



RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION

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Results of the evaluation-forms collected during the conference

At the end of the conference, evaluation forms were collected where participants were able to indicate their general satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the conference proceedings and surroundings. While a questionnaire like this only gives an opinion at a certain point of time – immediately after the conference – and some participants might have considered their judgement differently after some time of contemplation, the results of the forms surely give a rough indicator about the general feeling of the participants in regard to the conference's quality and conduct. All in all, roughly 110 questionnaires were collected, representing about half of the conference's participants.

First, a general perspective: With an overall rating of 1,73 – 5 being the worst possible, 1 the best -, participants as a whole have been quite positive and sometimes even enthusiastic about the conference experience. More than 80 % of those who answered our questions rated the conference either good or very good. If we differentiate the results by country, we find out that the most critical approach was put forward by the German participants with an overall assessment of 2,05, while both Danish and Dutch participants were quite happy with the outcome and scored both an overall 1,67.

If we look into the results more detailed, we find some interesting variations depending on the issue to be judged upon. The item most critically assessed by all participants was the issue of quality and conduct of the discussion after the presentations of the speakers, here the overall score was limited to 2,12, with some highly critical remarks on the negative side. 33 of the participants gave a score of average and less than average. One might follow the interpretation that "average" can be a polite form of criticism, even then the overwhelming result is in the positive. Also the topic of relevance was viewed with some reservations by a considerable number of participants, the overall score was 2,06, and 26 participants scoring this topic average and less than average.

It is not surprising that the quality of speakers and the quality of discussions were judged quite differently. We have to keep in mind that the organisations and individuals invited for the conference have been quite heterogeneous: some have been primarily interested in the issue of asylum, others were following a more general approach and wanted to discuss and hear about a wider frame of migration policy. It was therefore to be expected that depending on how far the discussants and speakers were able to meet these expectations, judgement was given quite differently. Also the differences in some aspects of organizational matters can be explained by e. g. the simple fact that participants in one hotel enjoyed fast and expedient bus transfer while those in another hotel had to suffer certain delays.

Generally, both organisational as well as content-related items were rated overwhelmingly positive. The task for the conference organizers is now to see in how far and where the results of the conference can be disseminated and used in a national as well as European context.

Please refer to the following tables for an overview of scores and results from the questionnaire, both overall as well as selected by country. The results of the questionnaire will be discussed at a follow-up meeting of the steering group of the conference-organizers and will be added to the evaluation report as well.

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(0= no answer, 1 = very good, 2 = good, 3 = average, 4 = quite bad, 5 = really bad)

(1) Percentages based on raw scores

(2) Means based on raw scores

Please rate the organizational setup of the „ESF-EQUAL Market Place“

	Total							Countries ⁽²⁾			
	0	1	2	3	4	5 ⁽¹⁾	Σ ⁽²⁾	D	DK	ES	NL
Venue	1%	29%	57%	12%	1%	0%	1,85	2,19	1,63	1,71	2,00
Quality of display	0%	20%	55%	24%	1%	0%	2,06	2,19	2,11	1,65	2,46
Availability of information	0%	31%	49%	18%	2%	0%	1,92	2,05	2,11	1,59	2,08
Buffet	1%	42%	38%	13%	6%	0%	1,83	1,81	1,56	2,18	1,85

Please rate the organizational setup of this conference

	Total							Countries ⁽²⁾			
	0	1	2	3	4	5 ⁽¹⁾	Σ ⁽²⁾	D	DK	ES	NL
Registration process	1%	37%	42%	14%	6%	0%	1,88	2,22	1,67	1,75	2,10
Bus transfer	20%	26%	24%	16%	12%	2%	2,25	3,05	2,00	1,60	1,94
Communication and information	2%	25%	46%	25%	2%	0%	2,07	2,35	2,25	1,84	2,05
Venue	6%	35%	47%	10%	2%	0%	1,78	1,91	1,45	2,05	1,81
Food and drinks	14%	21%	50%	10%	3%	2%	2,00	2,00	1,80	2,08	1,75

Please rate the content of this conference

	Total							Countries ⁽²⁾			
	0	1	2	3	4	5 ⁽¹⁾	Σ ⁽²⁾	D	DK	ES	NL
Choice of speakers	1%	42%	39%	12%	6%	0%	1,81	2,04	1,67	2,05	1,52
Chairman	2%	34%	47%	13%	4%	0%	1,87	1,96	1,58	2,21	1,81
Choice of topics	1%	25%	50%	21%	3%	0%	2,01	2,48	1,83	1,95	1,71
Relevance of speeches	3%	25%	45%	24%	1%	2%	2,06	2,35	1,75	2,16	1,81
Conduct of discussions / Q&A	1%	23%	45%	27%	4%	0%	2,12	2,30	2,00	2,15	2,24

In your overall assessment, how would you rate the experience of this conference for you personally?

	Total							Countries ⁽²⁾			
	0	1	2	3	4	5 ⁽¹⁾	Σ ⁽²⁾	D	DK	ES	NL
Overall	2%	34%	57%	7%	0%	0%	1,73	2,05	1,67	1,70	1,67