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Feedback Summary - XCIII BFUG meeting

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Following the XCIII BFUG Meeting, hosted by Hungary in Budapest, between the 26th-27th of September 2024, a feedback form was distributed to participants to gather insights on the event's organisation and content.

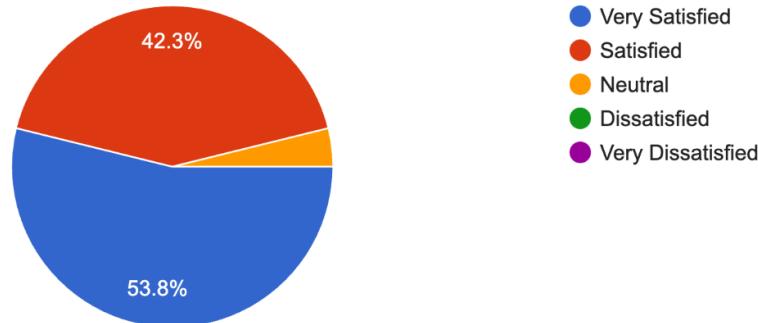
A total of **26 respondents** (36% of participants) provided their feedback, offering valuable input for future improvements.

1. Information provided in the Practical Information Note

1.1. Participant satisfaction

How satisfied were you regarding the information provided in the Practical Information Note provided before the meeting?

26 responses



1. Information provided in the Practical Information Note

1.2. Main observations

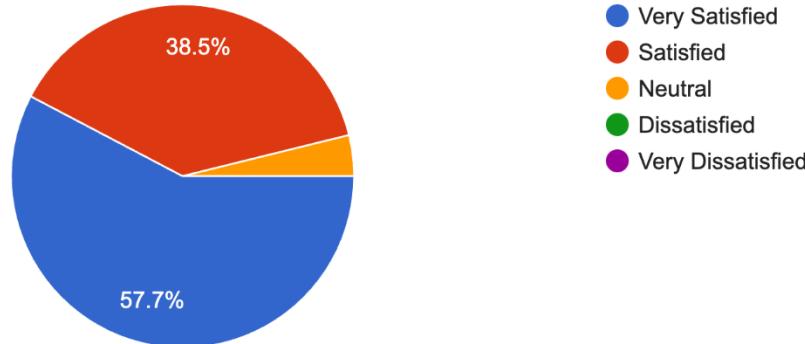
- It was suggested that a wider range of accommodation options, both in terms of price and proximity to the venue, would have been beneficial.
- Participants highlighted the importance of communicating the meeting venue well in advance to facilitate better accommodation planning.
- It was noted that clearer guidance on transportation from the recommended hotels to the meeting venue would have been helpful.

2. The content and organisation of the BFUG documents

2.1. Participant satisfaction

How satisfied were you with the content and organisation of the BFUG documents provided before the meeting?

26 responses



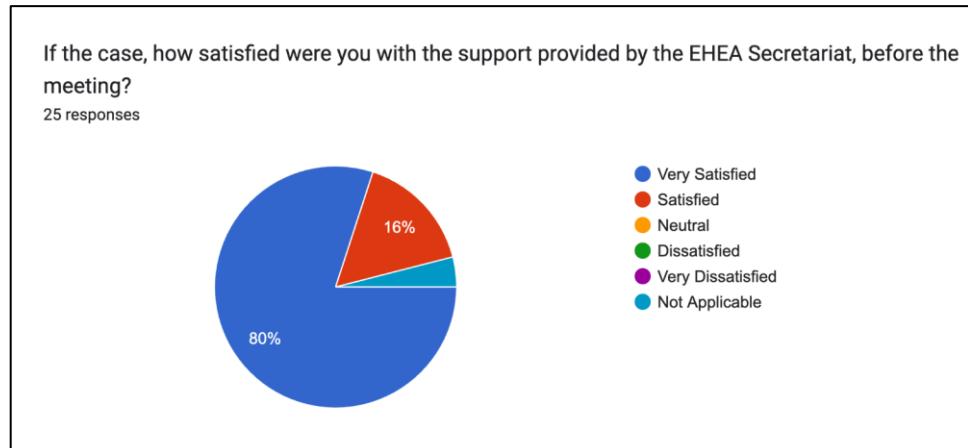
2. The content and organisation of the BFUG documents

2.2. Main observations

- A recurring concern was the late distribution of documents, with some being shared only a few days before the meeting or even during the meeting days. Participants strongly recommended ensuring that all documents are finalised and made available well in advance.
- It was noted that some documents were replaced, updated, or supplemented shortly before the meeting. Participants highlighted the importance of avoiding last-minute changes and, where necessary, postponing discussions on incomplete items to a later meeting rather than submitting revised documents at short notice.
- Despite these particular concerns, participants acknowledged that the documents were generally provided in a timely manner and commended the overall effort of the Secretariat in managing documentation effectively.

3. The support provided by the EHEA Secretariat before the meeting

3.1. Participant satisfaction



3.2. Main observations

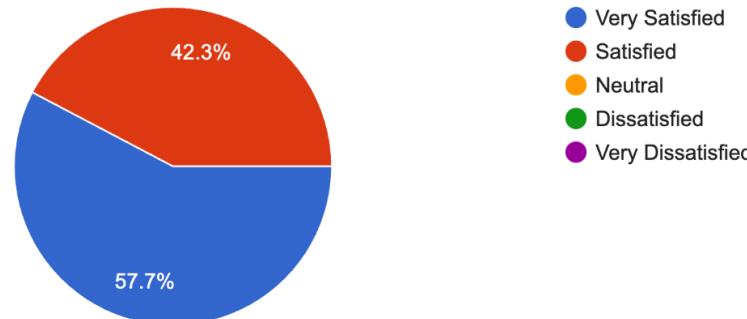
- Participants provided highly positive feedback on the support offered by the EHEA Secretariat before the meeting.

4. The meals provided by the hosts

4.1. Participant satisfaction

How satisfied were you with the meals provided by the hosts during the meeting (coffee breaks, lunch)?

26 responses



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4.2. Main observations

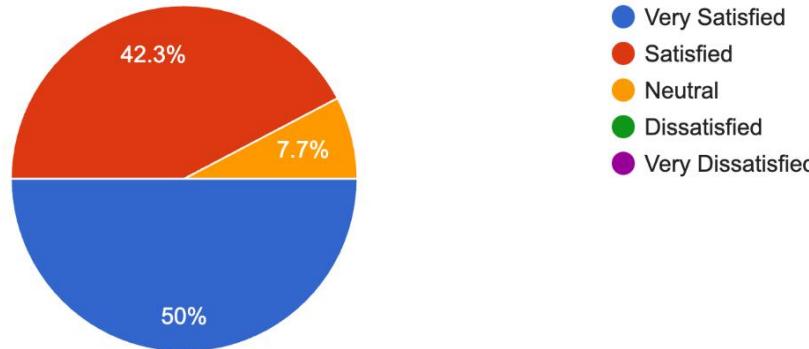
- Participants provided positive feedback particularly regarding the availability and labelling of vegan options. It was noted that clearly indicating vegan dishes was highly appreciated and should be considered a standard requirement for all catering at future BFUG meetings. Additionally, participants valued the fact that vegan food was available, as this had not always been the case in previous meetings.

5. The social programme

5.1. Participant satisfaction

How satisfied were you with the social programme (informal dinner & Gala Dinner)?

26 responses



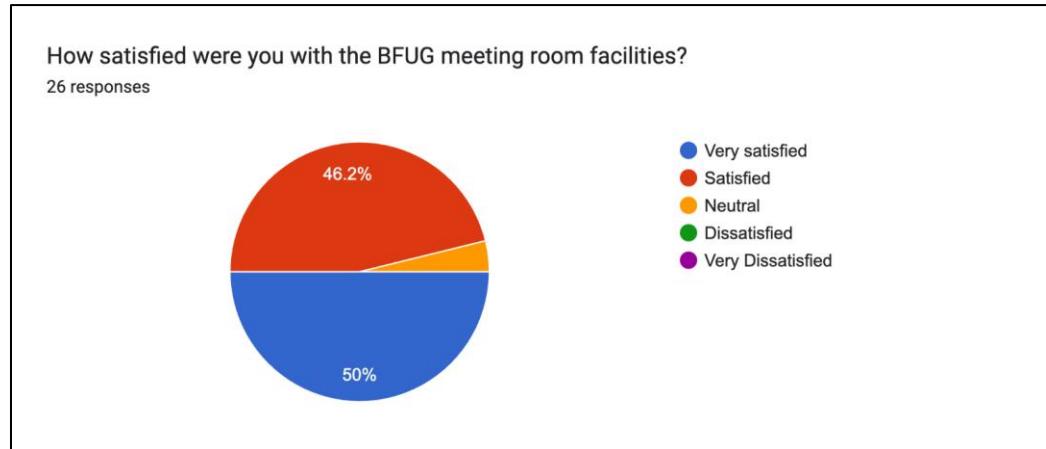
5. The social programme

5.2. Main observations

- Participants highlighted the interesting visit, the excellent informal dinner, and the well-organised gala dinner. The wine tasting and string quartet were particularly appreciated, as was the guided tour of the National Museum.
- The vegan food options at the gala dinner were somewhat limited, though this was not seen as a major issue.
- The self-service format of the gala dinner led to participants eating at different times and paces, with a preference expressed for a more structured dining experience.

6. The BFUG meeting room facilities

6.1. Participant satisfaction



6.2. Main observations

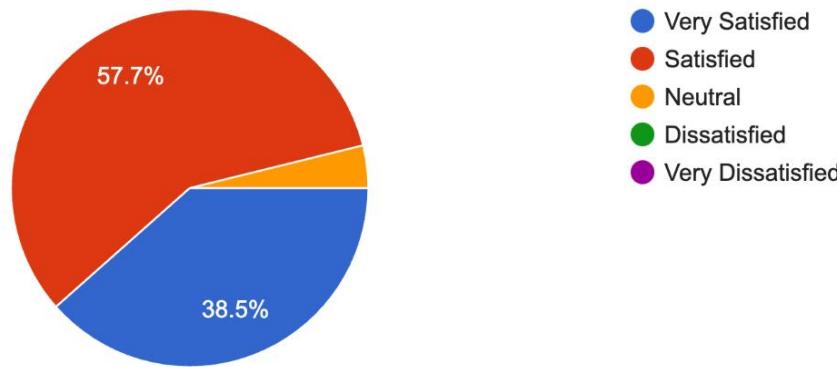
- Some attendees found the overall acoustics slightly difficult.

7. The agenda of the meeting

7.1. Participant satisfaction

How satisfied were you with the agenda of the meeting?

26 responses



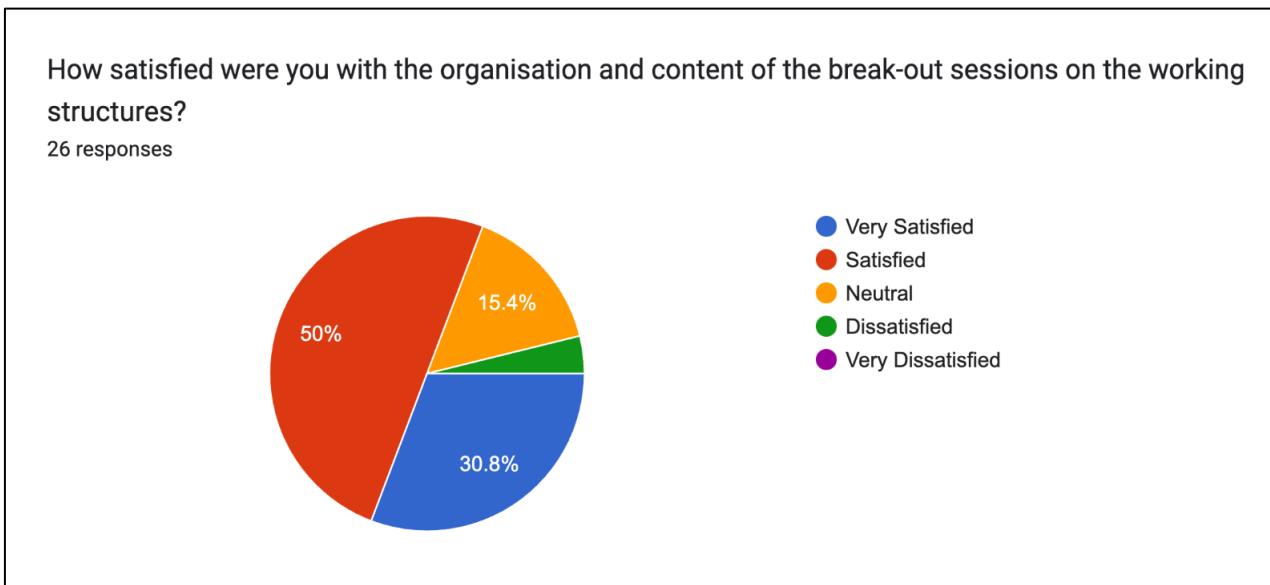
7. The agenda of the meeting

7.2. Main observations

- It was noted that more time should have been allocated for in-depth discussions on key topics such as the Terms of Reference (ToRs) and the European Degree.
- Some participants expressed a desire for more in-depth content discussions in future BFUG meetings.
- Some participants suggested that the European Degree as a thematic topic may not have been the most suitable focus for this BFUG meeting.

8. The organisation and content of the break-out sessions on the working structures

8.1. Participant satisfaction



8. The organisation and content of the break-out sessions on the working structures

8.2. Main observations

- Time management was a challenge, with some sessions feeling rushed. It was suggested that a dedicated person be assigned to monitor time, while another could chair the discussion, to ensure better pacing.
- The number of sessions and group sizes may need adjustment to allow for more effective discussions. Smaller groups and a more realistic number of sessions for rotation were recommended.
- The logistics and organisation of room locations could be improved. Some participants had difficulty navigating between rooms, as the rooms were distant from each other and lacked clear signage. Additionally, it would have been helpful to have orientation questions provided in advance for better preparation.
- The time allocated for break-out sessions was considered insufficient by some, as participants could only attend two out of the planned three groups.

9. Formats for discussions suggested to be included on the BFUG meetings agenda in future meetings (1)

Participants suggested a variety of discussion formats for future BFUG meetings, with an emphasis on creating more interactive and engaging formats to stimulate dialogue:

- Pedagogical formats that change method from meeting to meeting were recommended to keep the discussions dynamic and creative. Participants expressed a desire for more innovative approaches but cautioned against overly complex or non-traditional formats that might detract from meaningful dialogue.
- Smaller groups were seen as effective for content discussions, as they encourage participation from all attendees, even those who are usually less vocal.

9. Formats for discussions suggested to be included on the BFUG meetings agenda in future meetings (2)

- Breakout sessions were particularly appreciated and should be expanded, but it was suggested that these be better organised to avoid interferences from multiple groups sharing the same space. Separate rooms for informal groups could improve the flow of discussions.
- Participants also highlighted the importance of providing space for open dialogue with stimulating questions that go beyond formal, procedural discussions. They expressed a need for room to explore fundamental questions about the direction of the Bologna Process.
- It was suggested that speakers from less engaged countries could be invited to encourage wider participation and increase the involvement of countries with historically lower engagement in the BFUG. The TF on the Future of Bologna could play a role in advising on such approaches, rather than leaving it to the host country to choose speakers.

10. General remarks

- The participants thanked Hungary and the organising team for hosting the event, as well as the Secretariat for their professional work.
- The participants observed that the meeting was well-organised, but noted that some countries were either absent or did not contribute during the tour de table on the implementation of the Tirana Communiqué.
- The participants observed a positive level of engagement from Romania and Moldova, particularly through the Secretariat and Vice Chair

11. General recommendations for future meetings

- For future meetings, it is recommended to ensure that accommodation suggestions include a broader range of options, are closer to key locations, and are complemented by clearer logistical details regarding transportation.
- For future meetings, it is recommended to continue ensuring clear labelling and the inclusion of diverse dietary options to accommodate all participants.
- For future meetings, it is recommended to continue offering engaging cultural and networking activities.
- For future meetings, it is recommended to consider sound system adjustments to enhance audibility for all participants, particularly in larger spaces.

11. General recommendations for future meetings

- For future meetings, it is recommended to ensure sufficient time for discussions on key issues and to carefully consider thematic topics to maximise engagement and relevance.
- For future meetings, it is recommended to improve logistical arrangements for break-out sessions, ensuring better time management, clearer room signposting, and more realistic session structures to maximise participation. Providing more detailed information in advance would also enhance the overall experience.
- For future meetings, it is advised to choose venues closer to the city center for greater convenience, as locations outside the city center may present logistical challenges for participants.