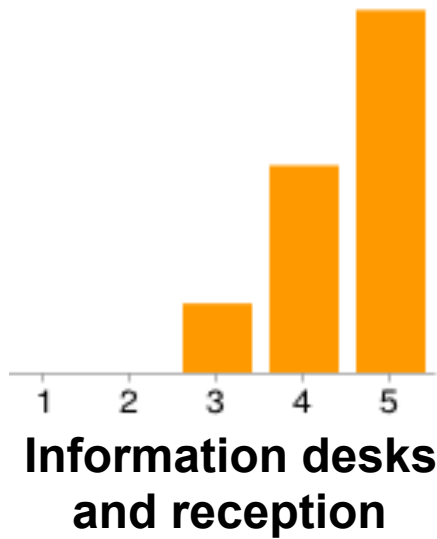
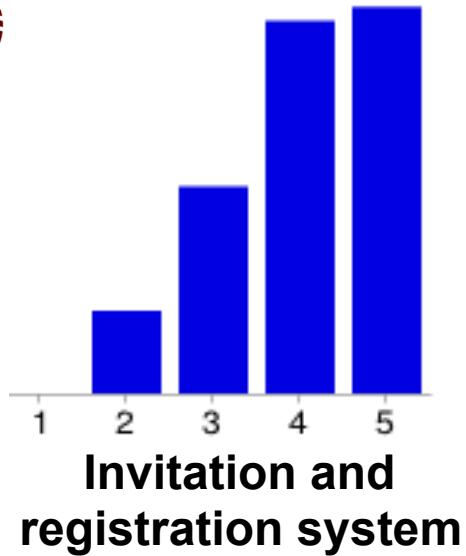
# Overall impression of the EU Youth Conference



- It was good to have a generous amount of time for the workshops
- Congrats for overall changes that helped in the final outcome: a very good conference
- Very good organization, lovely volunteers and exceptional youth friendly evening program and amazing food!

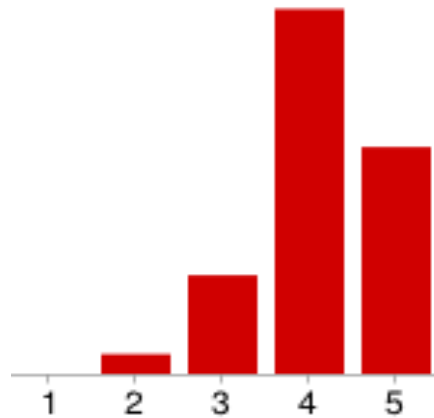


- Please ensure adequate WiFi connections!
- Too expensive accommodation for the DG's
- Registration website was user-unfriendly

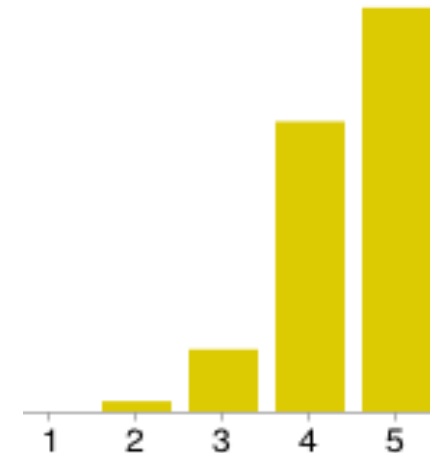


# Content and programme

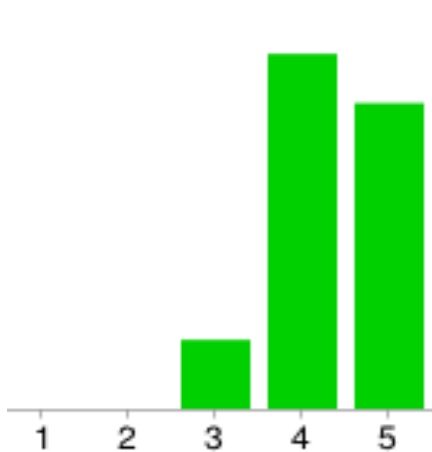
- Content-related preparations
  - Background documents in preparation to the workshops
  - Available information (programme, practical info, etc.)
- Event Programme
  - Content and relevance of programme
  - Schedule and timing of programme
  - Clarity on the aims and objectives of the Conference



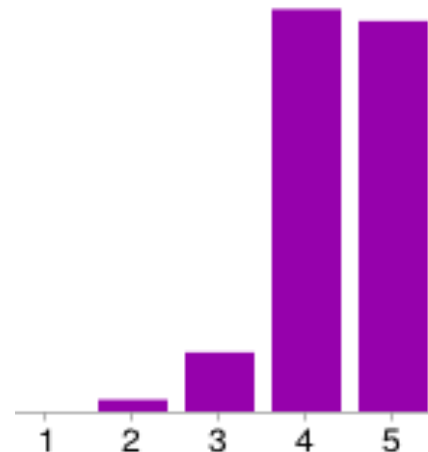
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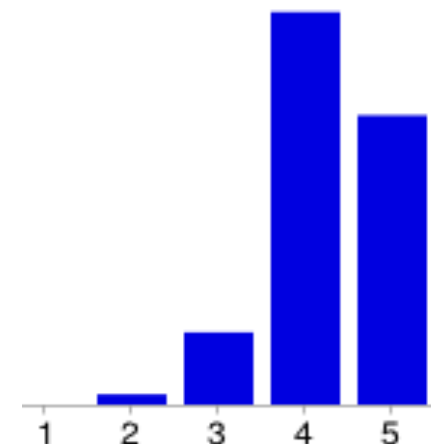
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**Clarity on the aims and  
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# Day-by-day programme

## Monday 23rd of March

- Youth delegate session
- DG delegate session
- Video contest "Shining Stars of Europe" ceremony

## Tuesday 24th of March

- Overall impression of Official Opening Plenary
- Keynote speech and possibility to interact
- Clarity of the objectives and methodology of the EUYC
- Clarity of the expected outcome of the workshop
- Opportunity to interact in workshop
- Pace and balance in workshop

## Wednesday 25th of March

- Clarity of the expected outcome of the workshop
- Opportunity to interact in workshop
- Pace and balance in workshop
- Opinion Boulevard
- Method to agree on the final joint recommendations
- Opportunity to have your voice heard

## Thursday 26th of March

- Overall impression of closing plenary
- Clarity of the next steps (towards EUYC Luxembourg)
- Speeches
- Achievement of aims and objectives



# Comments



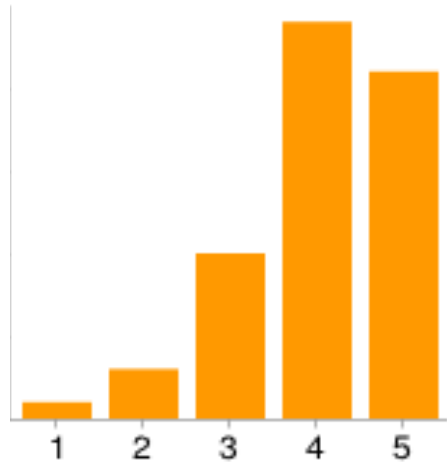
- The change in atmosphere was very much better than before!
- The workshop was good, better than ever before.
- Good facilitators, nice programme, nice people



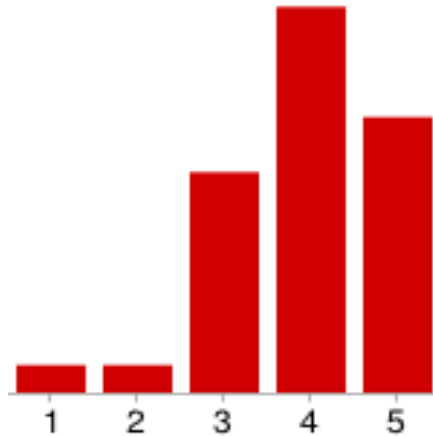
- Still boring at the beginning. Fewer speeches please.
- More accountability at the conference from the EU and the Ministry of Council!
- The workshops should be more focused and not with wide topic.



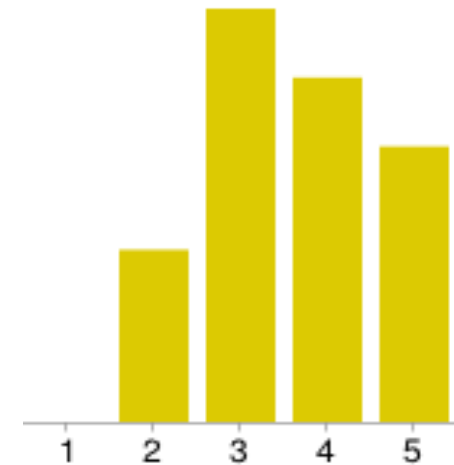
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**Youth delegate session**



**DG delegate session**

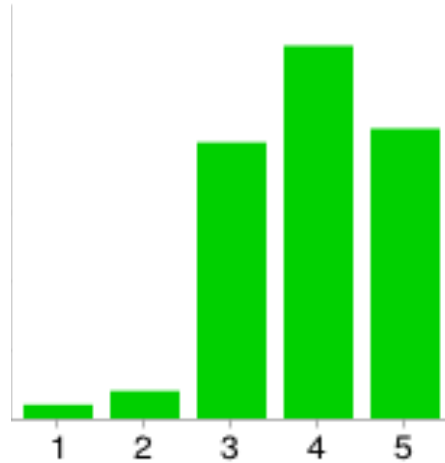


**Video contest "Shining  
Stars of Europe" ceremony**

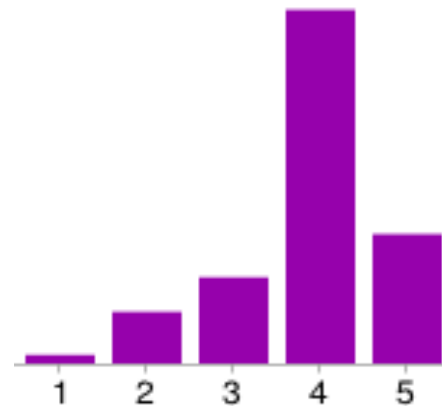


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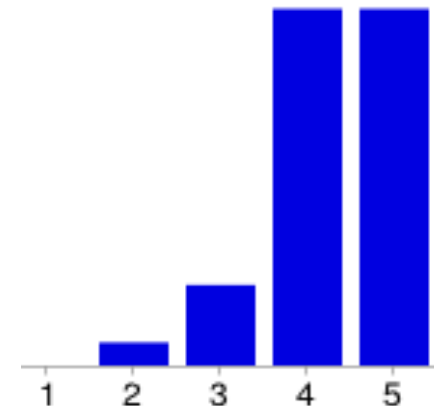
## PLENARY



**Overall impression of  
Official Opening Plenary**



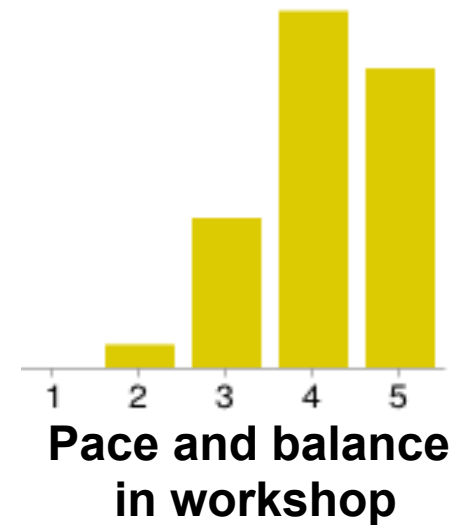
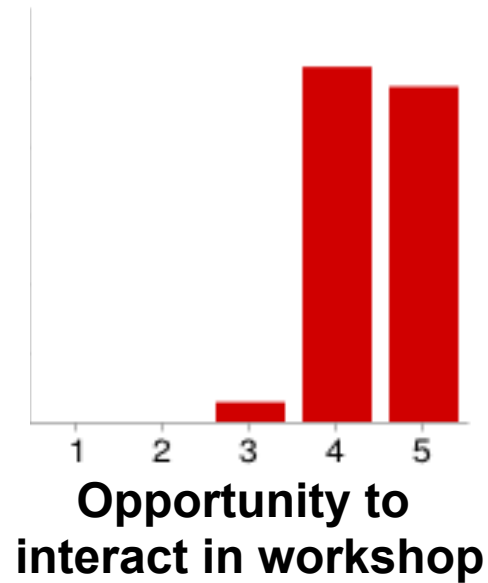
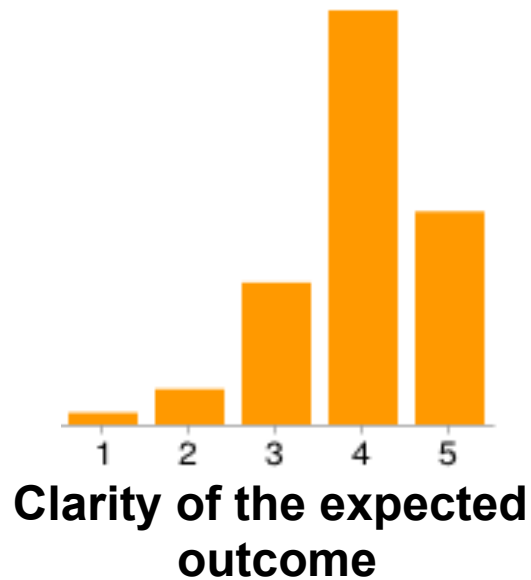
**Keynote speech and  
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**Clarity of the objectives and  
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# Tuesday 24th of March WORKSHOP SLOT 1 & 2



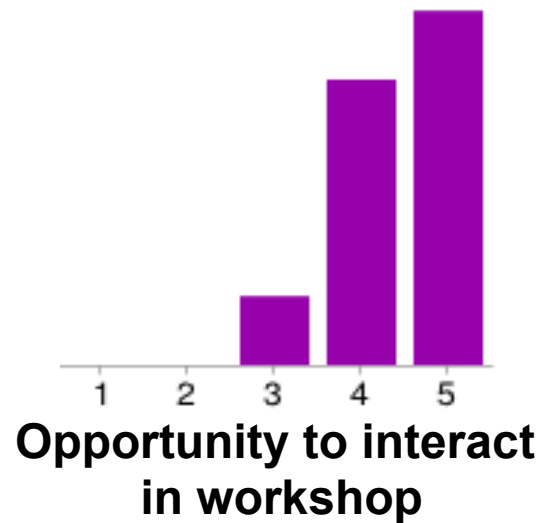
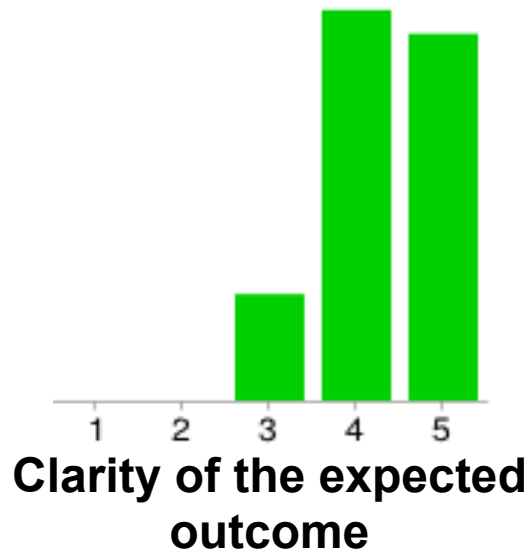


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# Wednesday 25th of March

## WORKSHOP SLOT 3 & 4



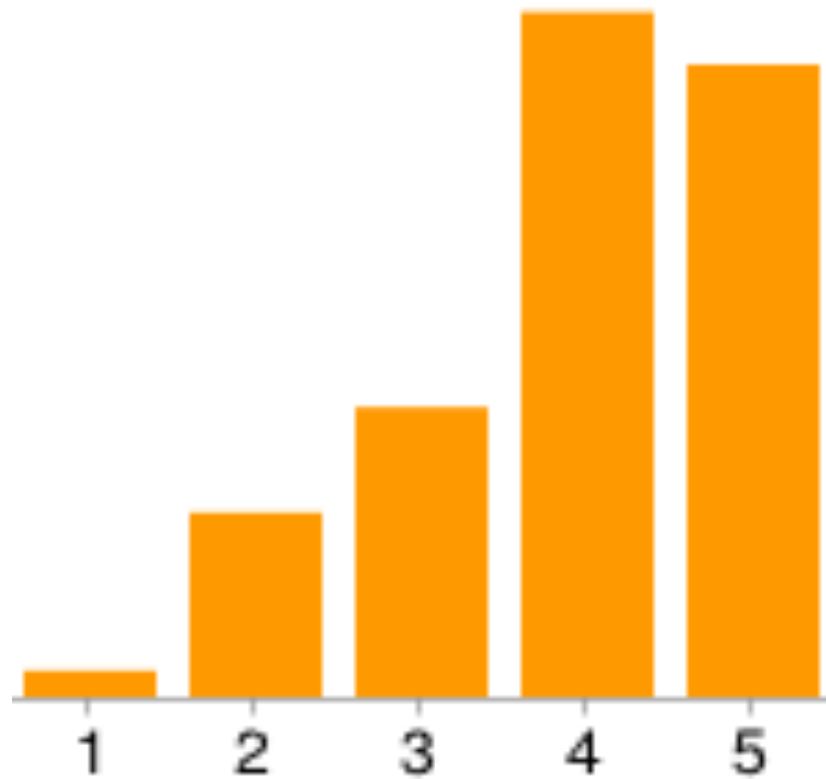


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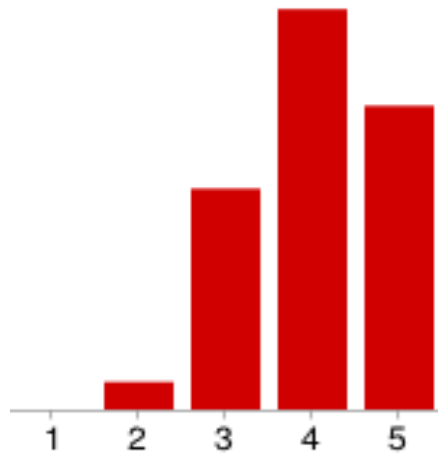
## Opinion Boulevard



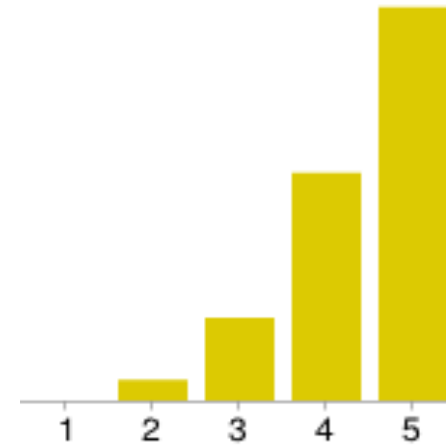


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## WORKSHOP SLOT 5



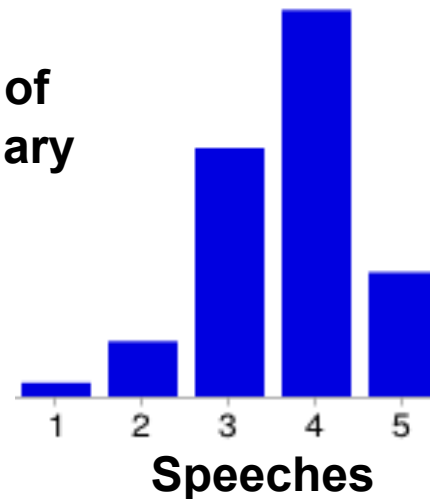
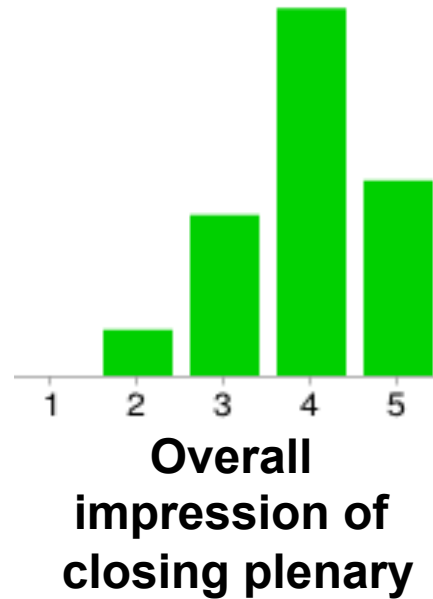
**Method to agree on the  
final joint  
recommendations**



**Opportunity to have  
your voice heard**



# Thursday 26th of March







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# General comments



# Cooperation between young people and decision-makers



- DGs usually were really cooperative
- Collaboration and cooperation was impressive
- There was improvement comparing to previous editions



- Lack of DGs in some workshops
- The input was small. It felt more like a process between youth delegates
- Focus too much on getting their own agenda through (both youth and DG) without having any thought for the pace of the process



# Role of the editing team & methodology to reach the final joint recommendations?



- Yes, it is nice we don't need to count words.
- Yes, clear, more realistic than previously.
- I liked that the changes were shown to the workshop participants before being presented



- I would like to have another Opinion Boulevard after the Editing Team has finished their first revision.
- I have the feeling that we did not really use the developed stuff in Rome, and the background document
- There must be more cooperation between the different workshops in order to ensure you agree with all the final recommendations



# Is there anything you would like to add?



- I appreciate the efforts made to achieve better participation and more transparency of the process. This was an excellent conference. Thank you!
- Great hosting from Latvian Presidency and great cultural and youth programme!
- Thank you for all the adjustments and the hard work



- After the Opinion Boulevard we should keep only the recommendations with more votes.
- The political outreach of the structured dialogue needs to be improved, through greater outreach to the media and the use of new media
- Let us book our own plane tickets.
- Most of the recommendations were focused on local and national level, and the European perspective was in a way left out.



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**Thank you!**