

Barometer Report

**Monitoring the implementation of the
(at least) 20% of the European Social
Fund that should be devoted to fight
against Poverty during the period
2014-2020**

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Monitoring the implementation of the (at least) 20% of the European Social Fund (ESF) that should be devoted to fight against Poverty during the period 2014-2020

BACKGROUND

Structural Funds give new priority to poverty and participation

The new programming period of ESF (2014-2020) marked a major step forward in relation to the spending of EU funds for poverty and participation. **Structural Funds for the programming period 2014-2020 will amount to 352 € billion.** The new programming period of ESF gets at least 23.1% of the national Structural Funds (SF) allocation, with spending closer to 25% and a higher profile to social inclusion and poverty reduction is given with at least 20% of ESF earmarked.^[1] A strengthened partnership approach has also been supported including the involvement of NGOs through the first [European Code of Conduct on partnership](#).^[2] For the first time the ESF national budgets are secured, with the mandatory minimum of 23.1%. The Fund for European Aid for the most deprived (FEAD) also extended its scope of intervention for broader social inclusion activities, however it is not meant to overlap with ESF.^[3] (Please see more detailed information and links on the new fund in the [EAPN Tool Kit](#) which includes contact details of managing authorities and a glossary of key terms.)

With a stronger focus on social inclusion and poverty reduction, and a better promotion of bottom-up and community-led approaches, the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Regulations^[4] 2014-2020 provide a more favourable legal framework for more funding opportunities for social NGOs and support to positive anti-poverty policy and practice. The Ex-ante Conditionalities in the regulations provide very specific requirements around funding priorities and delivery through the Operational Programmes, ie on poverty reduction, based on integrated anti-poverty strategy. The Guidance Note on Ex-ante Conditionalities for the European Structural and Investment Funds PART II (February 2014)^[5] produced by the European Commission provides a valuable point of reference when reviewing the delivery on poverty of the funds on the content and the process. *“This guidance is addressed to geographical units for ESI Funds. Its purpose is to provide a framework for the assessment by the Commission of the consistency and adequacy of the information provided by Member States on the applicability and fulfillment of ex ante conditionalities. It is also made available to Member States”*^[6].

EAPN actively contributed to the achievement of the earmarking and partnership principle, through its EU Money for Poverty campaign coordinated with 19 European NGOs.^[7] This report therefore comes at a timely moment for NGOs to assess progress made on the promises on poverty and participation.

In terms of the current EU context, this report comes at an important moment, following the adoption of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes in 2014-5, and the Commission’s initial report endorsing their delivery in December 2015 – particularly of note are the ex-ante conditionalities and partnership principle.^[8] It is hoped the recommendations will feed into the Mid-Term Review of Structural Funds that will take place later in 2016 led by Directorate General Regional Policy (DG REGIO).

^[1] Art. 4.2. ESF Regulation

^[2] Art. 5 CPR.

^[3] MS can choose between two types of Operational Programmes: OP1 for food aid or material assistance, and OP 2 is broader pathways to social inclusion.

^[4] Available: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/legislation/regulations/

^[5] Available: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/legislation/guidance/

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^[7] See [here](#) for more details. The EU Money for Poverty campaign collected over 12.500 signatures in a petition in support of the Commission’s Regulation proposal.

^[8] Available: http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/pdf/esif/invest-progr-investing-job-growth-report_en.pdf

An EAPN Policy Task Force was set up by EAPN's main policy group (EU Inclusion Strategies Group (EUISG)) in 2015 to develop instruments to help EAPN monitor the use of the new Structural Funds, (European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) – (2014-2020) and particularly the European Social Fund (ESF)).

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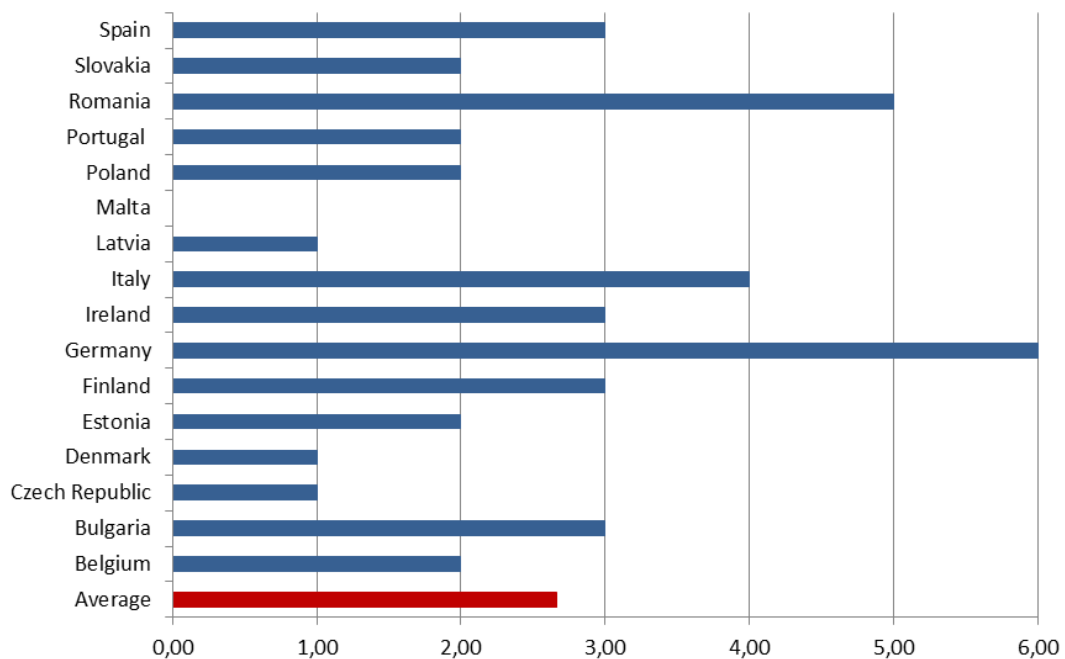
Elizabeth Santos and Daniel Loureiro (EAPN Portugal) collaborated on the database and infographics. The **full report**, as well as an **executive summary** are available on the EAPN website under Key Publications: www.eapn.eu.

A- Analysing the Partnership Agreements and the Operational Programmes - Participation of Antipoverty and Social NGOs

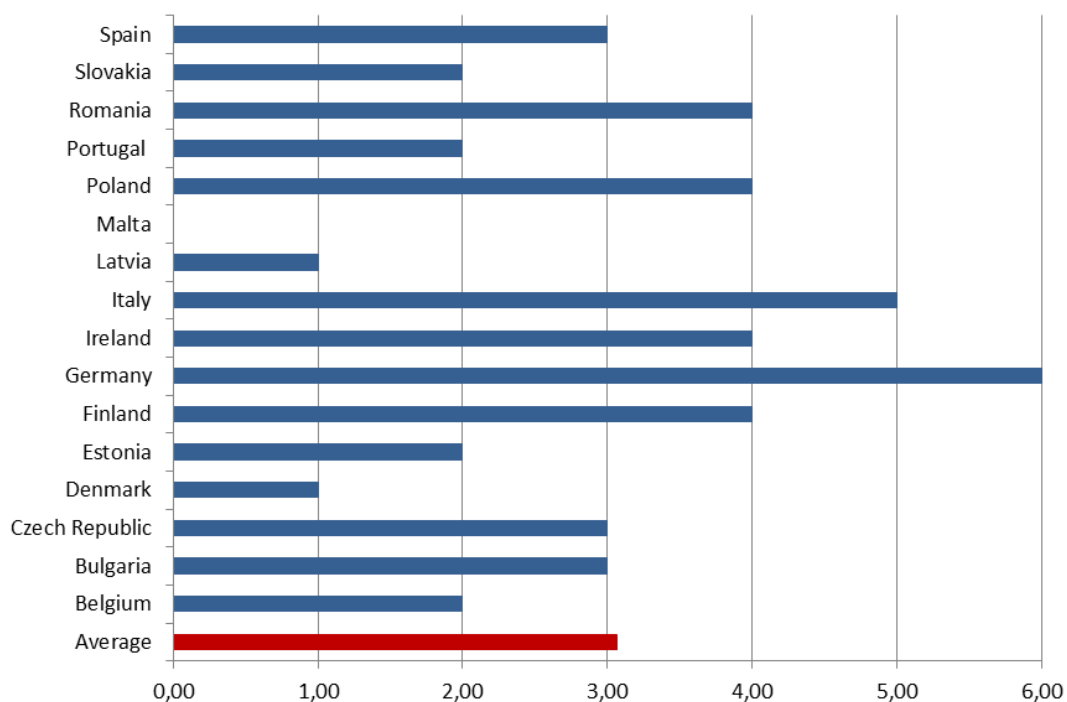
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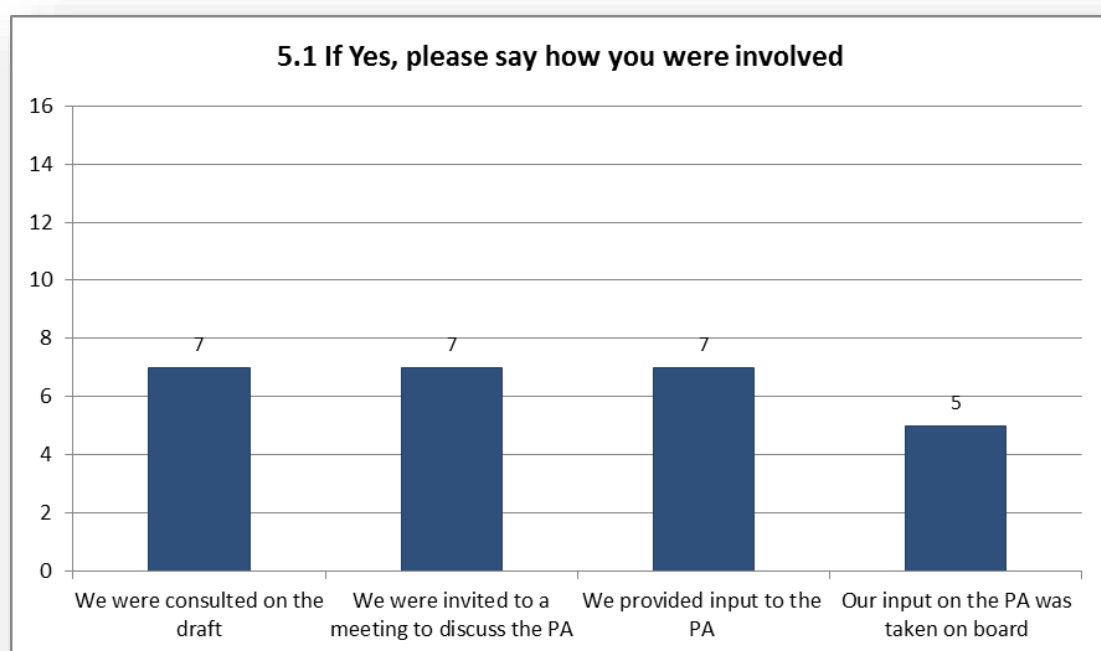
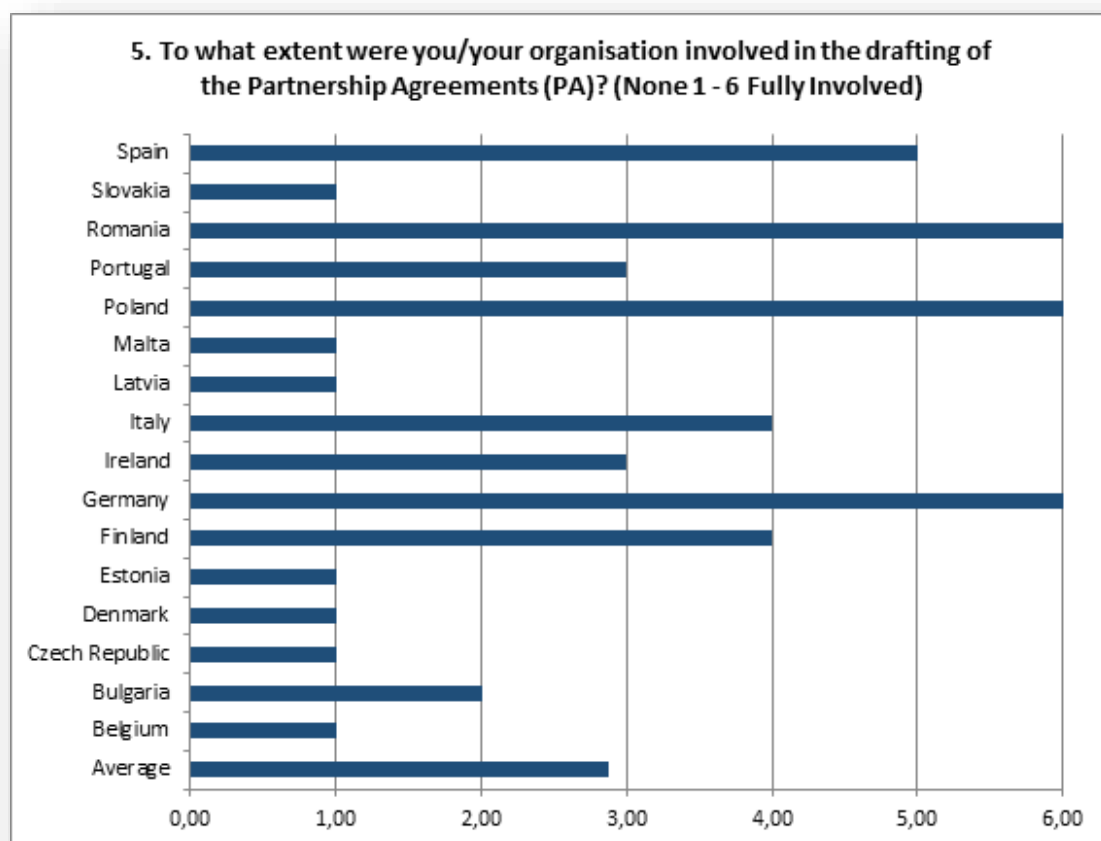


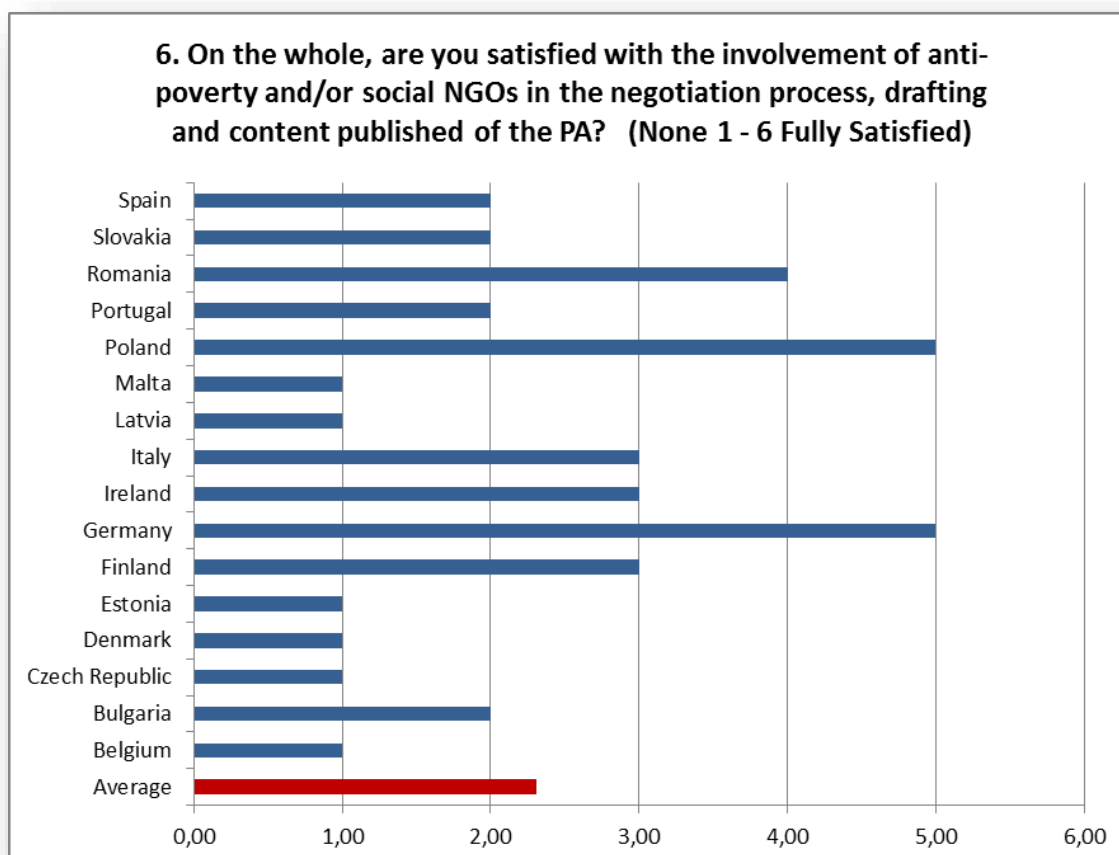
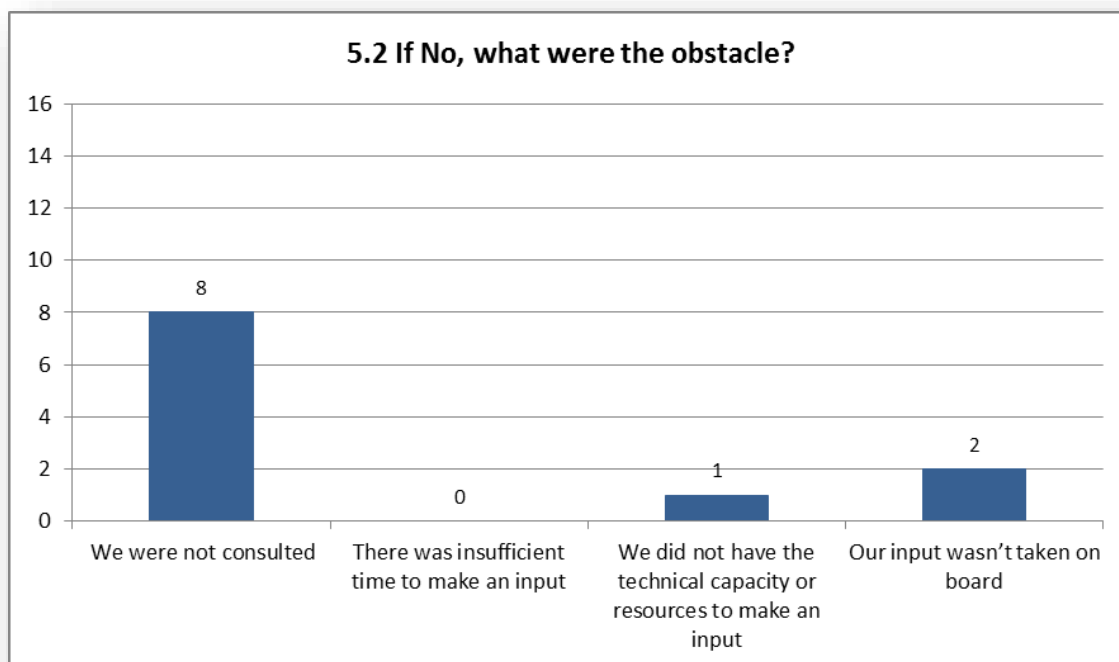
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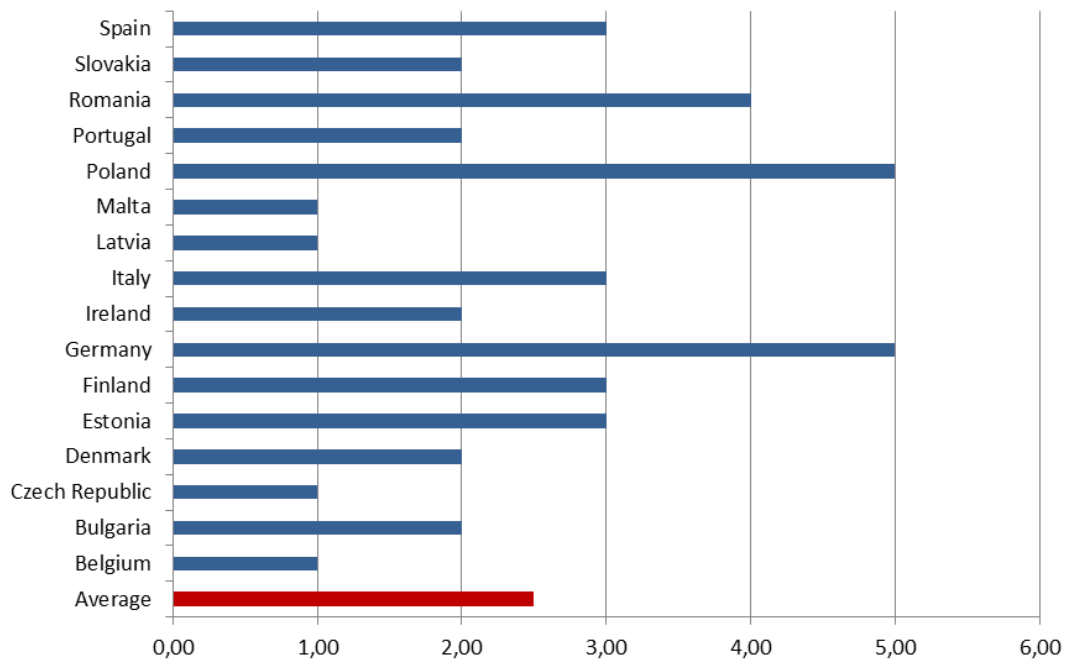
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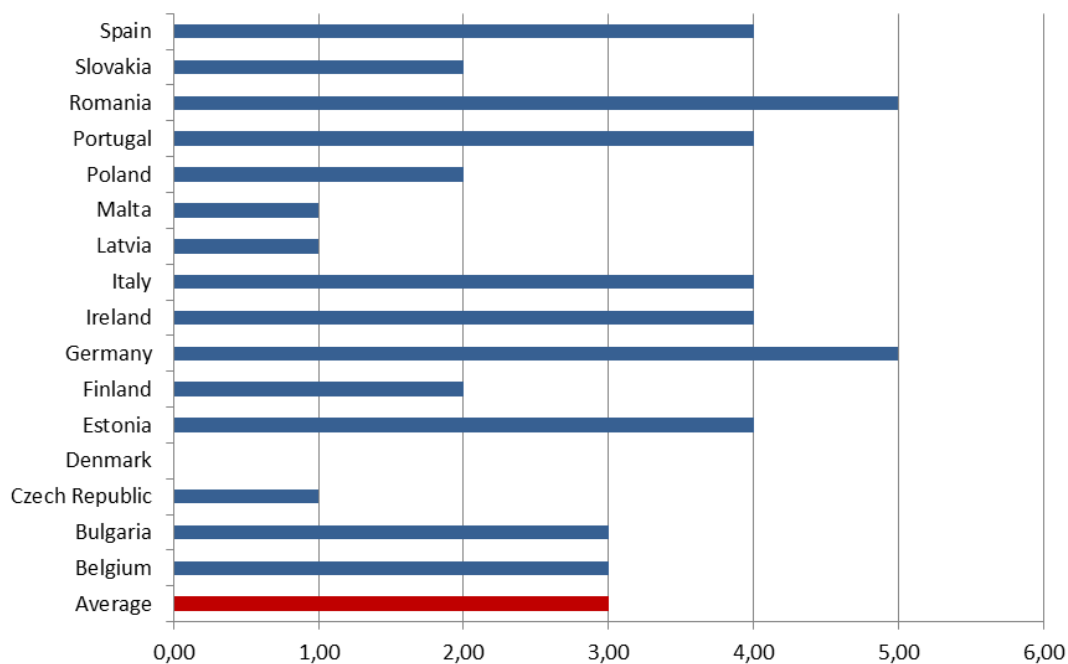




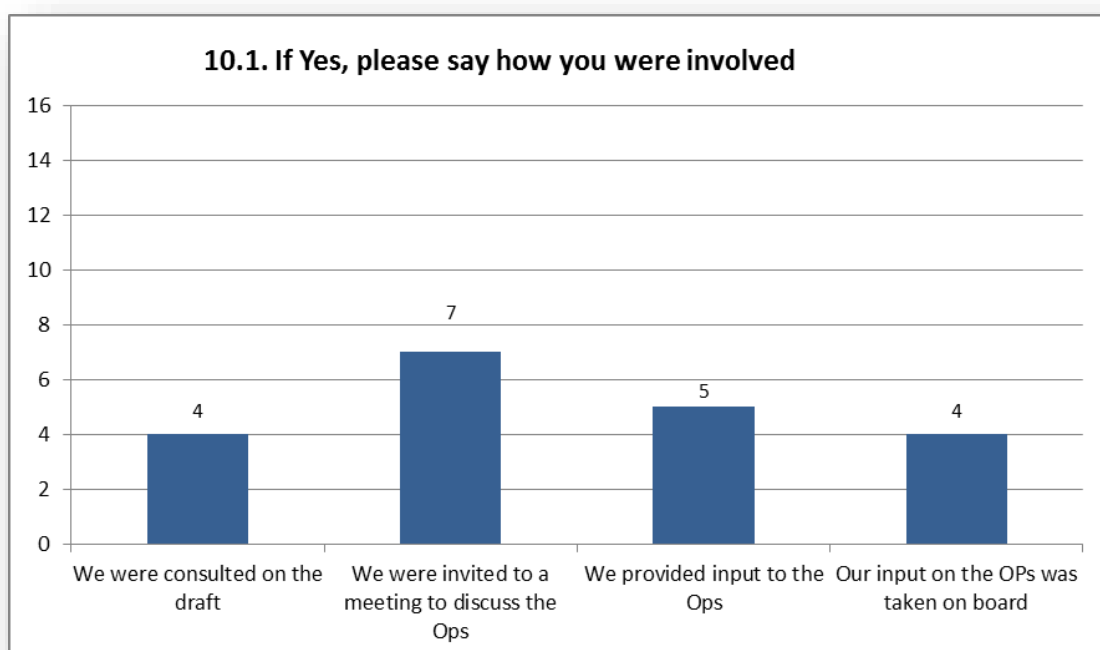
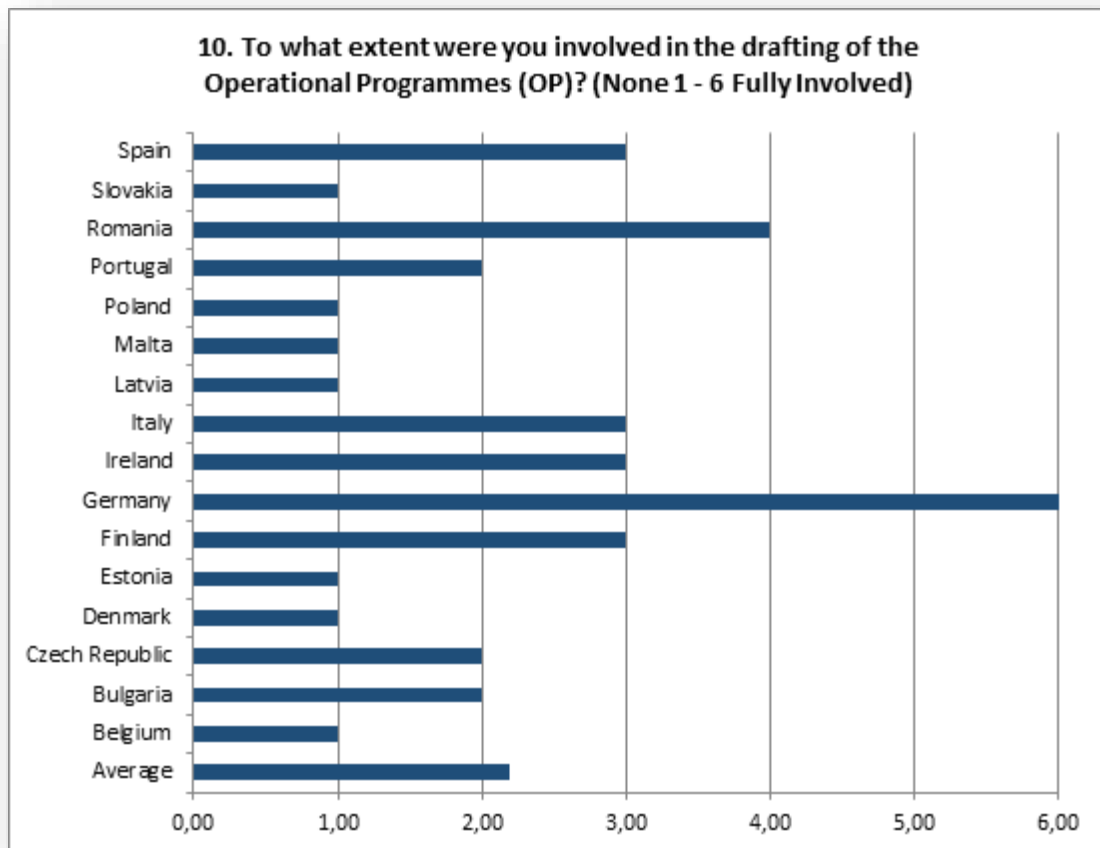
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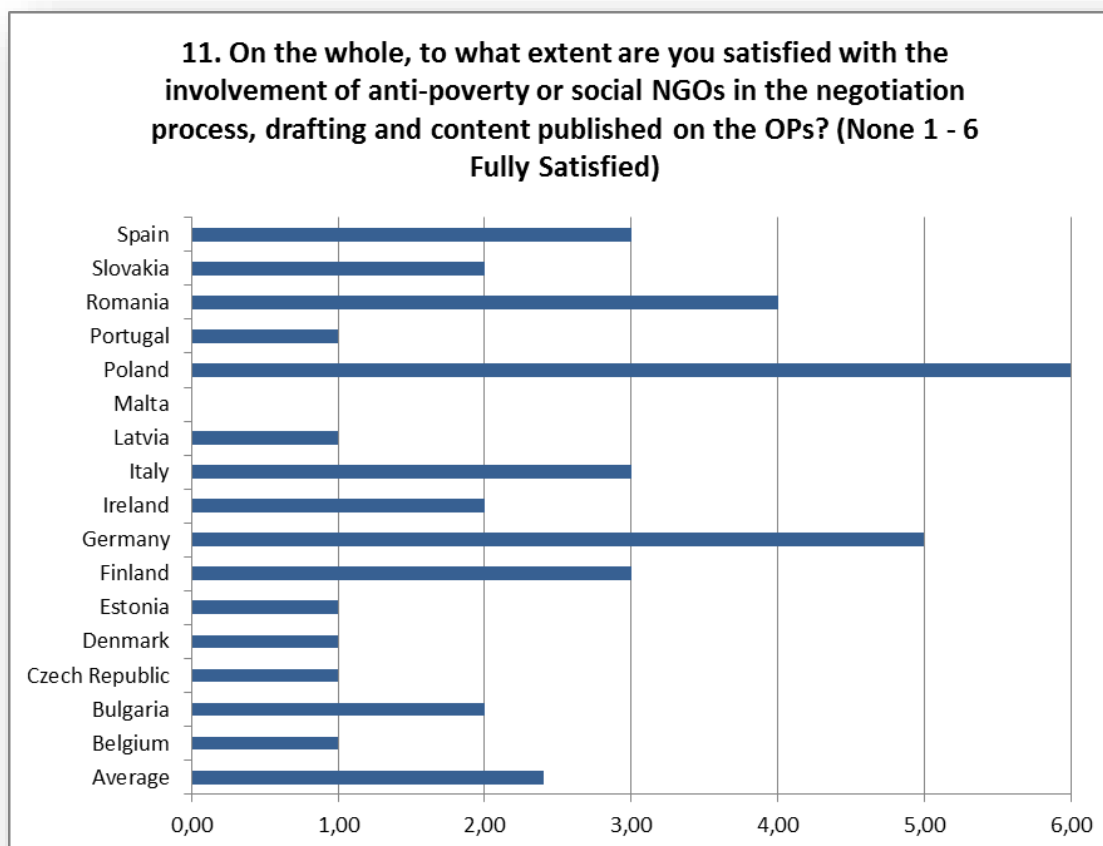
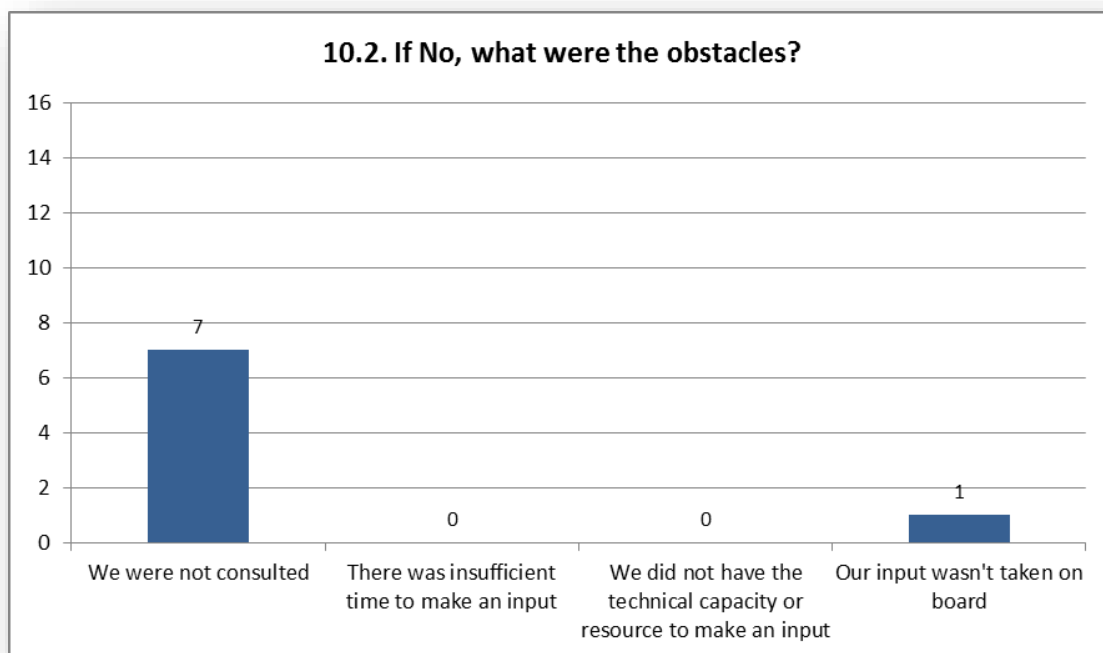


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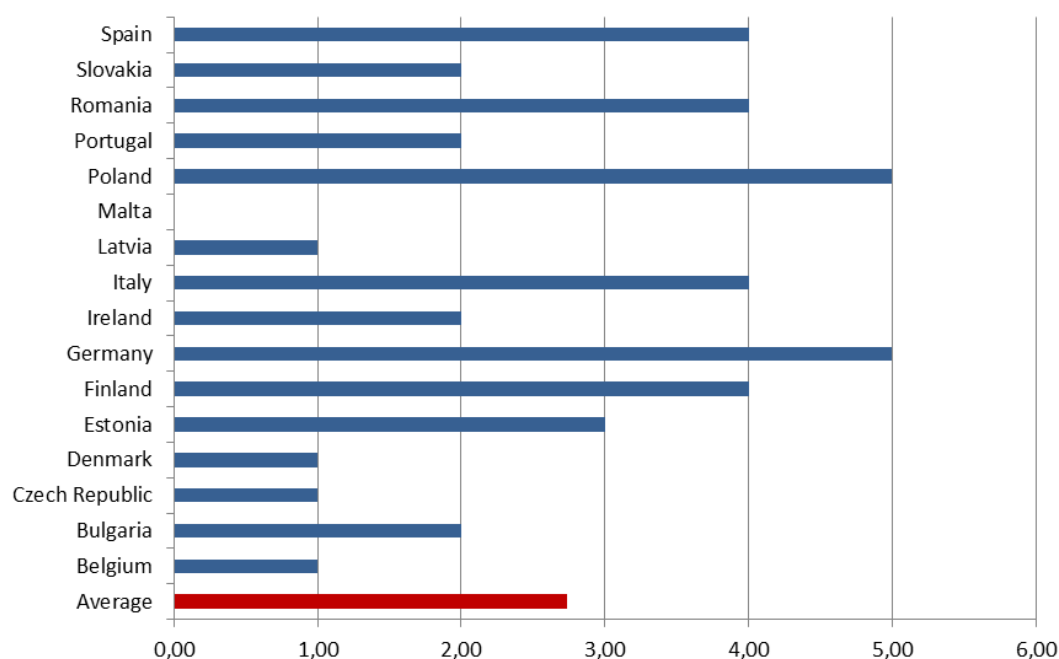


III – OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMES

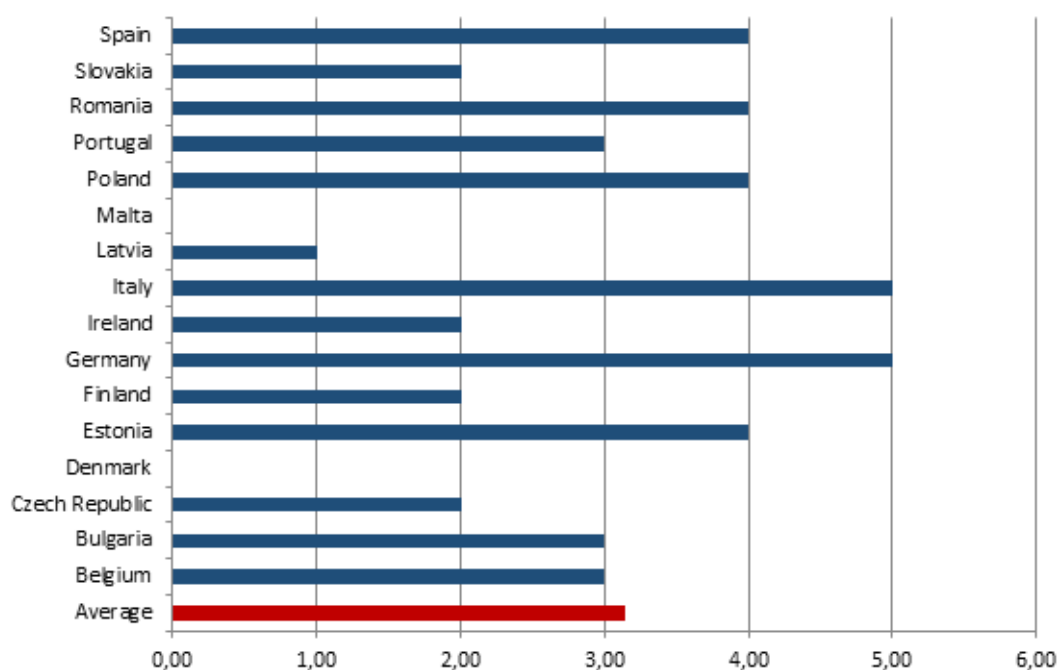




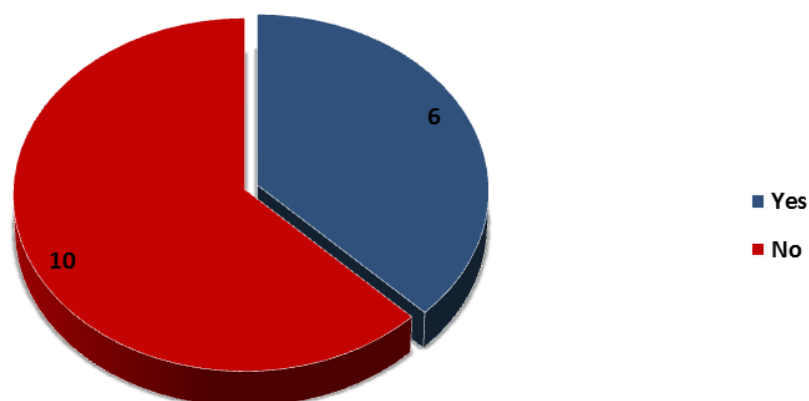
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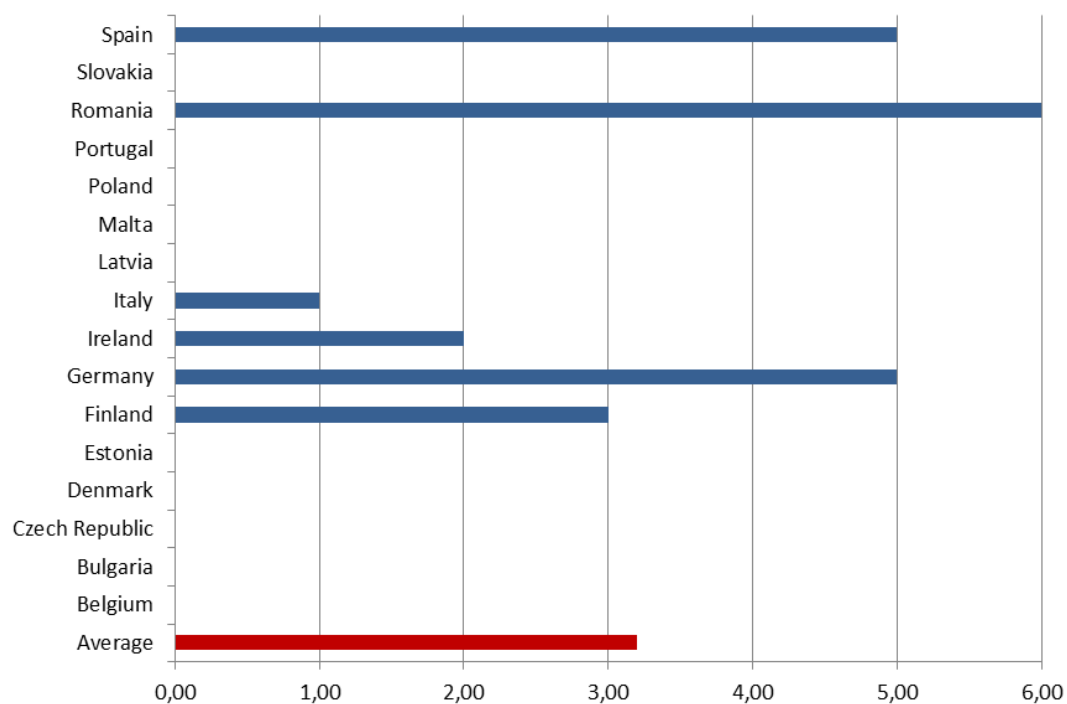
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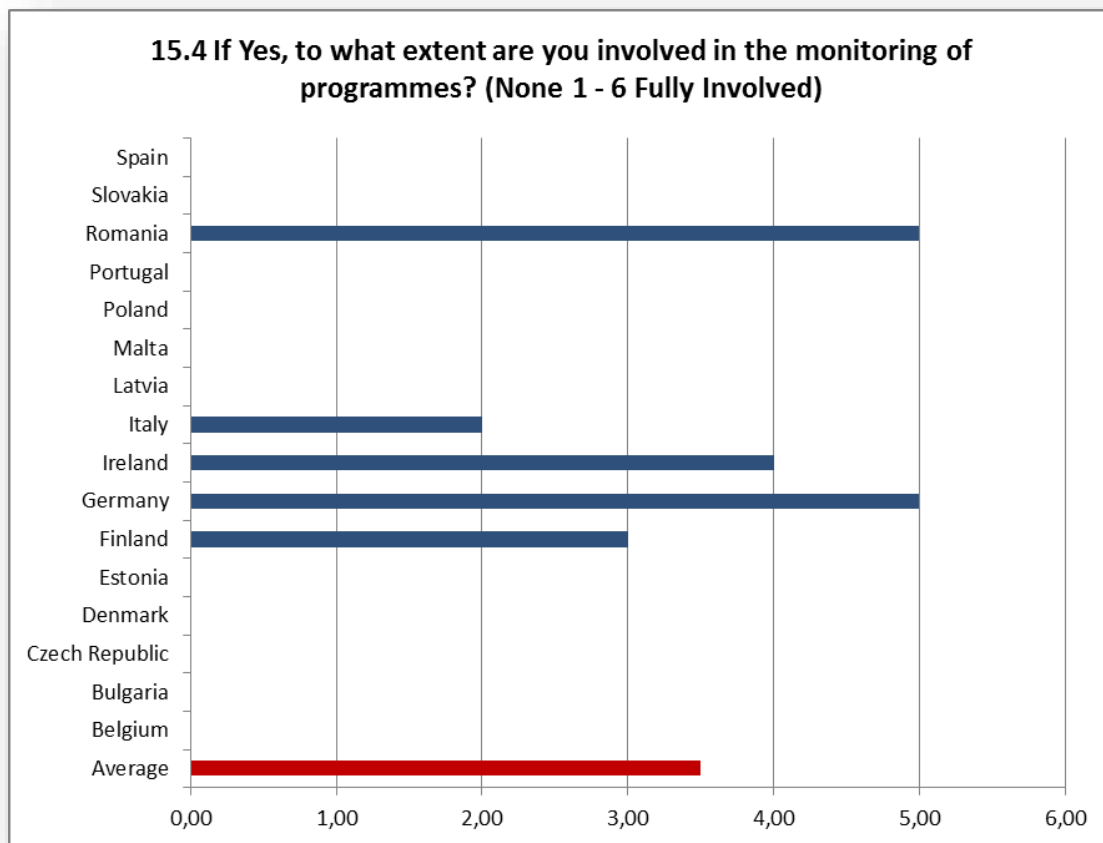
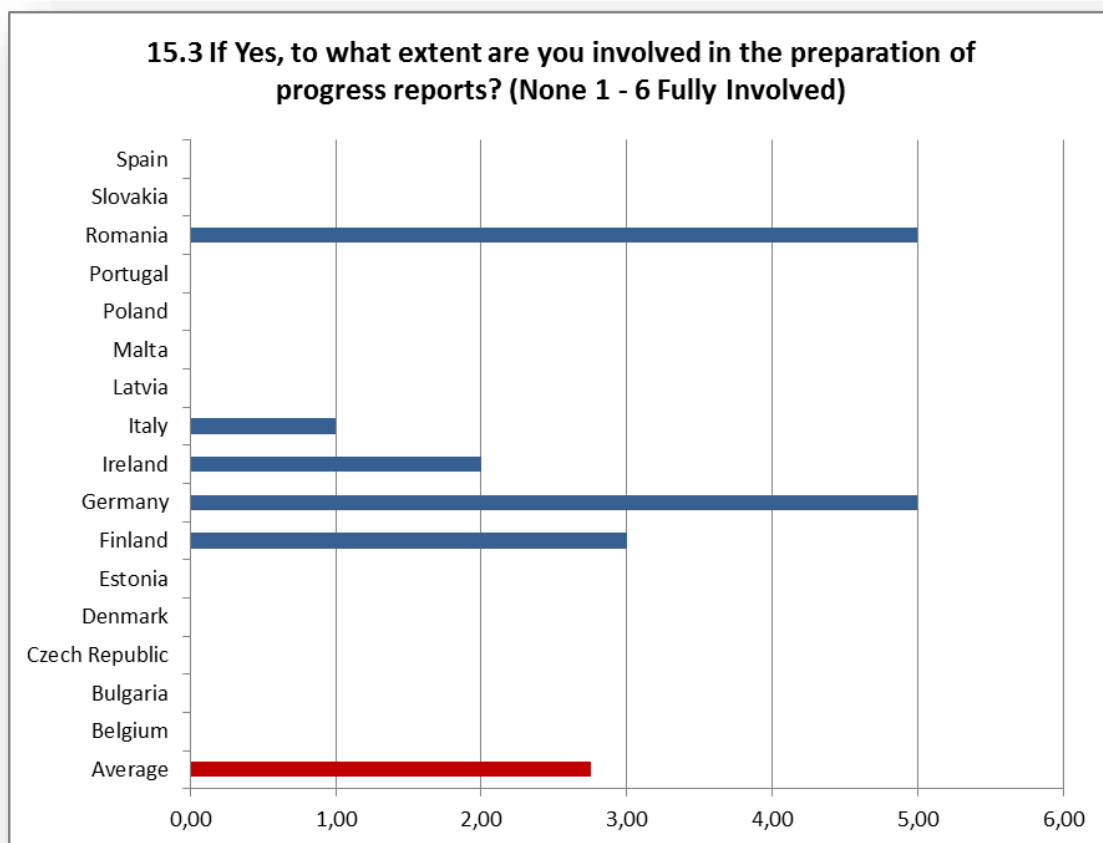


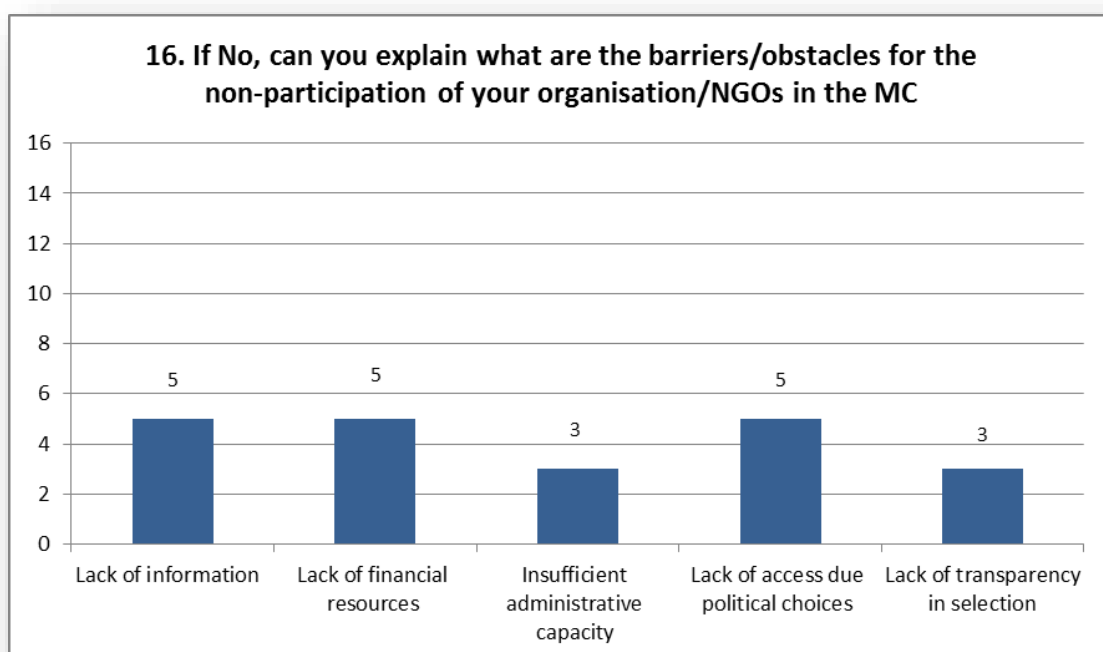
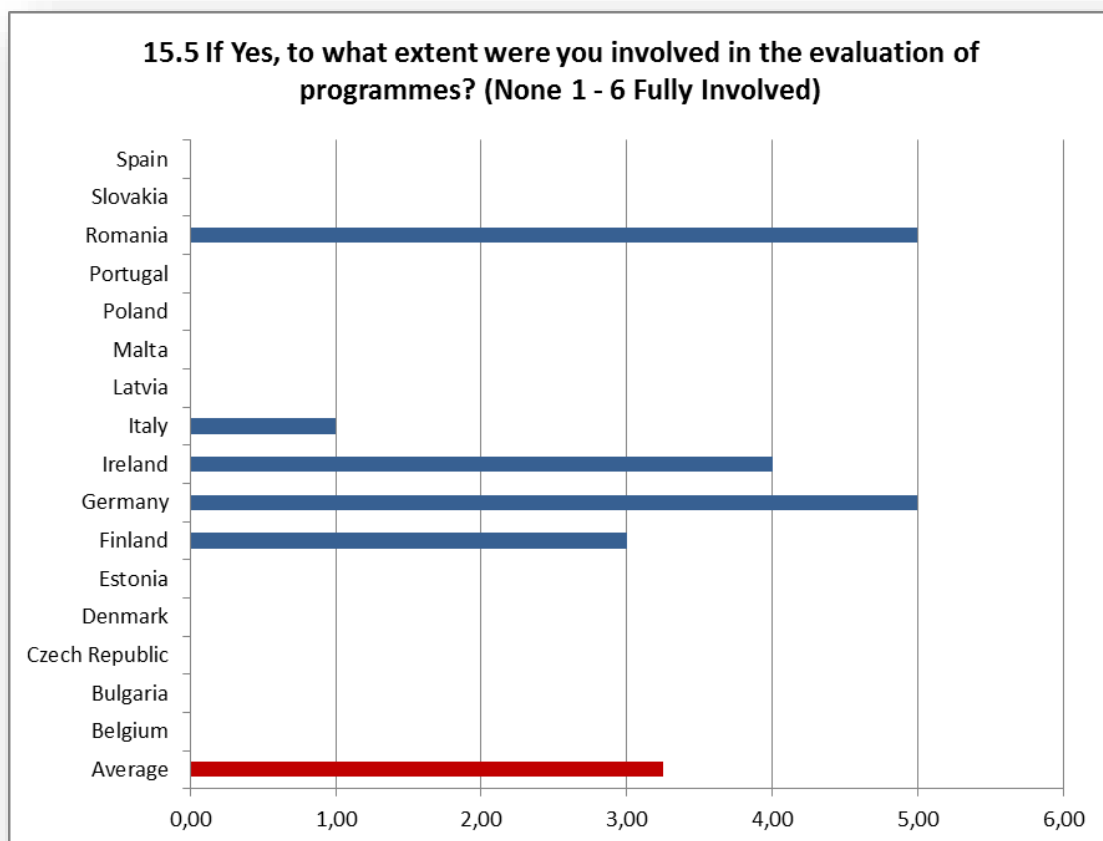
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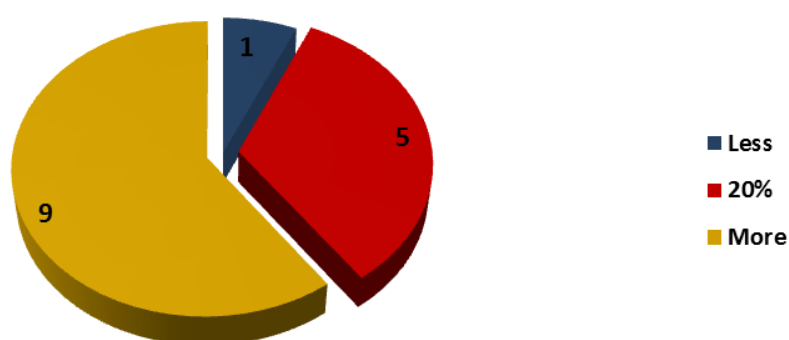




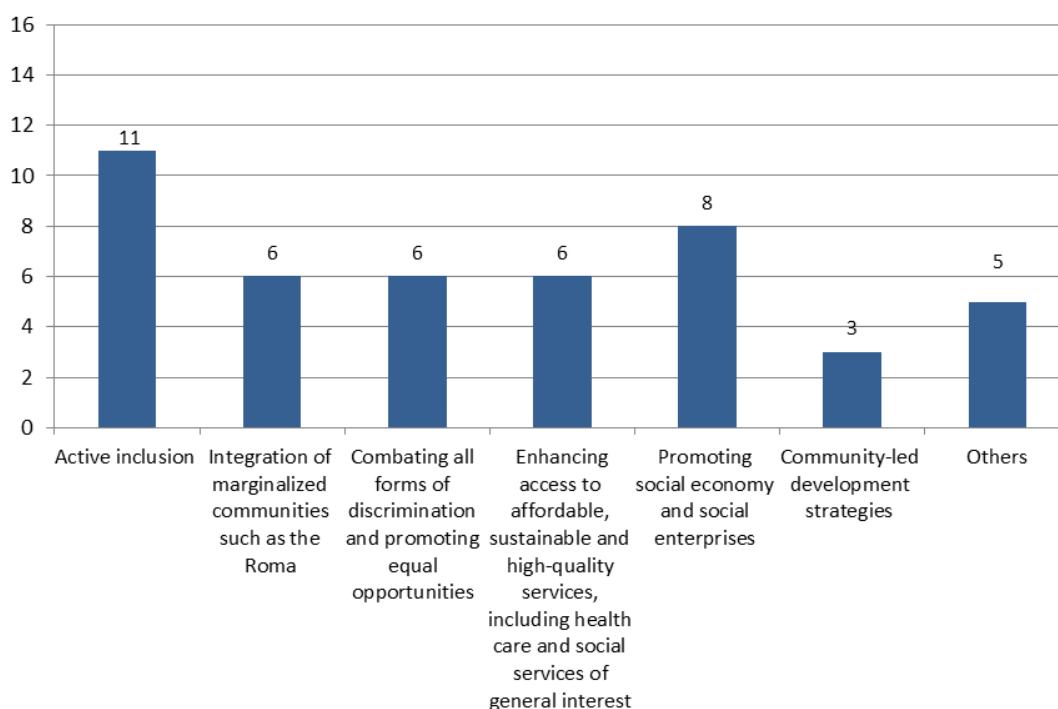
B- Analysing the Partnership Agreements and the Operational Programmes – monitoring the 20% of ESF dedicated to social inclusion and reduction

I - OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF SPENDING OF 20% OF ESF ON SOCIAL INCLUSION AND POVERTY REDUCTION

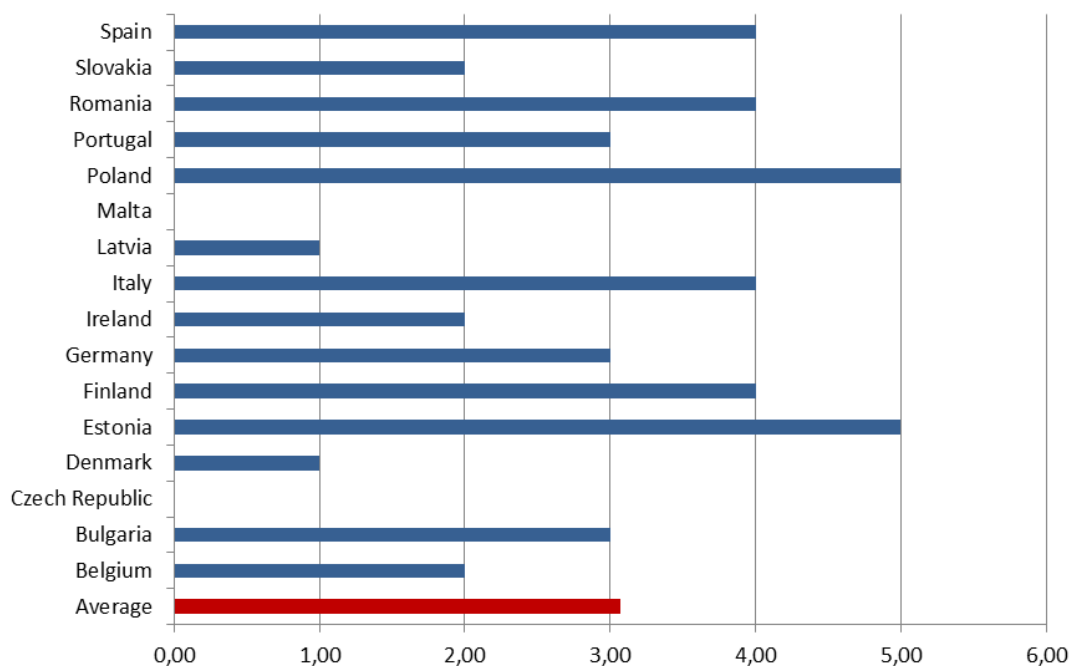
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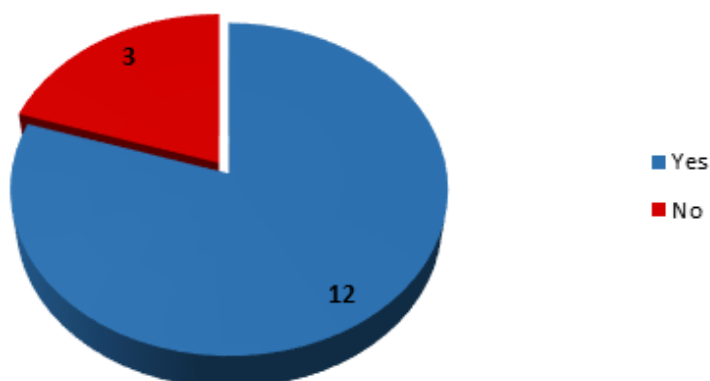
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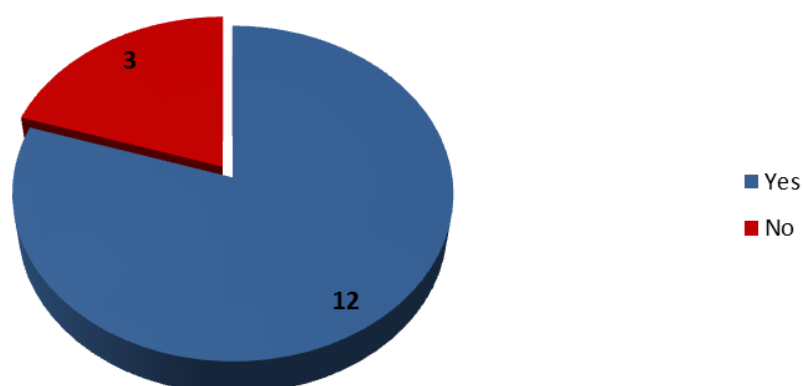
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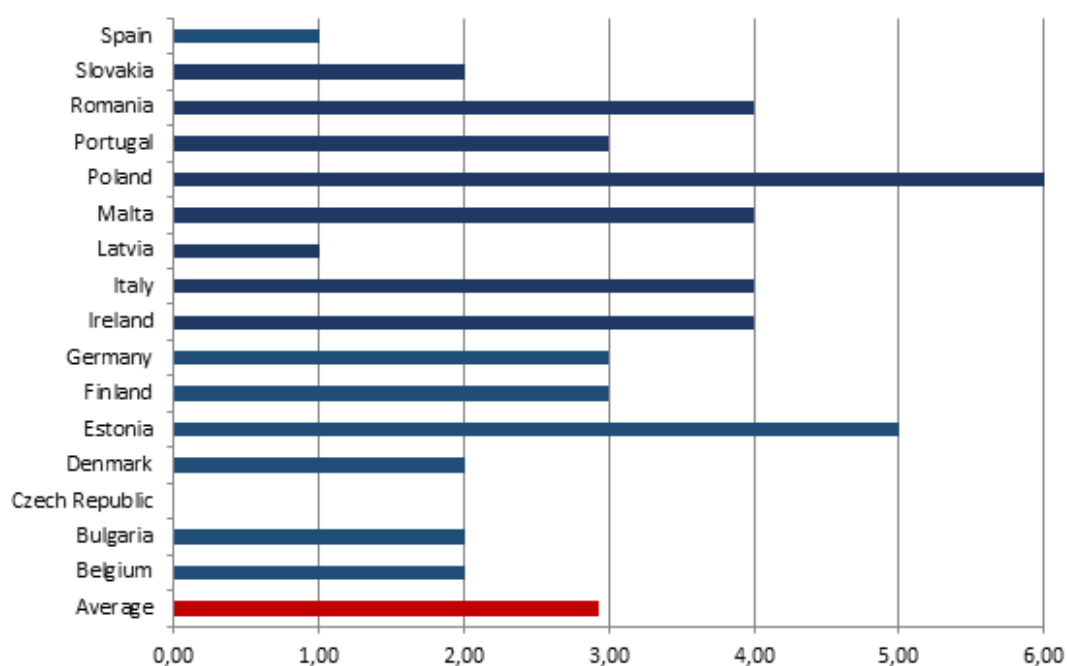


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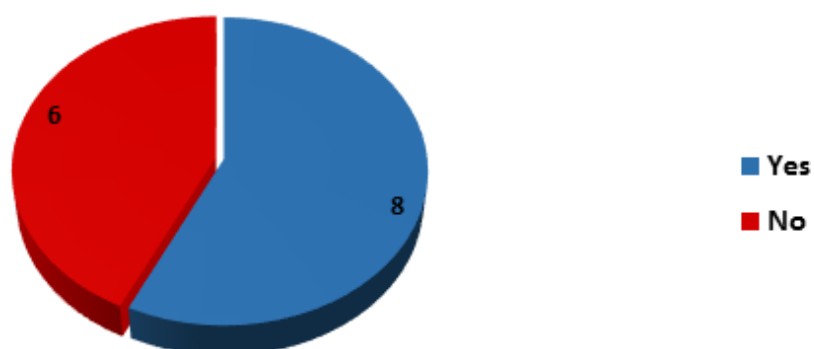


II - PROMOTING ACTIVE INCLUSION

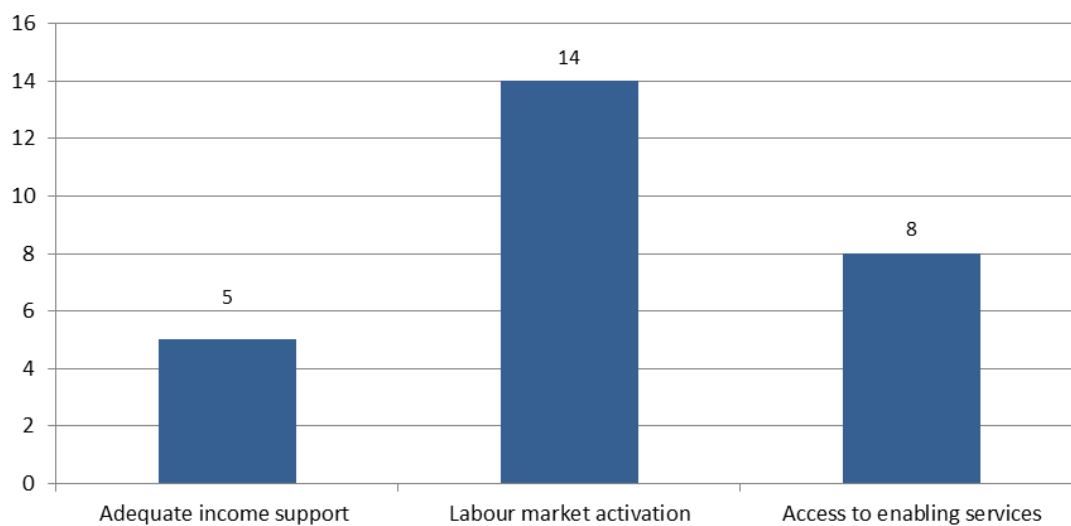
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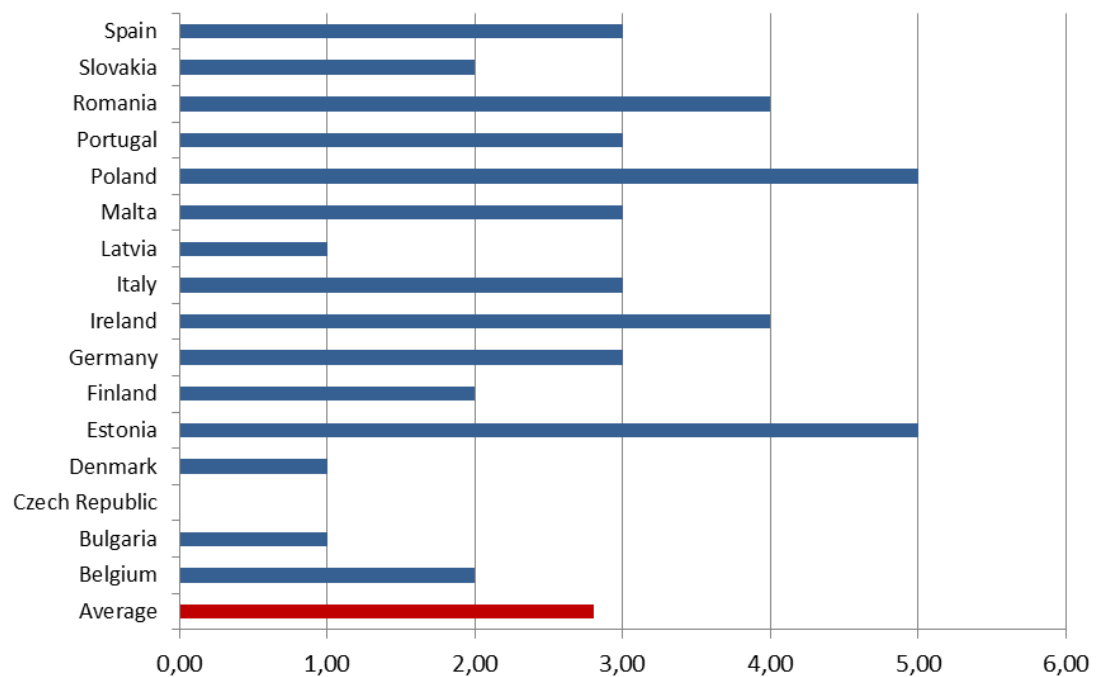
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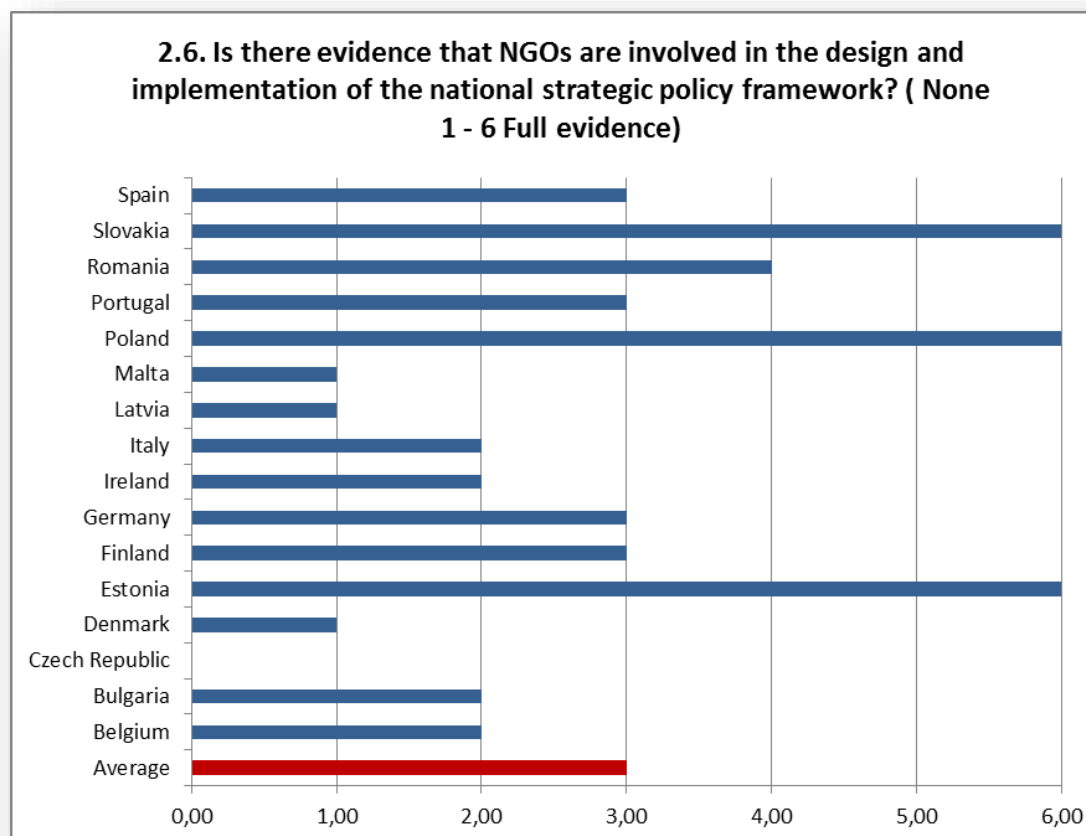
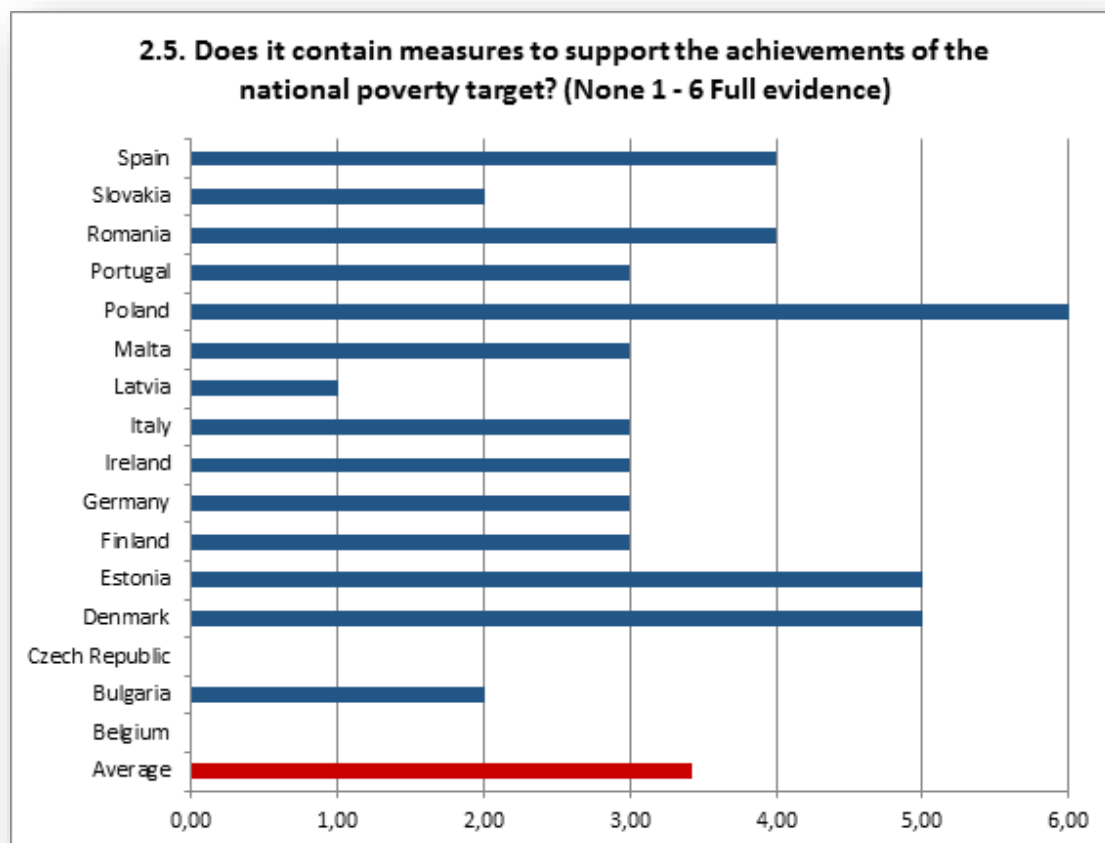


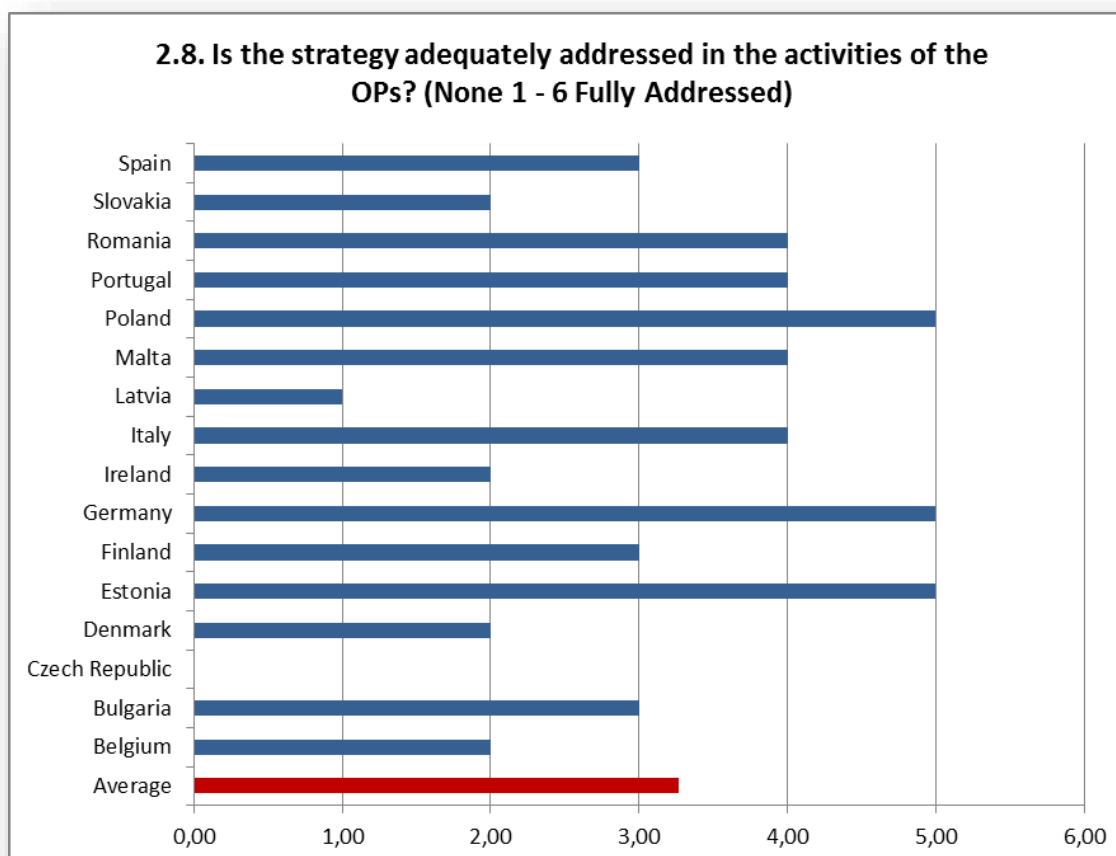
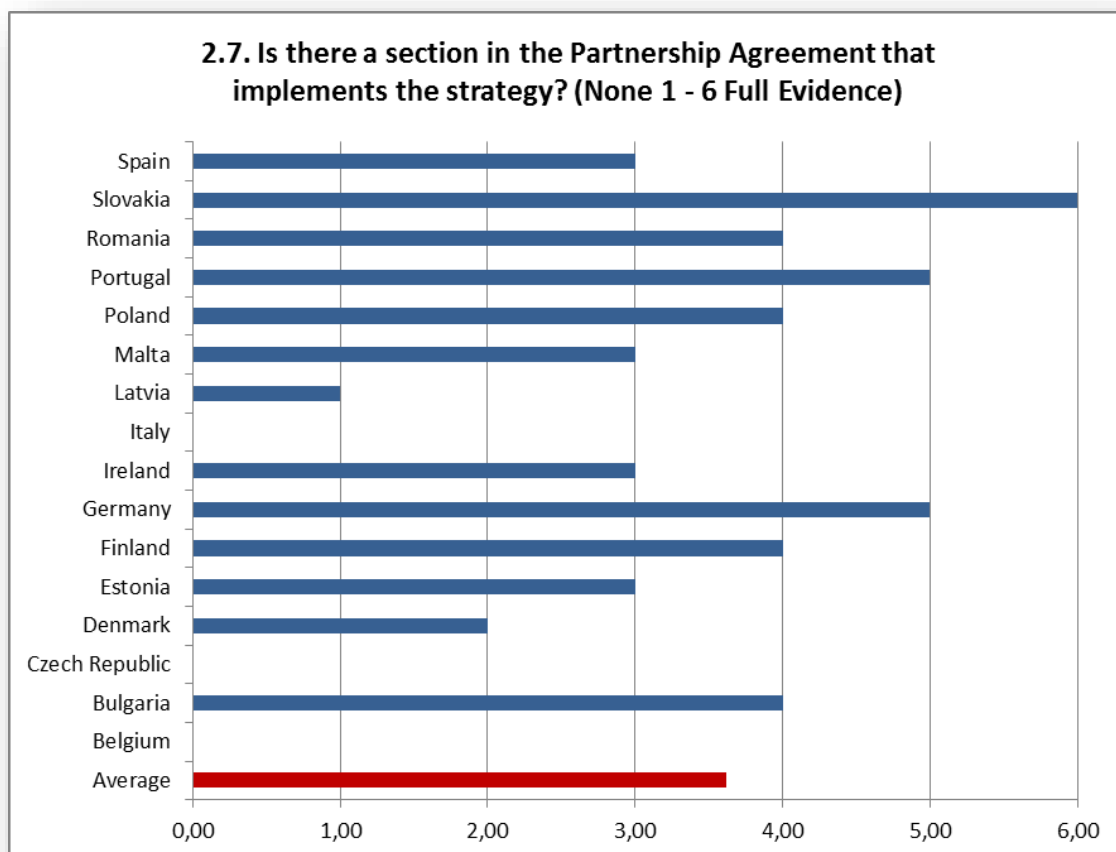
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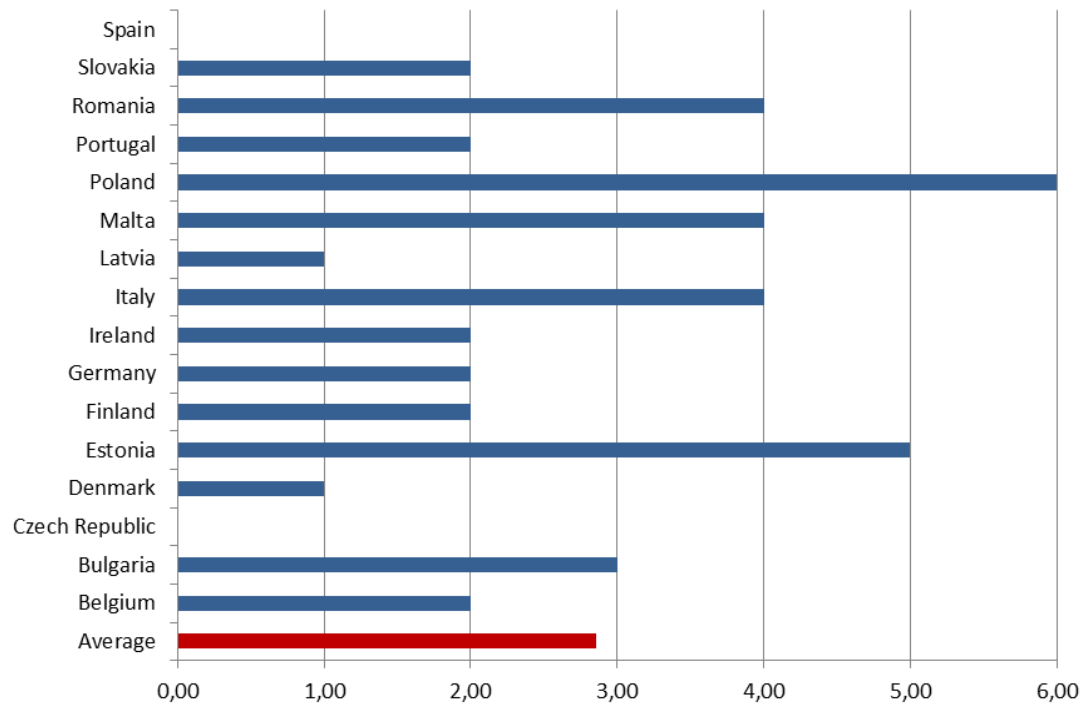
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Totally satisfied)**



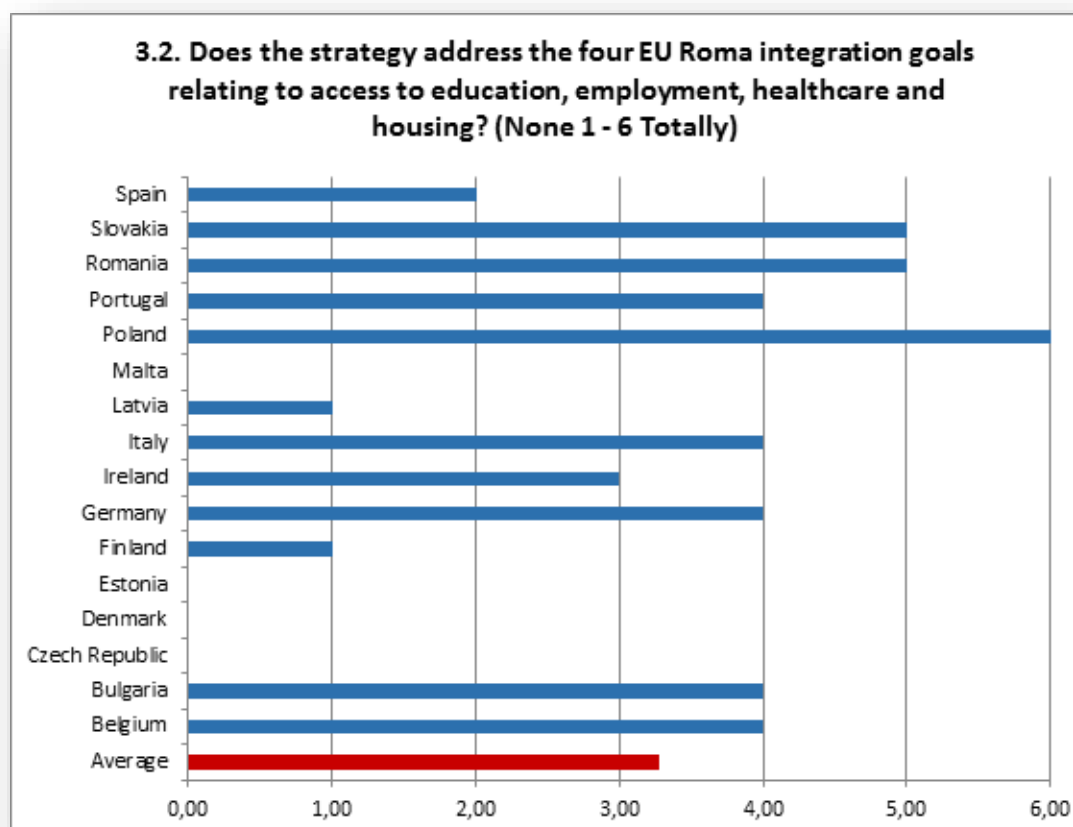
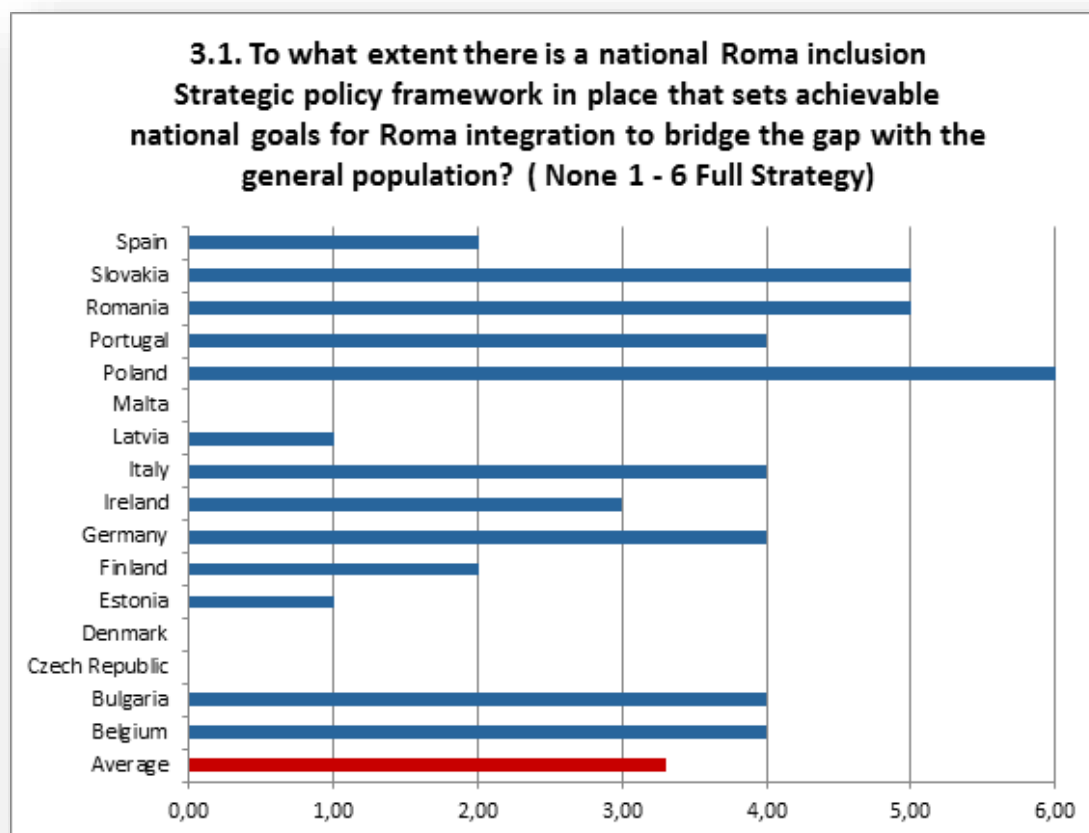




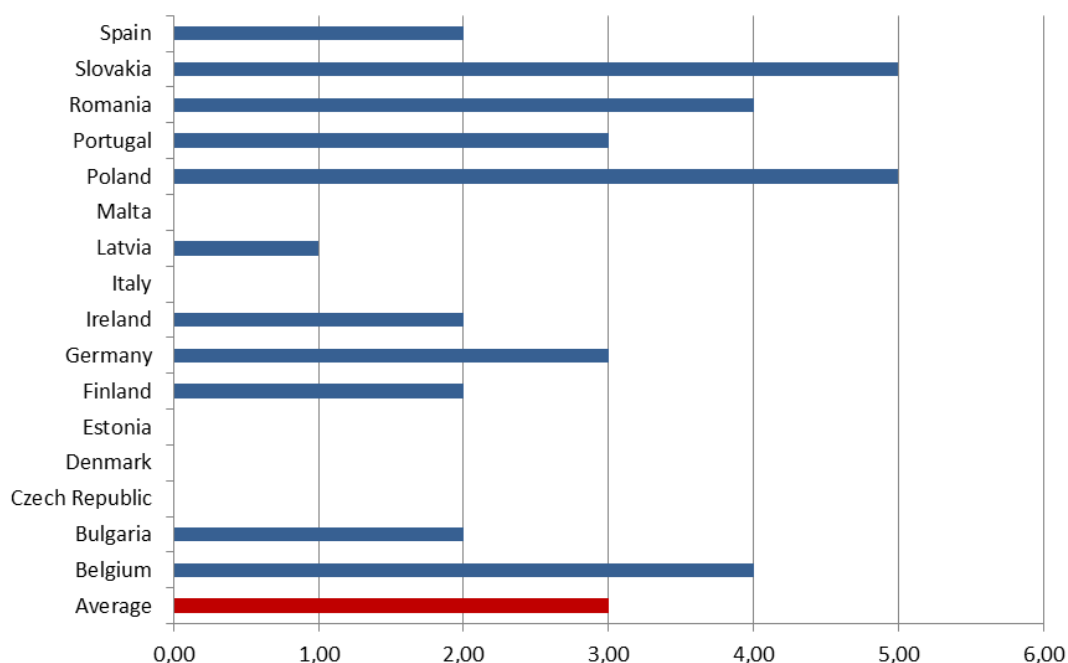
2.9 To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading? (None 1 - 6 Full Satisfied)



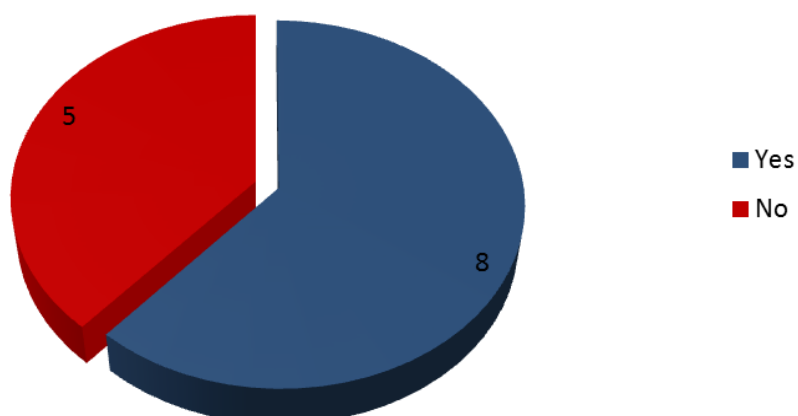
III – INTEGRATION OF MARGINALIZED ROMA COMMUNITIES (ONLY FOR COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ROMA COMMUNITIES)



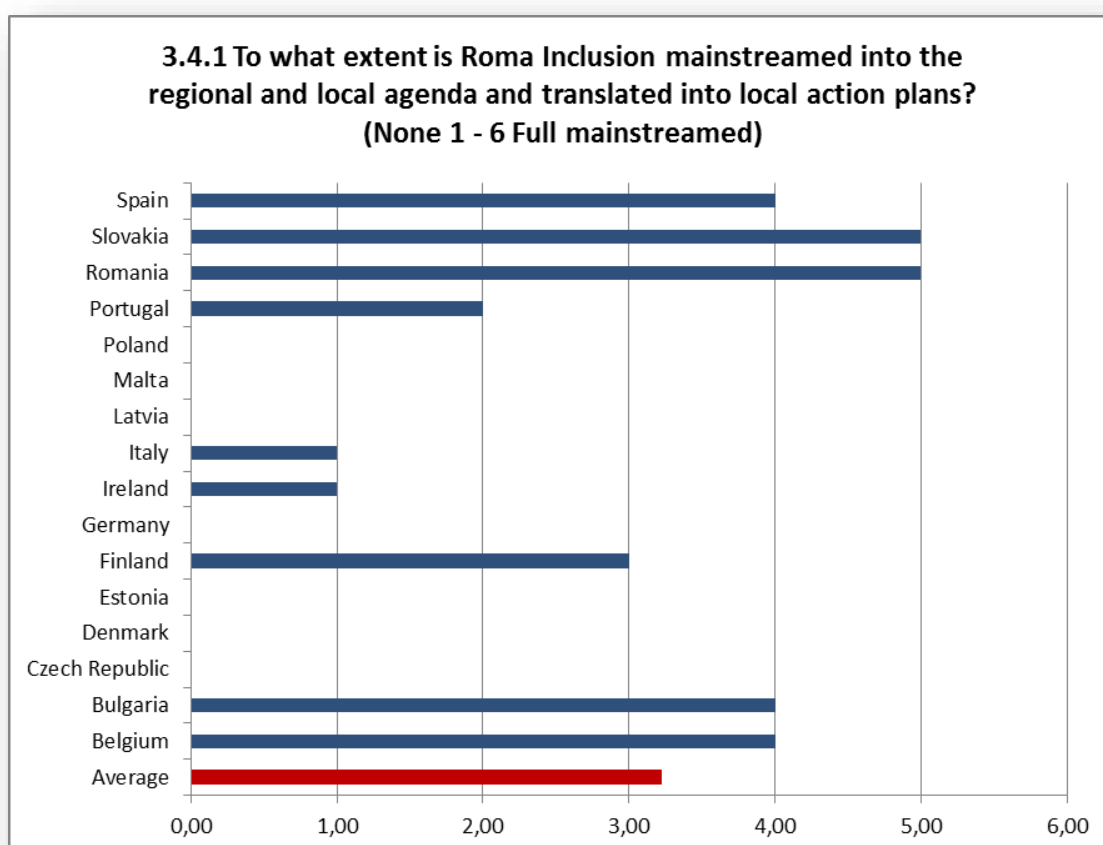
3.3. Is there a national monitoring system in place to assess the impact of the national Roma integration strategy (or set of policy measures)? (None 1 - 6 Full System)



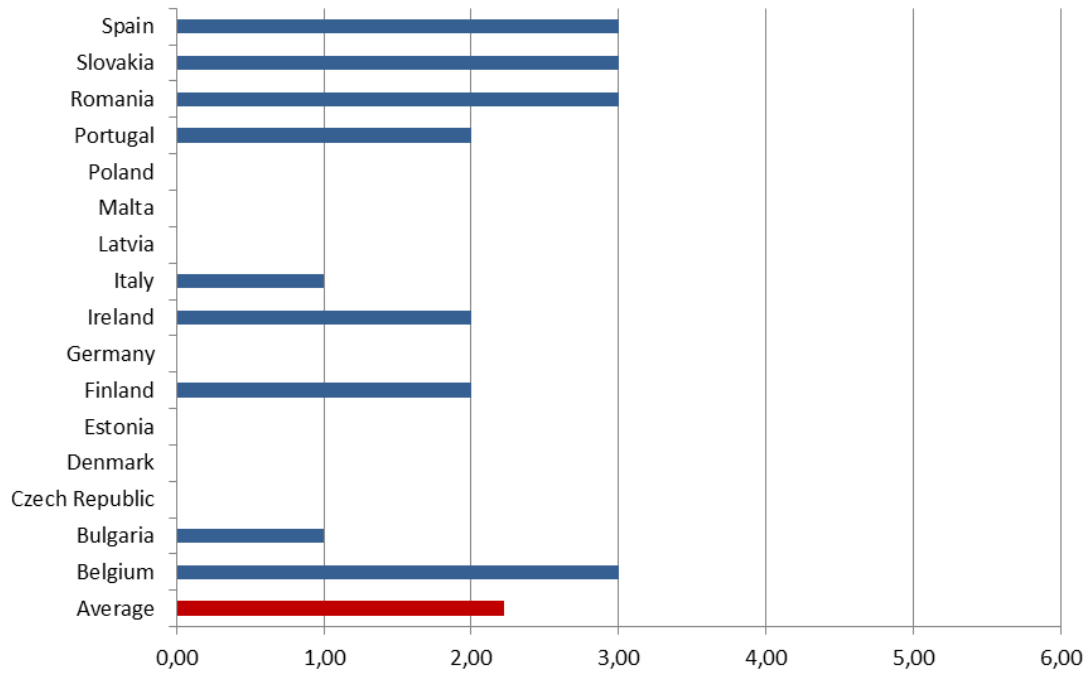
3.4. Is there a structured, continuous and transparent dialogue with civil society organizations active in the field of Roma inclusion and with Roma communities in the implementation and monitoring of the national strategy (or set of policy measures) as w



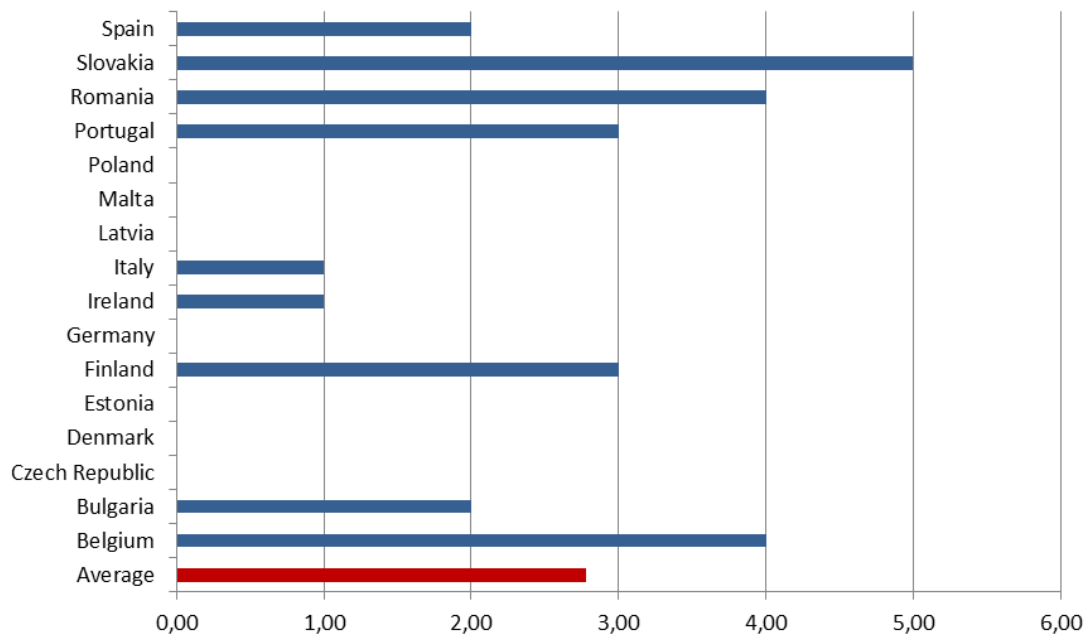
If yes, please answer the following questions.



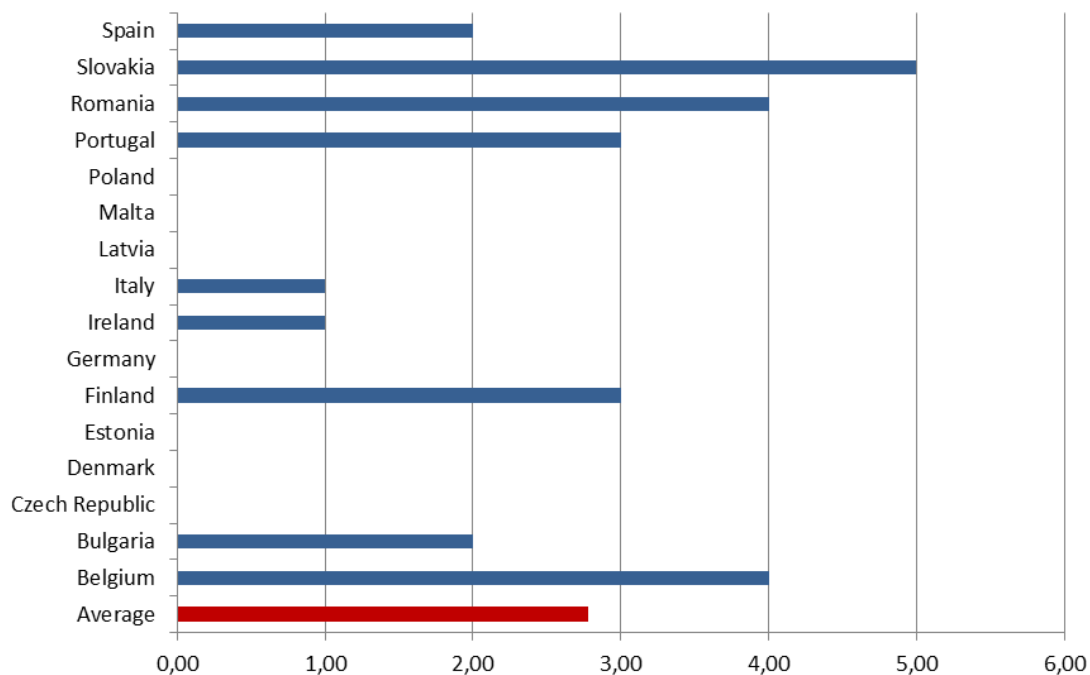
3.4.2. To what extent are the implementation of these plans supported by transparent and appropriate budgets and monitoring systems? (None 1 - 6 Full Support)



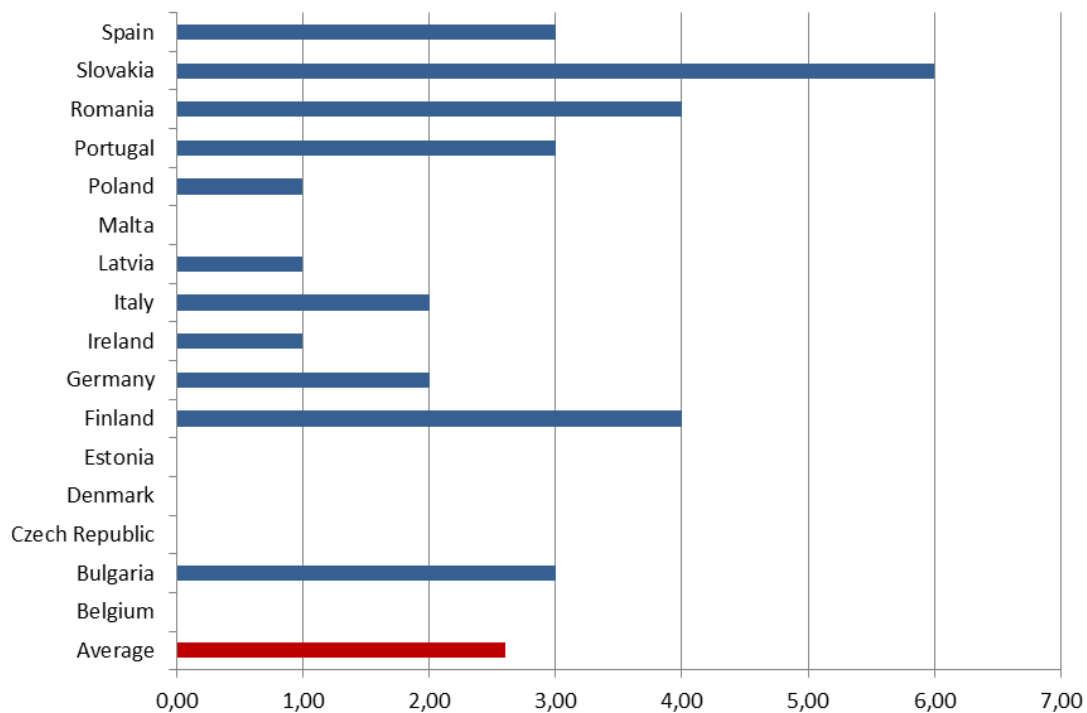
3.4.3. To what extent are there measures in place to support NGOs in preparing and submitting applications for projects, inter alia by providing information and advice on the design of operations and on the procedure for the submission of applications?

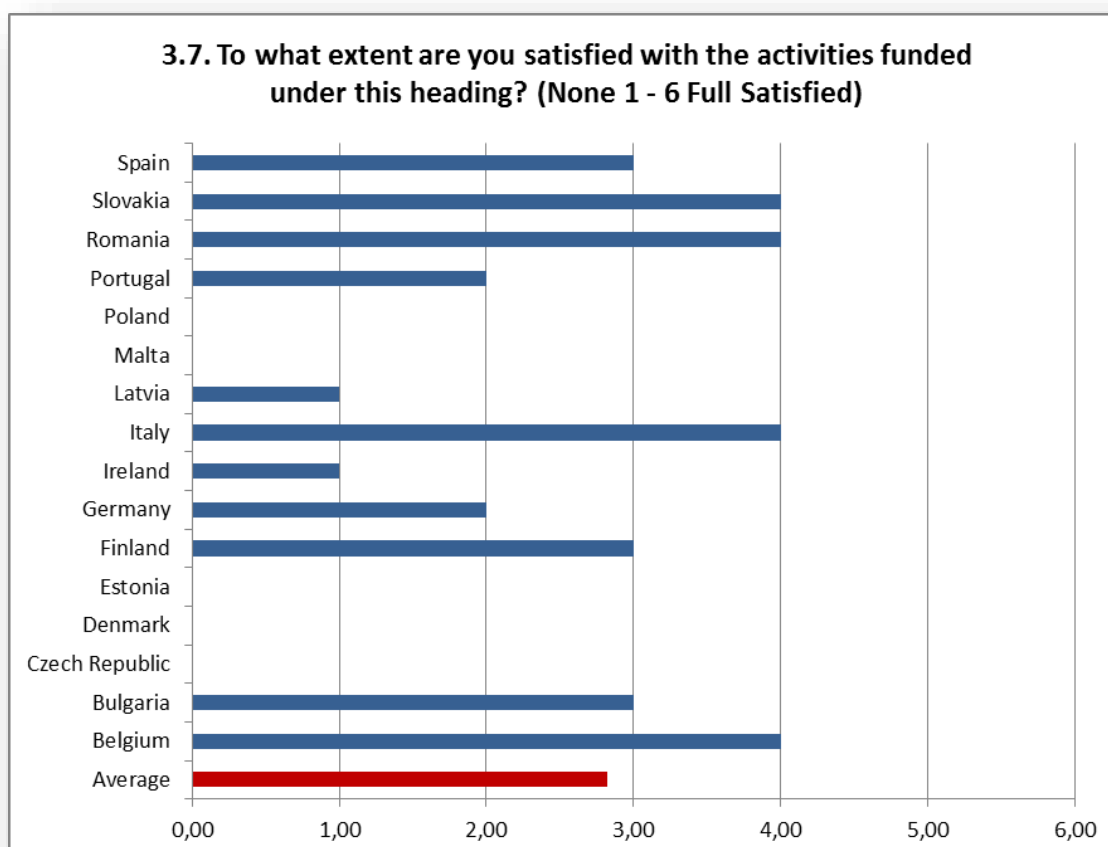
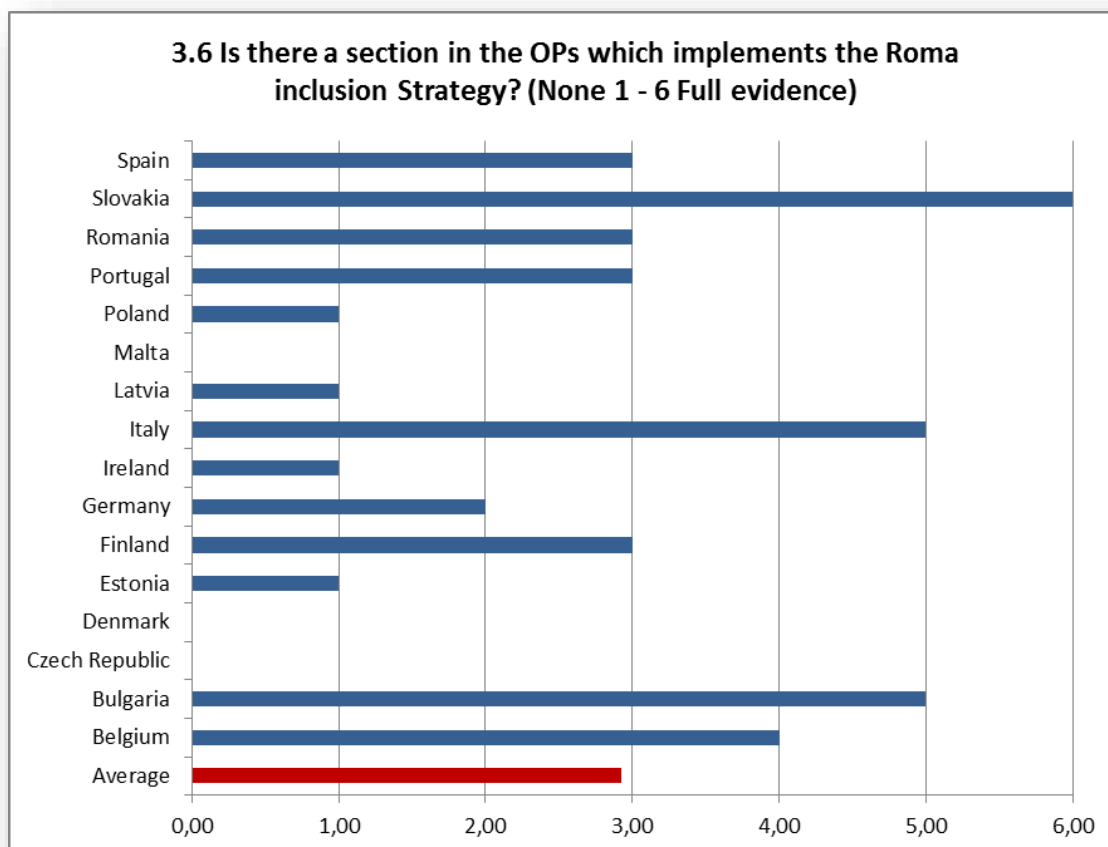


3.4.4. To what extent are there measures in place to support beneficiaries to implement and manage the selected projects, inter alia by providing information and advice? (None 1 - 6 Full Support)



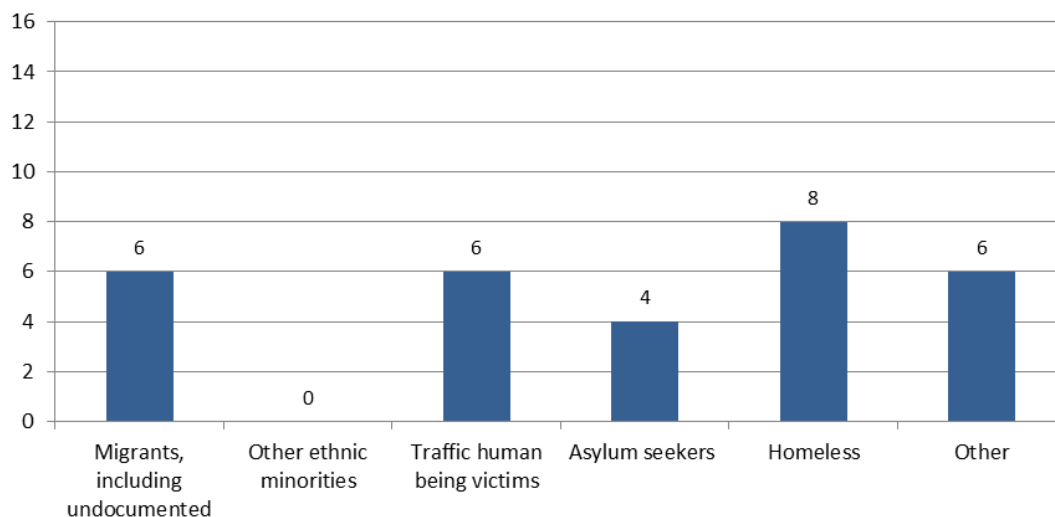
3.5. Is there a section in the PA which implements the Roma inclusion strategy? (None 1 - 6 Full evidence)



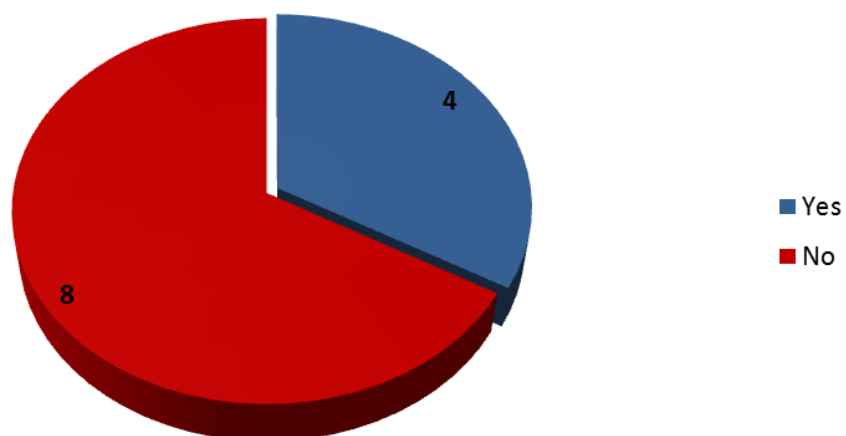


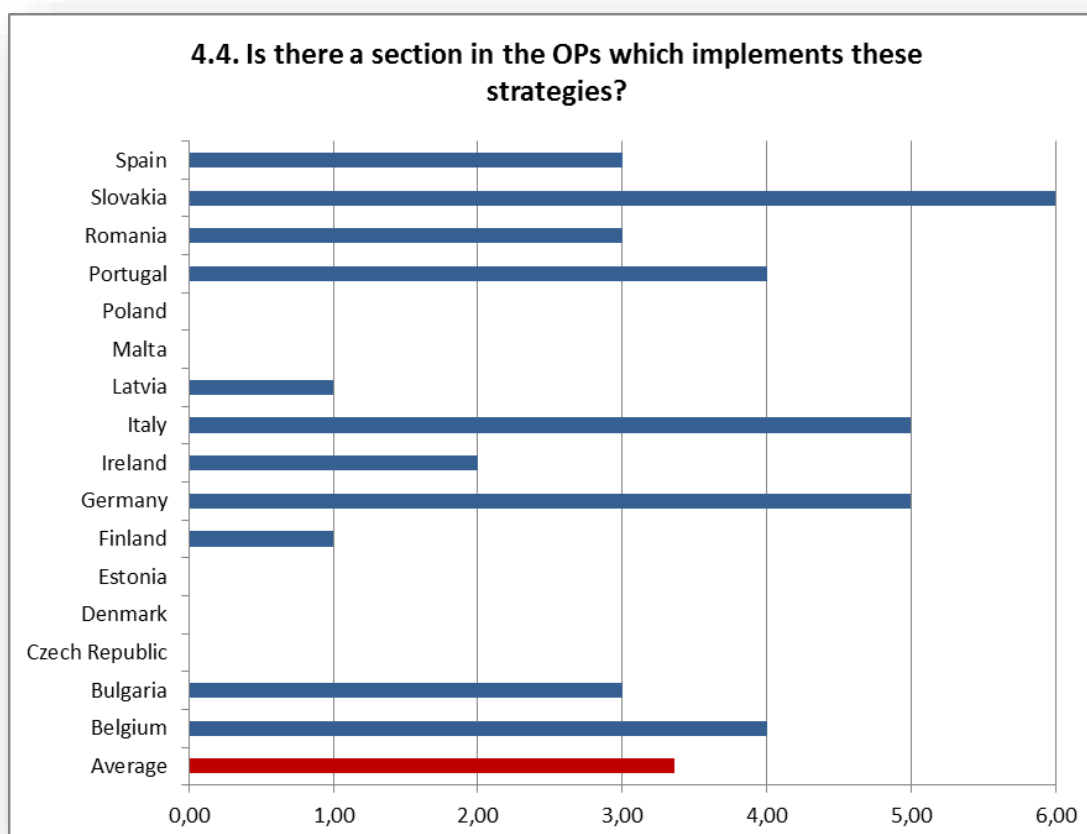
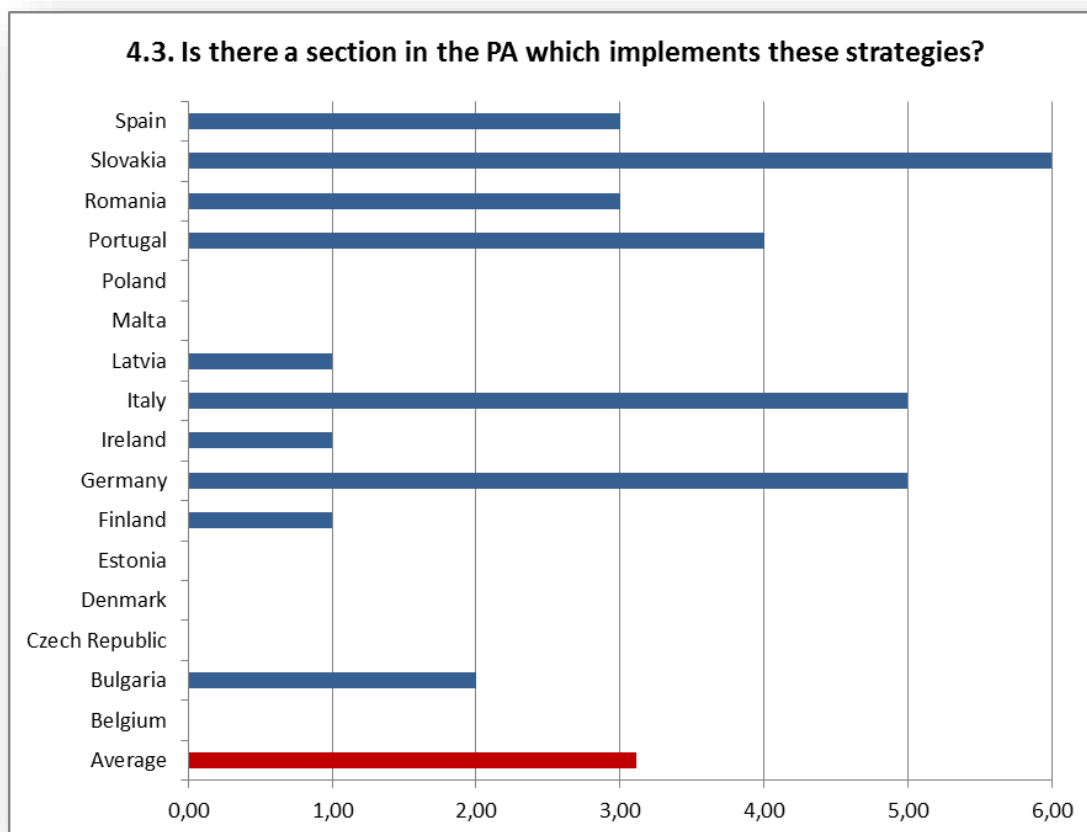
IV – INTEGRATION OF OTHER MARGINALIZED GROUPS (MIGRANTS, INCLUDING UNDOCUMENTED, OTHER ETHNIC MINORITIES, TRAFFIC HUMAN BEING VICTIMS; ASYLUM SEEKERS, HOMELESS, OTHERS)?

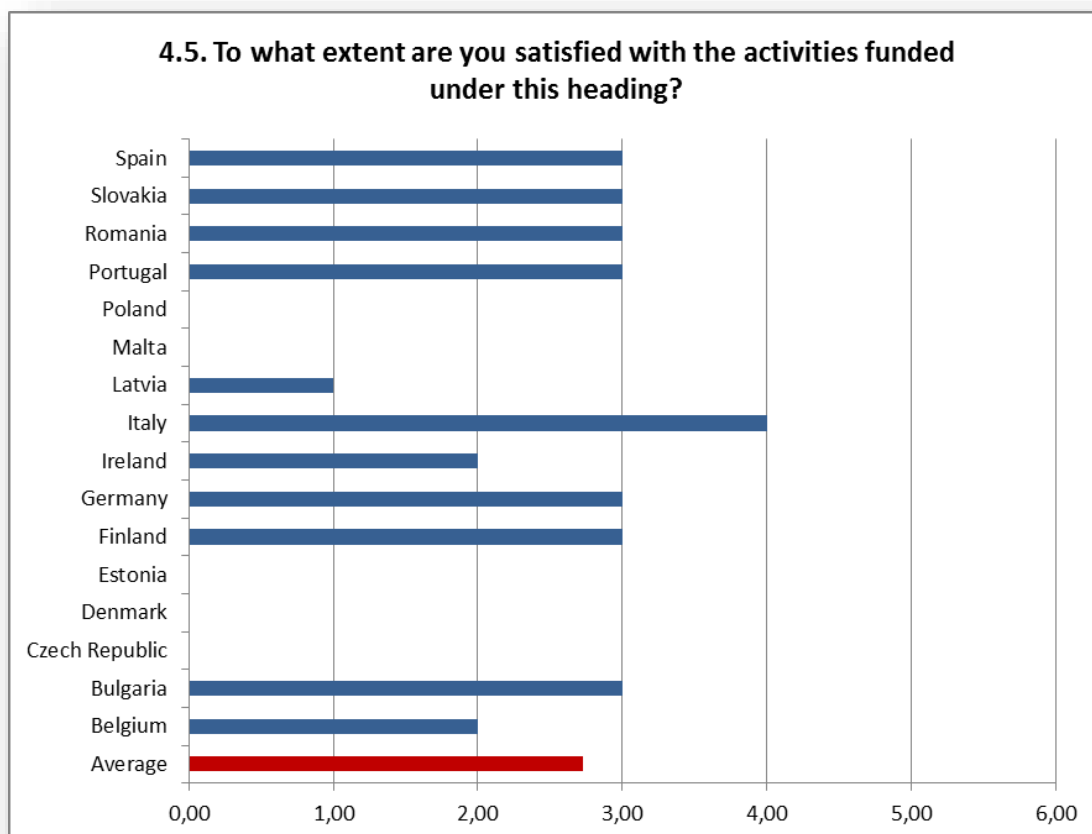
4.1. Is there a specific strategy in place to support the integration of other marginalized groups?



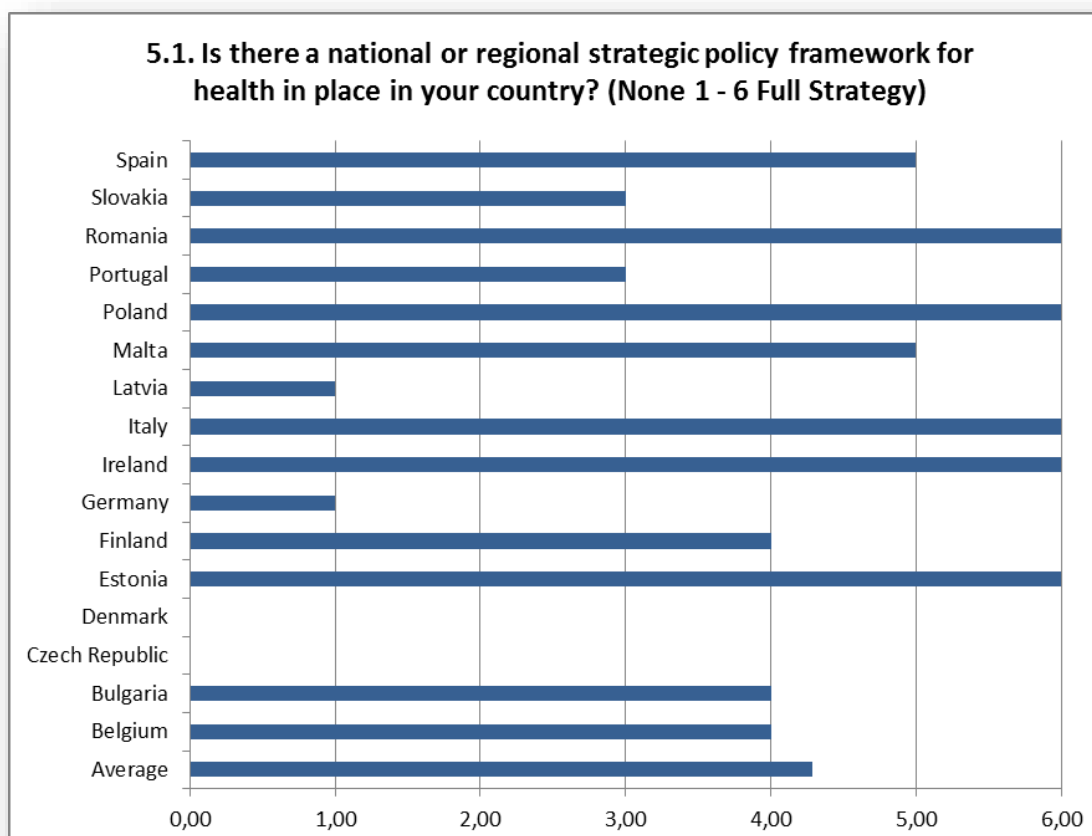
4.2. Were you involved in the development of this strategy?



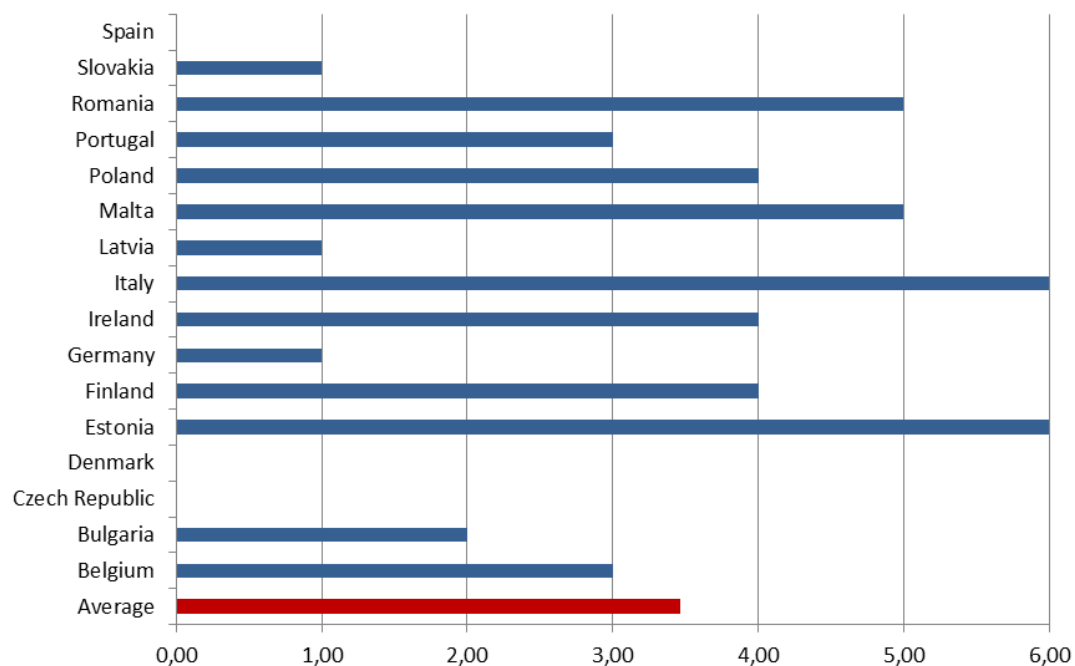




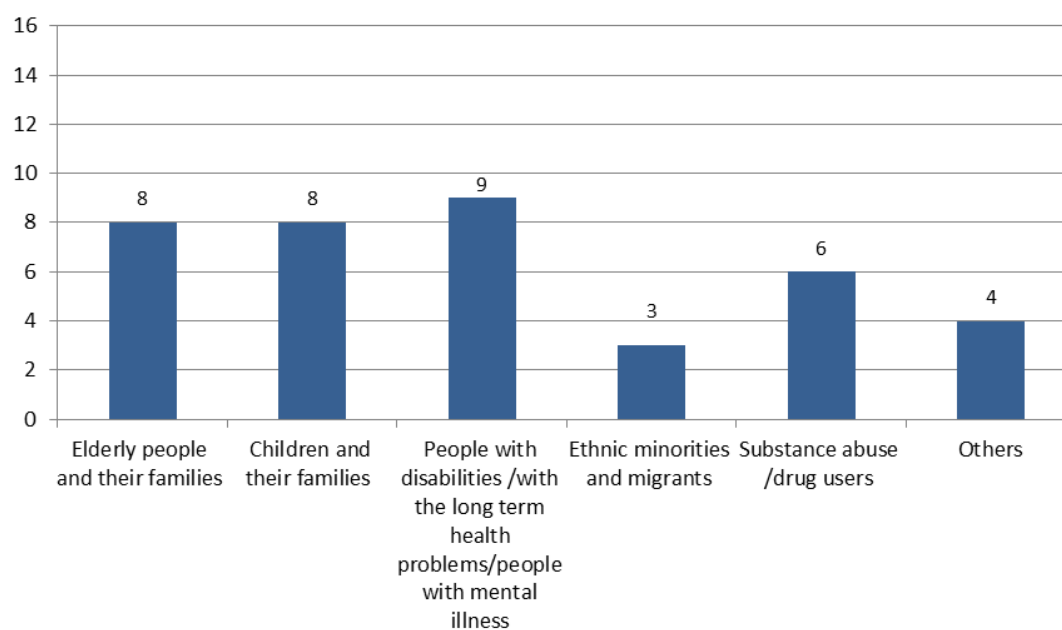
V - ACCESS TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES OF GENERAL INTEREST



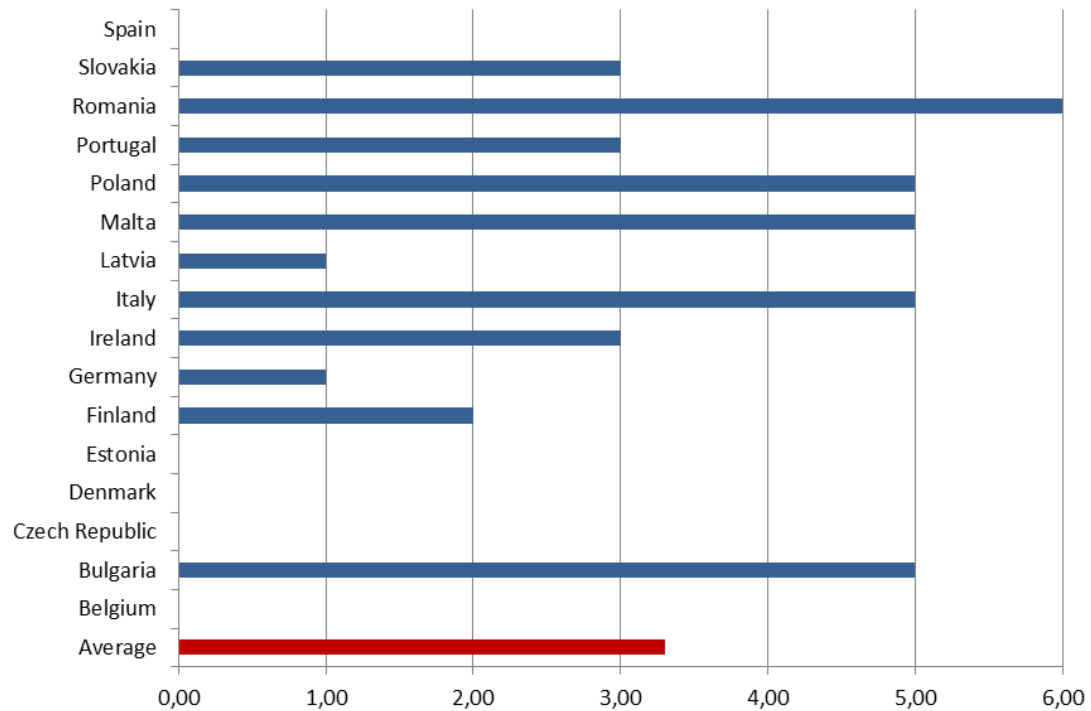
5.2. In the strategy are there explicit measures to facilitate the access of care, with quality and with affordable prices to all people throughout the life cycle? (None 1 - 6 Full measures)



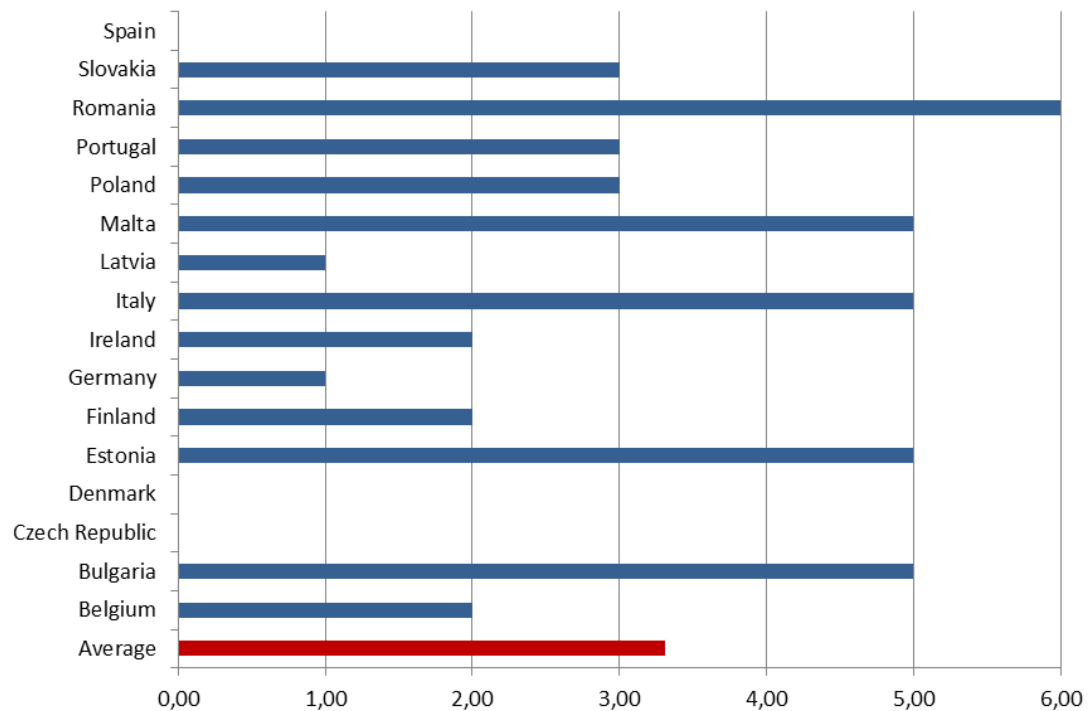
5.3. Are there specific measures to ensure the access of key target groups?



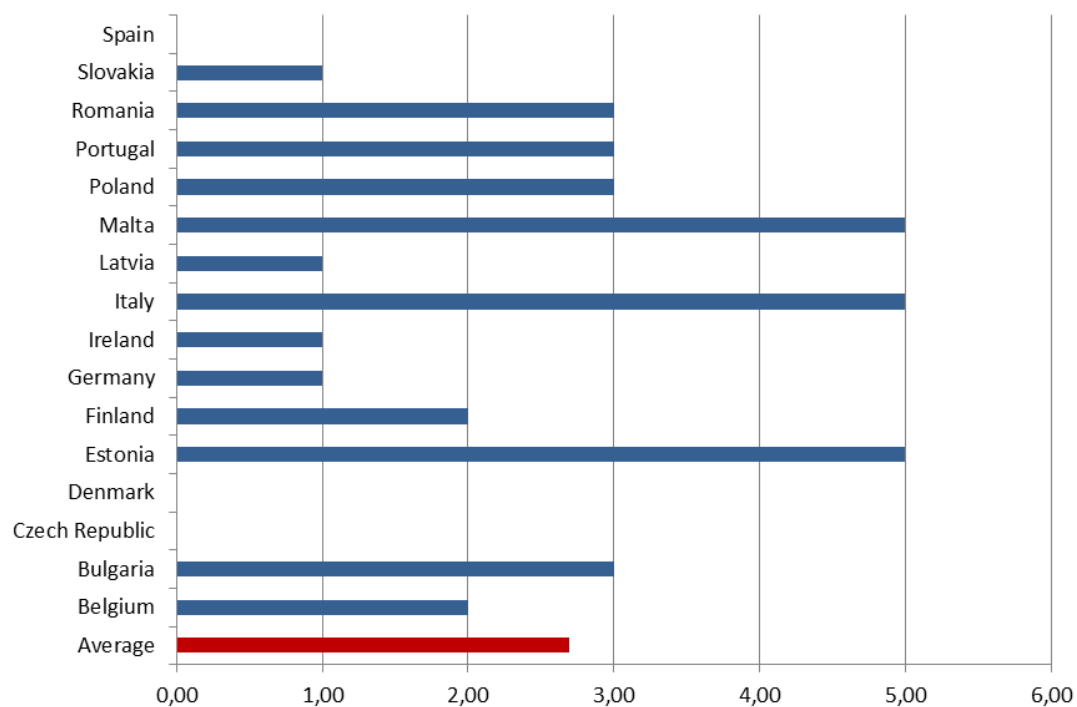
5.4. Is there a section in the PA that focuses on improvement of access to health care? (None 1 - 6 Full Evidence)



5.5. Is there a section in the OPs that focuses on improvement of access to health care? (None 1 - 6 Full Evidence)

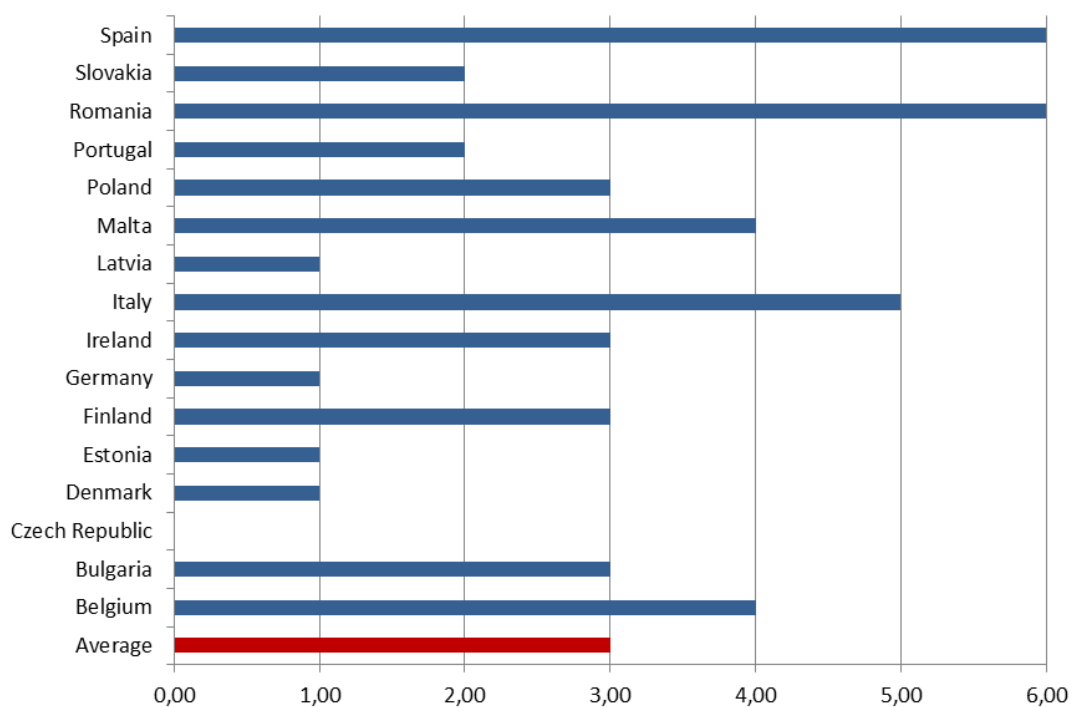


5.6.To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading? (None 1 - 6 Fully Satisfied)

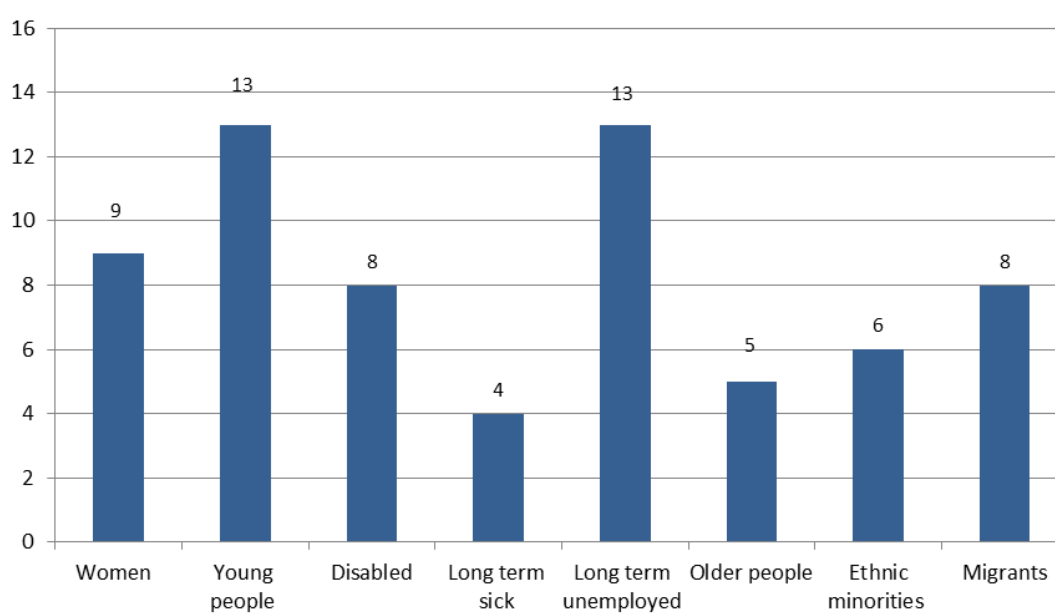


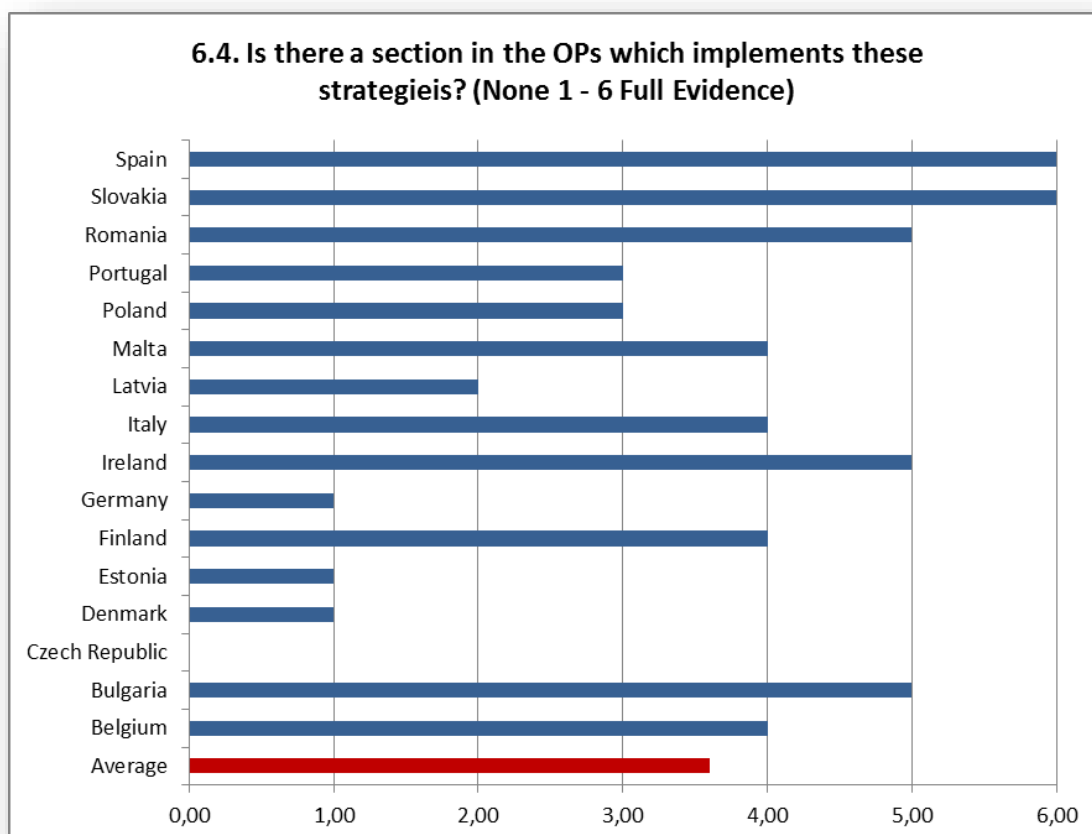
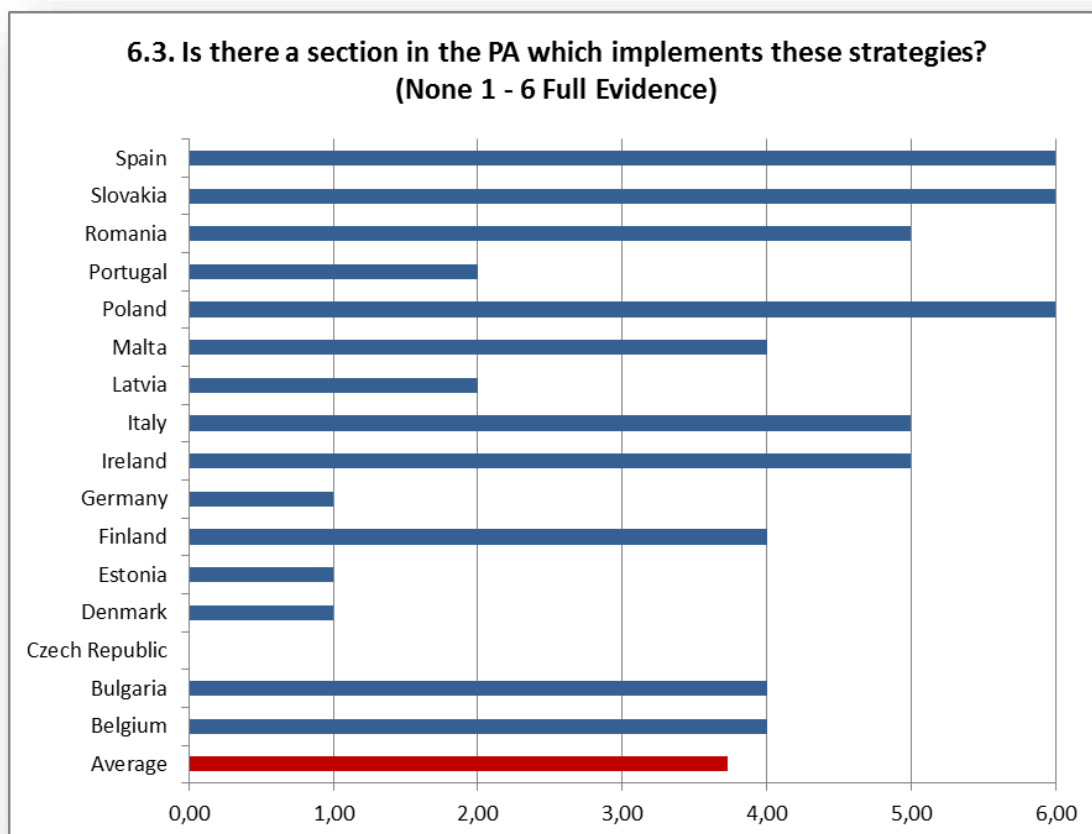
VI – PROMOTING ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE AND QUALITY EMPLOYMENT

6.1. Does the PA promote access to quality employment for people who are excluded from the labour market?

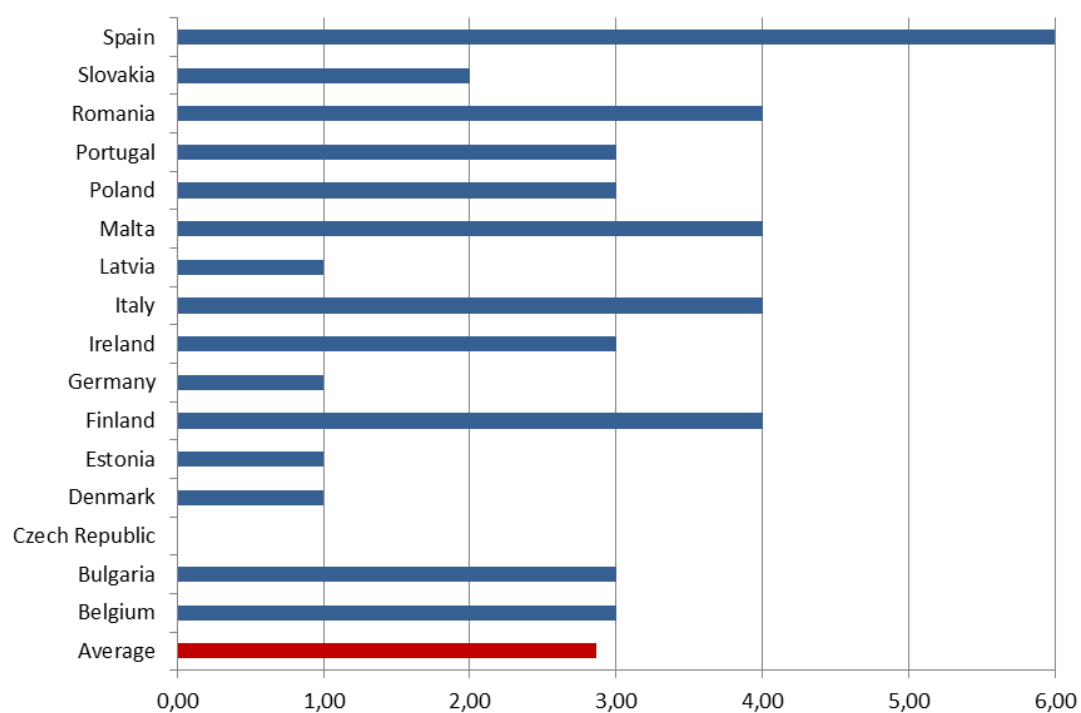


6.2. Which groups?



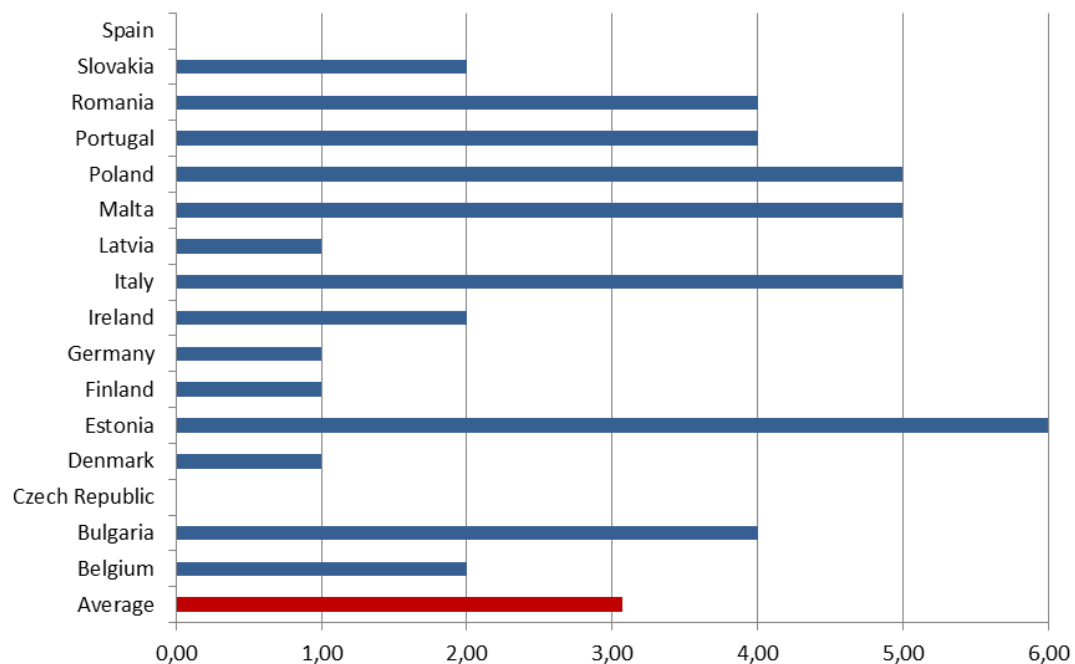


6.5. To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading? (None 1 - 6 Full Satisfied)

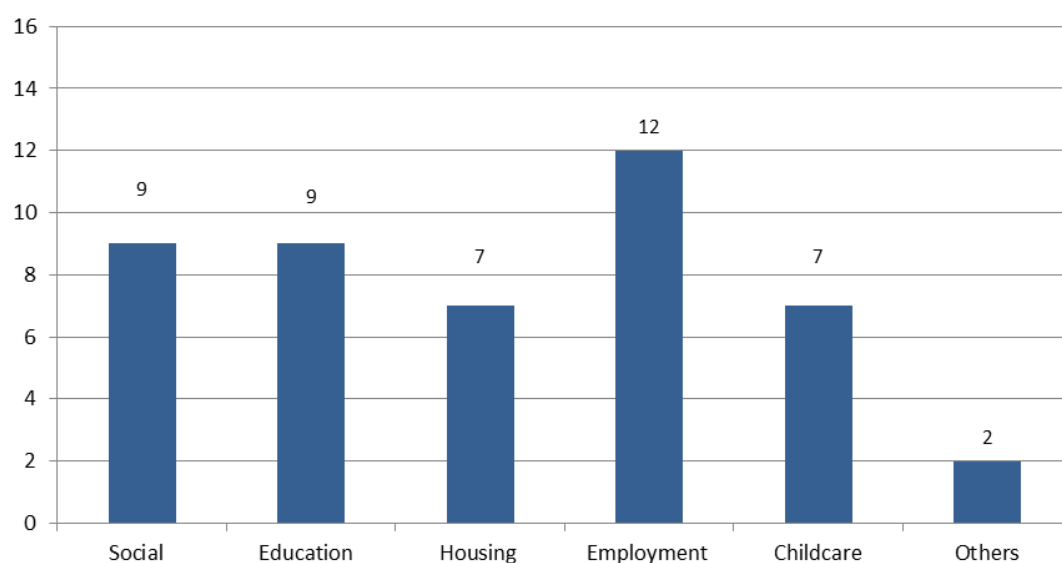


VII – ENHANCING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, SUSTAINABLE, HIGH QUALITY SERVICES

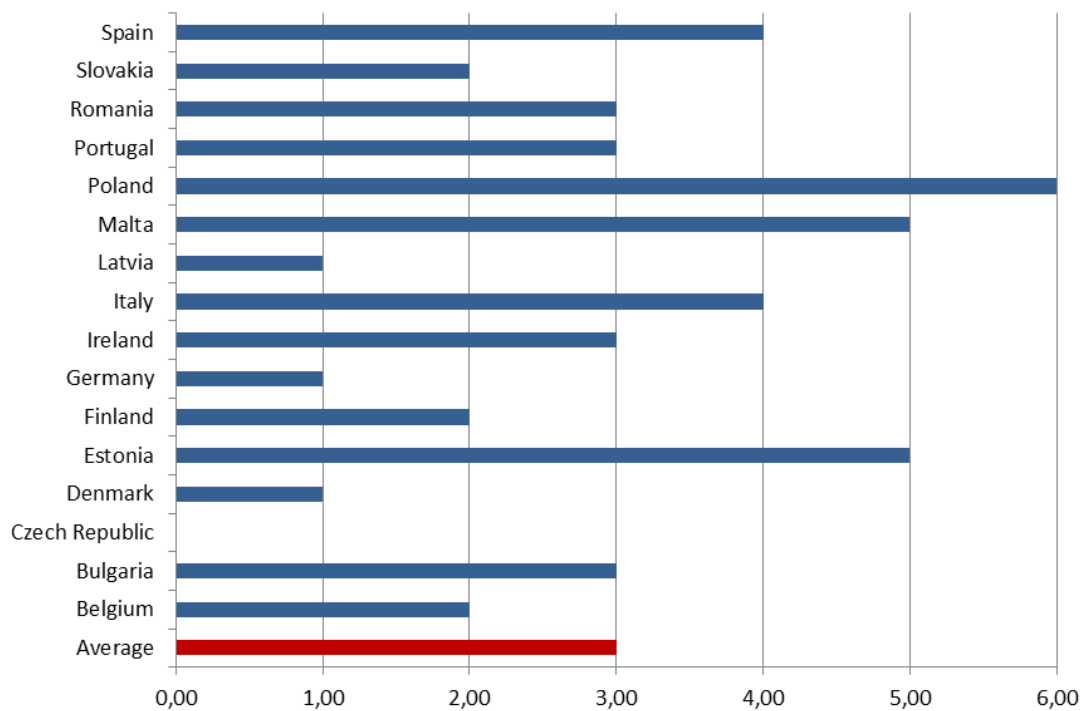
7.1. Does the PA/OPs in the section on social inclusion/poverty improve access to services for disadvantaged groups? (None 1 - 6 Full Access)



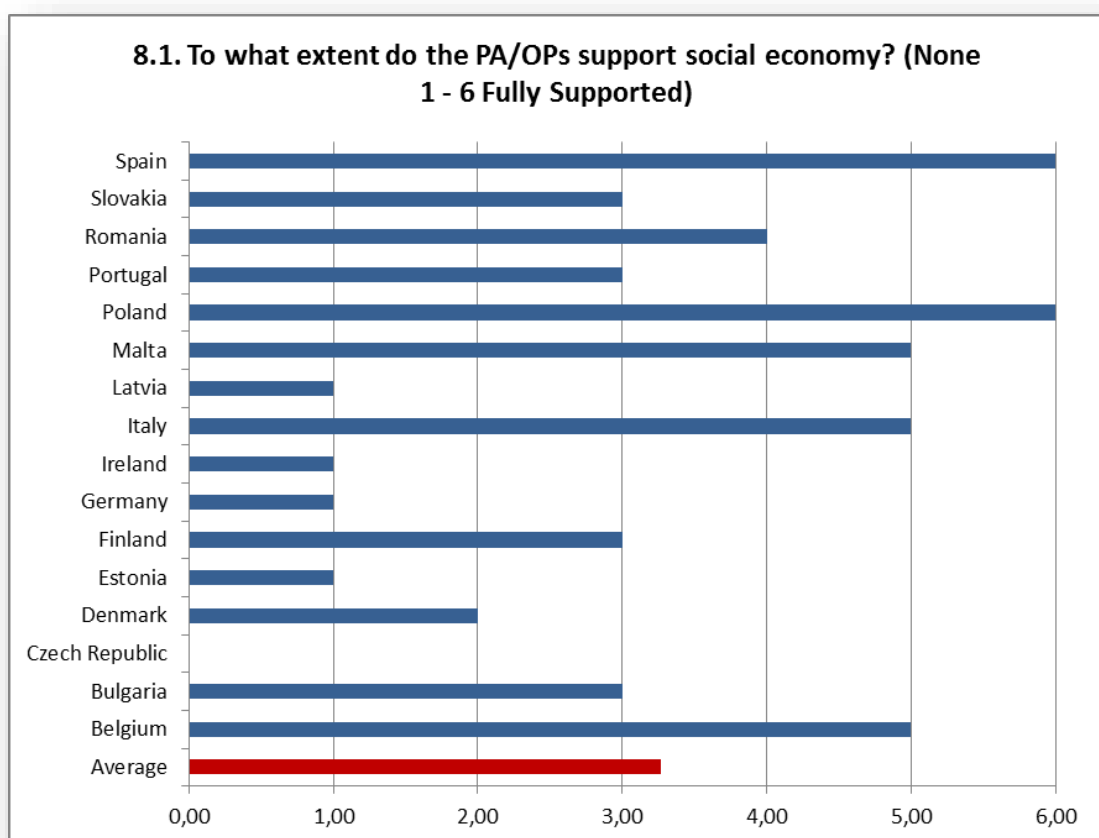
7.2. Which services are improved?



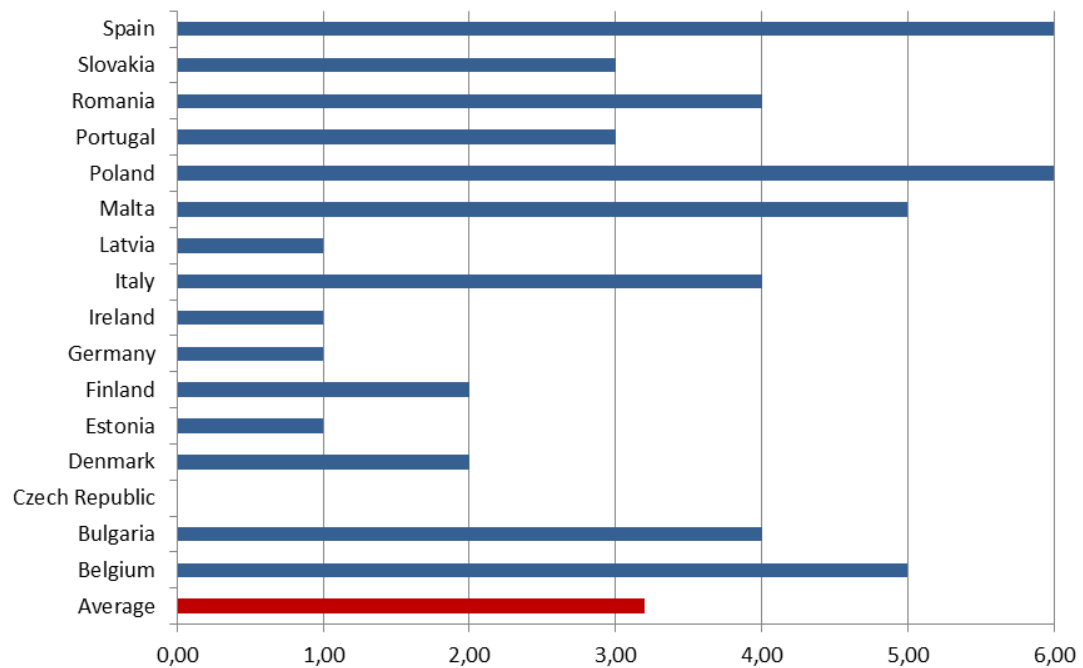
7.3. To what extent are you satisfied with the measures funded under this heading? (None 1 - 6 Fully Satisfied)



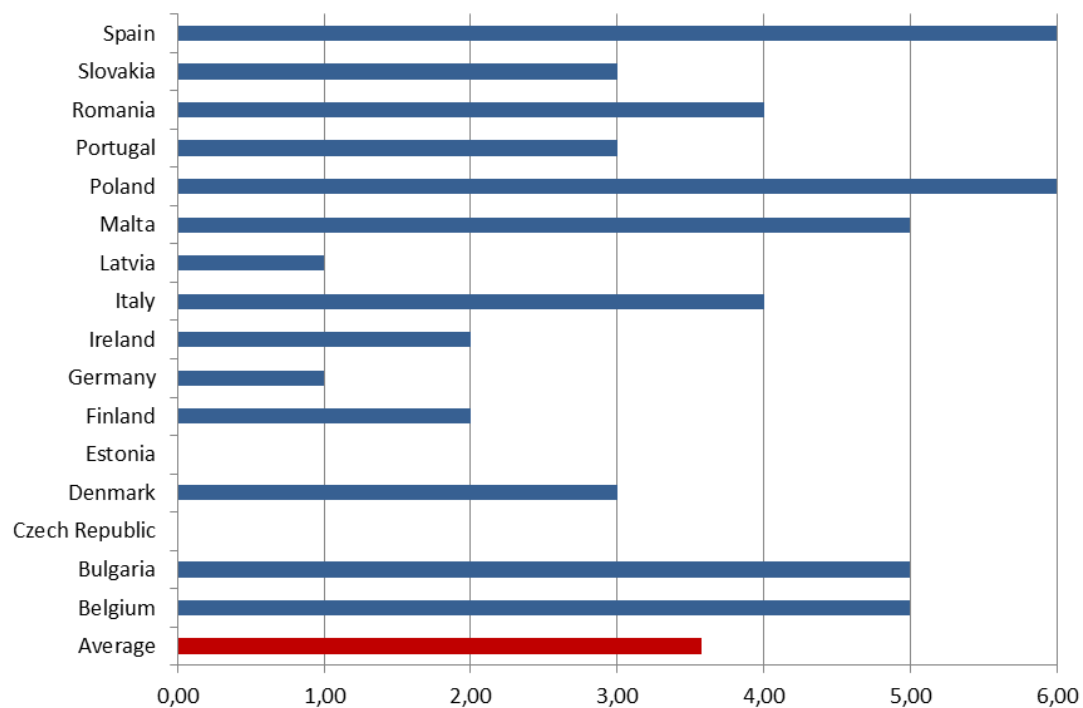
VIII – PROMOTING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP/ ECONOMY AND VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

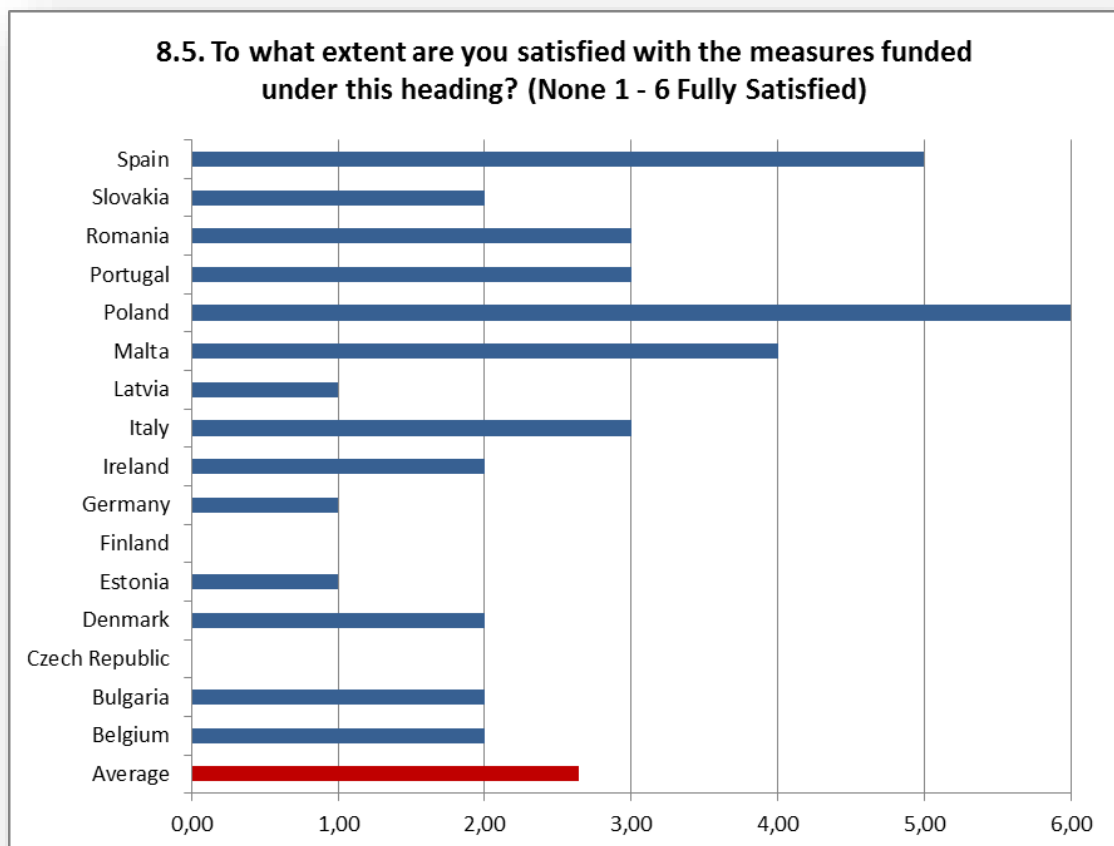
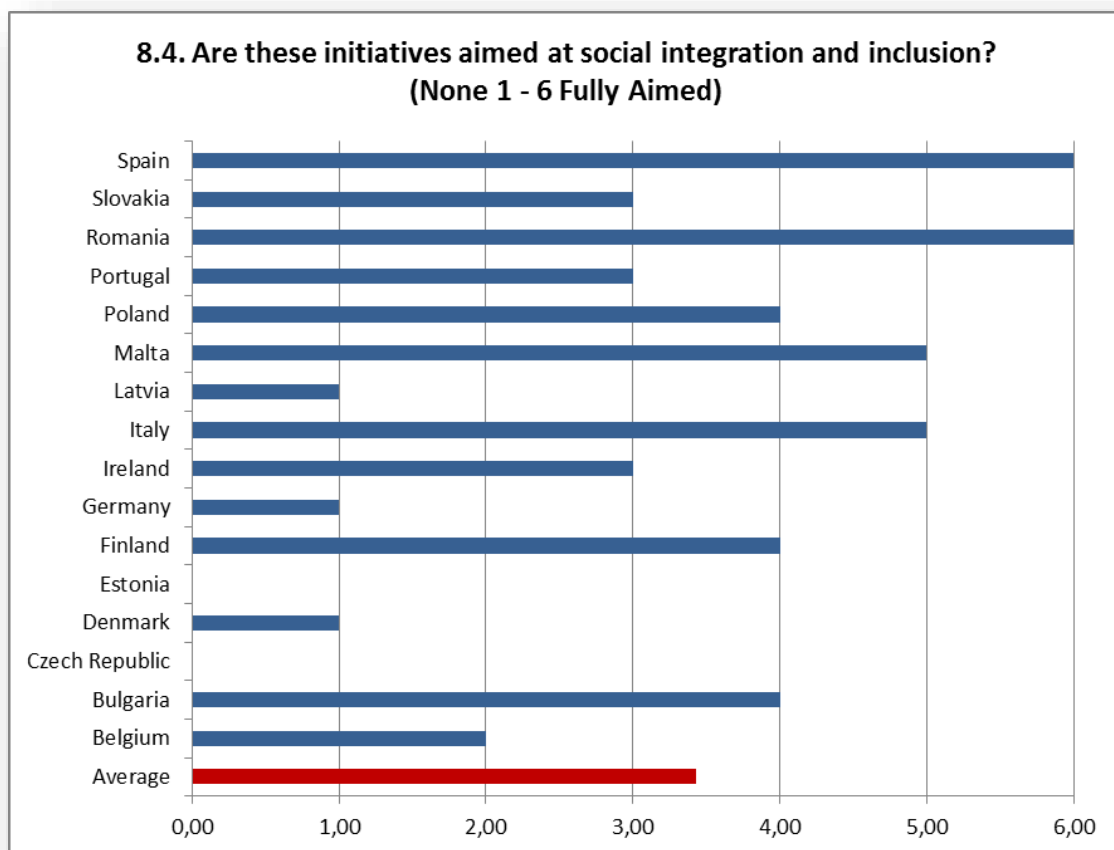


8.2. To what extent do the PA/OPs support integration of disadvantaged groups in social enterprises or social economy initiatives? (None 1 - 6 Fully Supported)



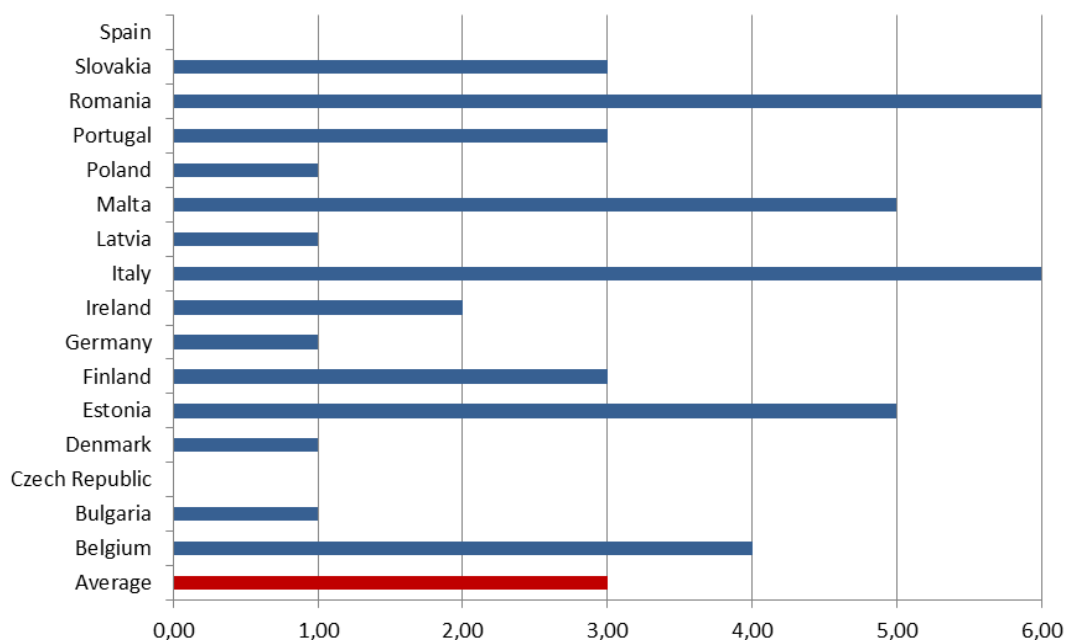
8.3. Are these initiatives aimed at vocational integration? (None 1 - 6 Fully Supported)



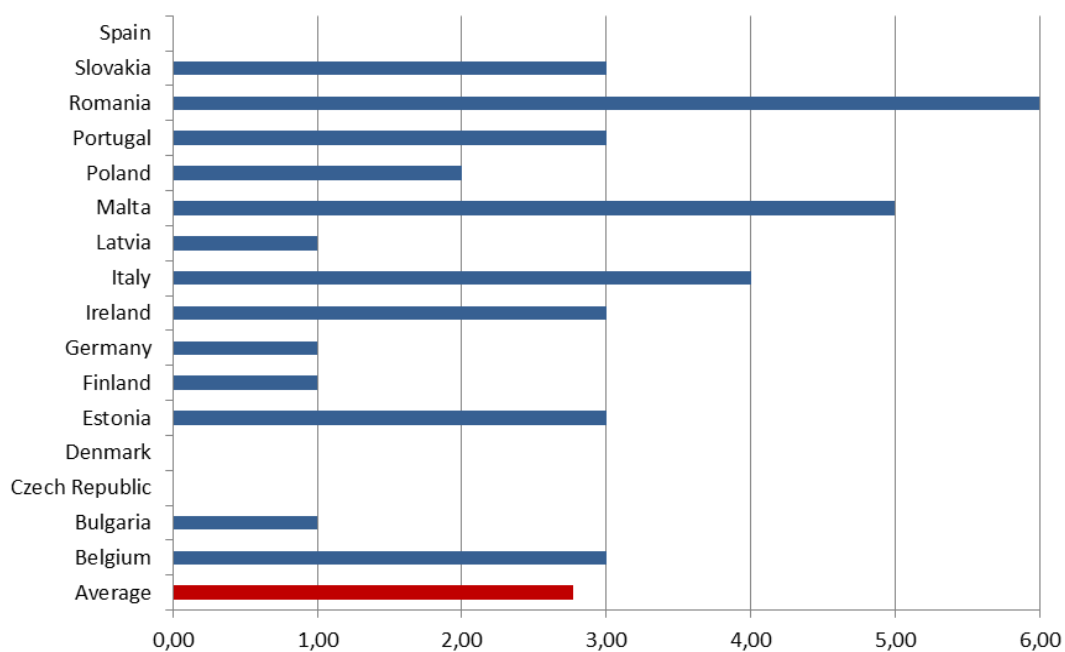


IX – COMMUNITY – LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

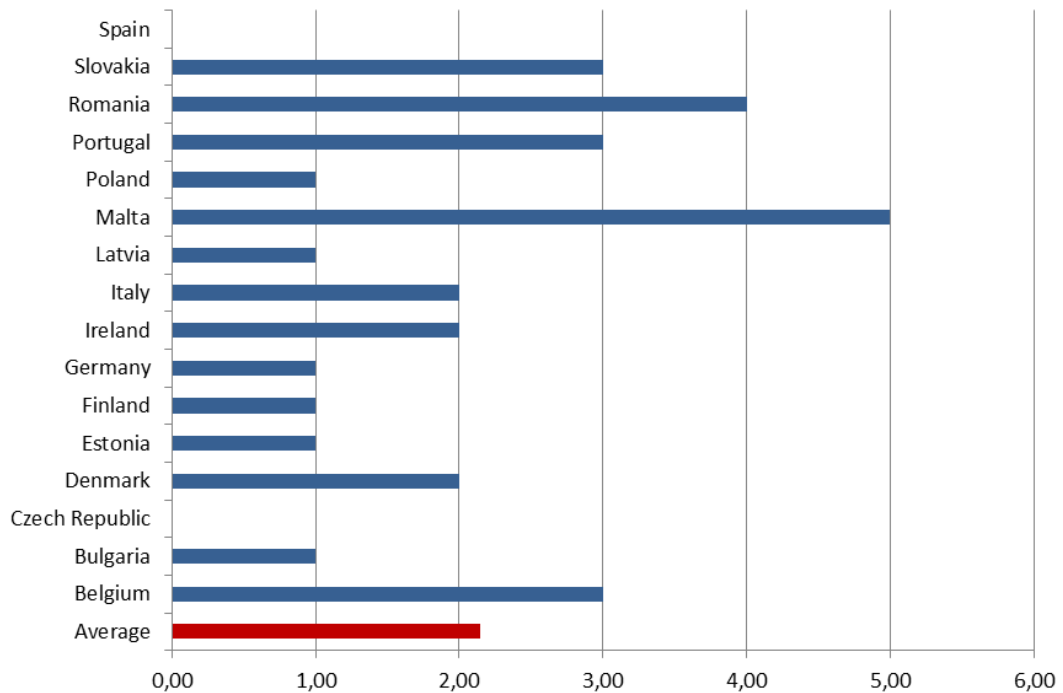
9.1. To what extent are community-led developments strategies being put in place? (None 1 - 6 Fully Implemented)



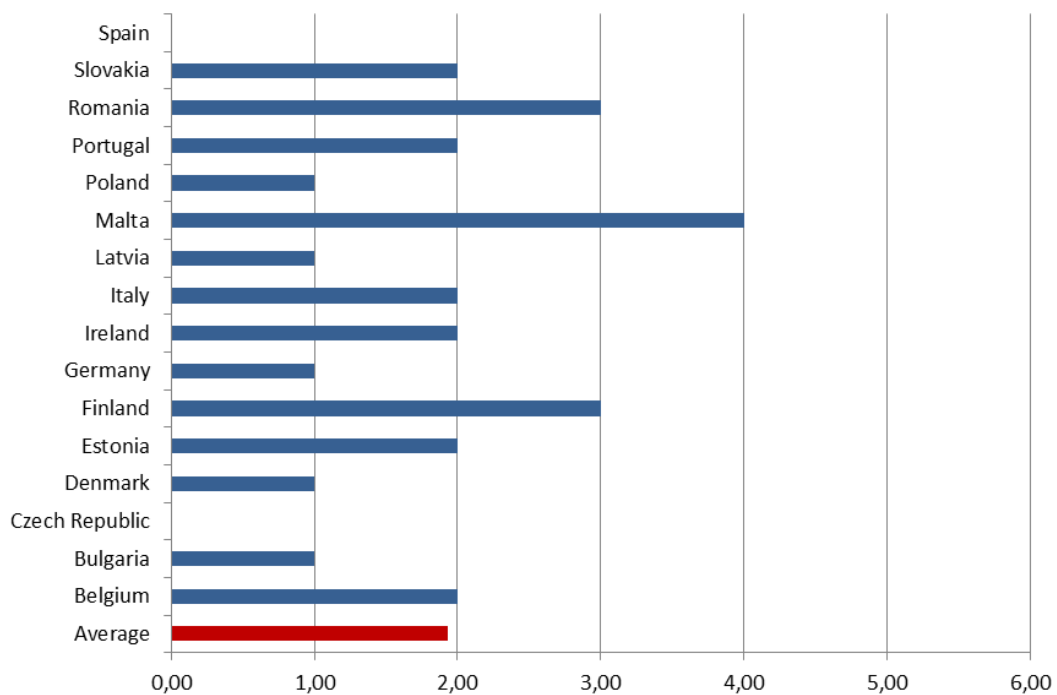
9.2. To what extent do the strategies contribute to promoting poverty and tackling social inclusion? (None 1 - 6 Fully Contributed)



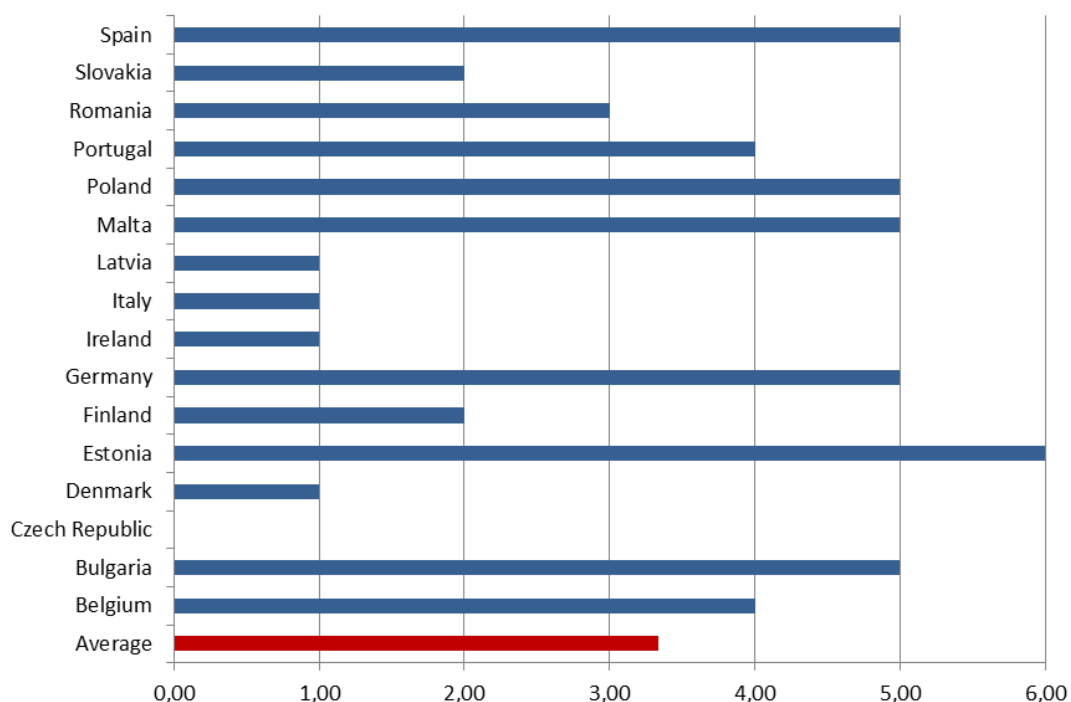
9.3. Are antipoverty NGOs active partners in this strategy? (None 1 - 6 Full Partners)



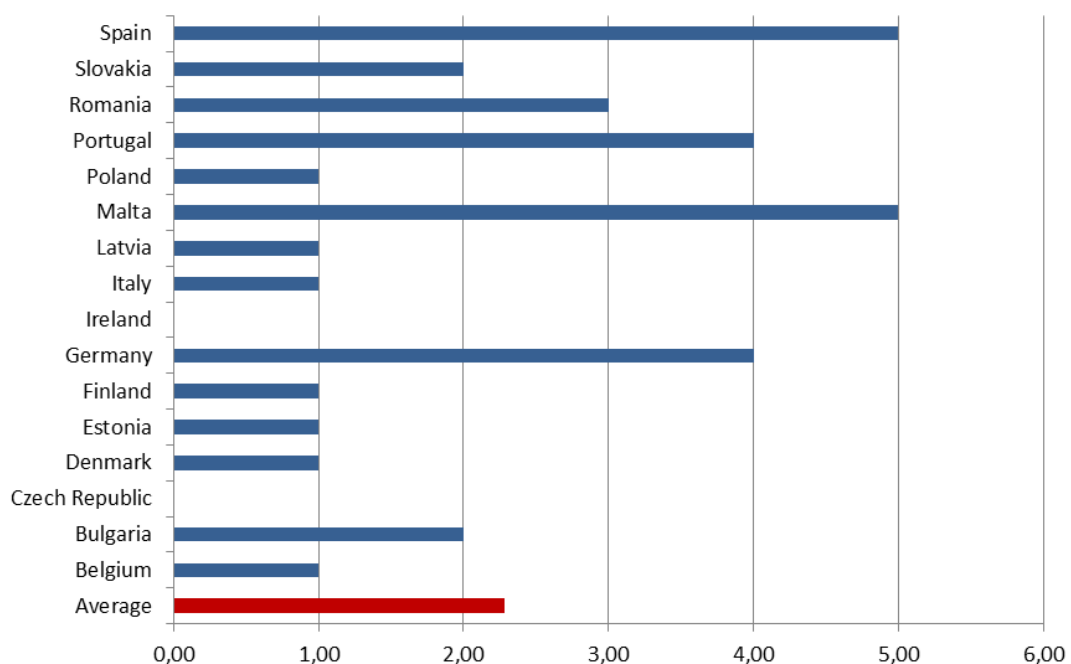
9.4. To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading? (None 1 - 6 Fully Satisfied)



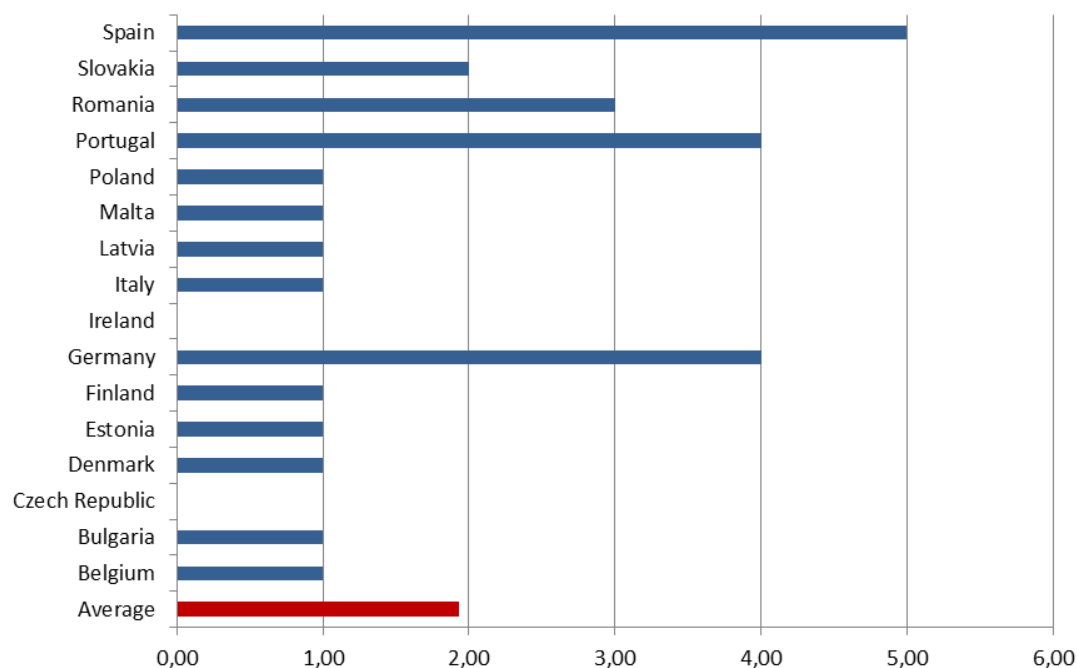
10.1. Has a plan/strategy anti-discrimination been elaborated in your country? (None 1 - 6 Full Strategy)



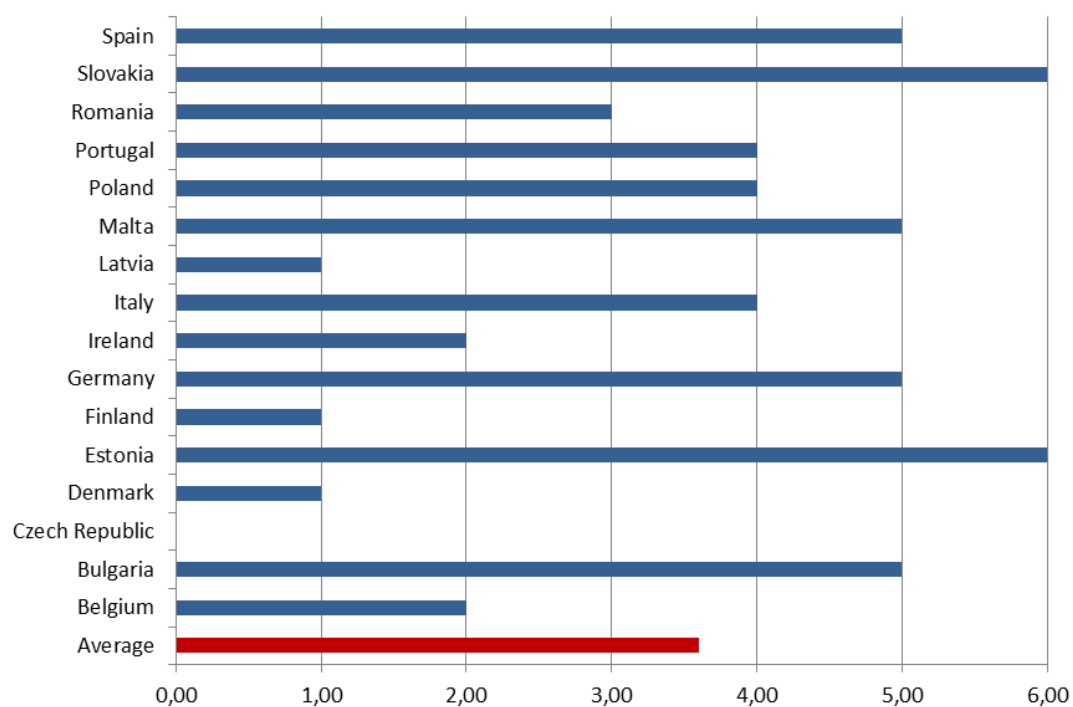
10.2. To what extent were you/your organisation involved in the drafting of the Antidiscrimination Plan/Strategy? (None 1 - 6 Totally Involved)

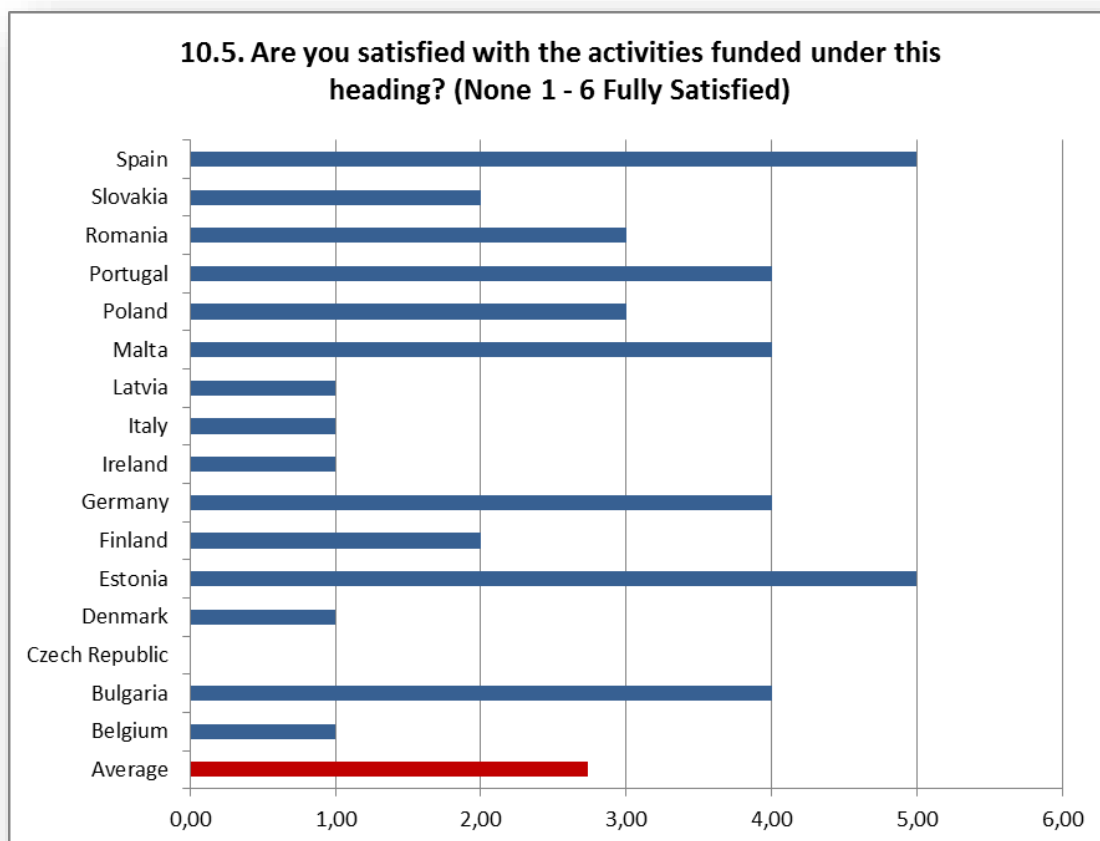


**10.3. To what extent do you/your organization participative actively in the implementation of the Antidiscrimination Plan?
(None 1 - 6 Full Participation)**

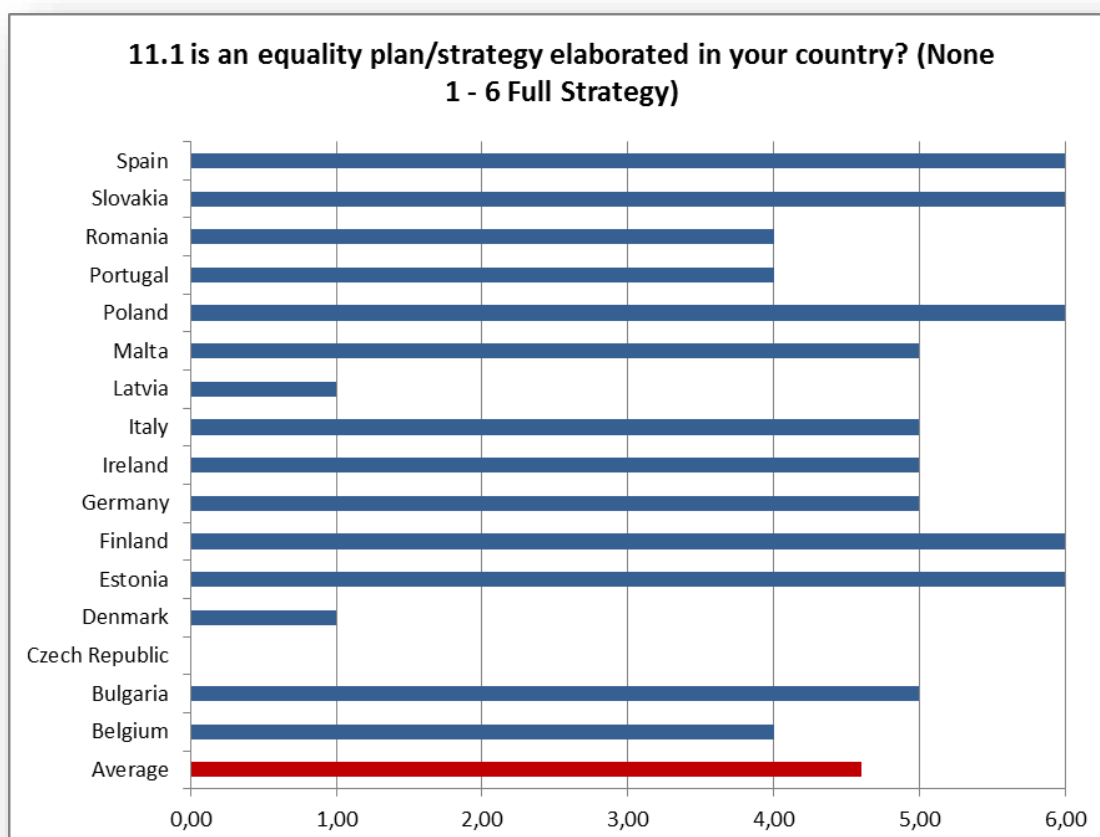


10.4. Is there a section in the PA and OPs that focuses on measures to improve antidiscrimination? (None 1 - 6 Full Evidence)

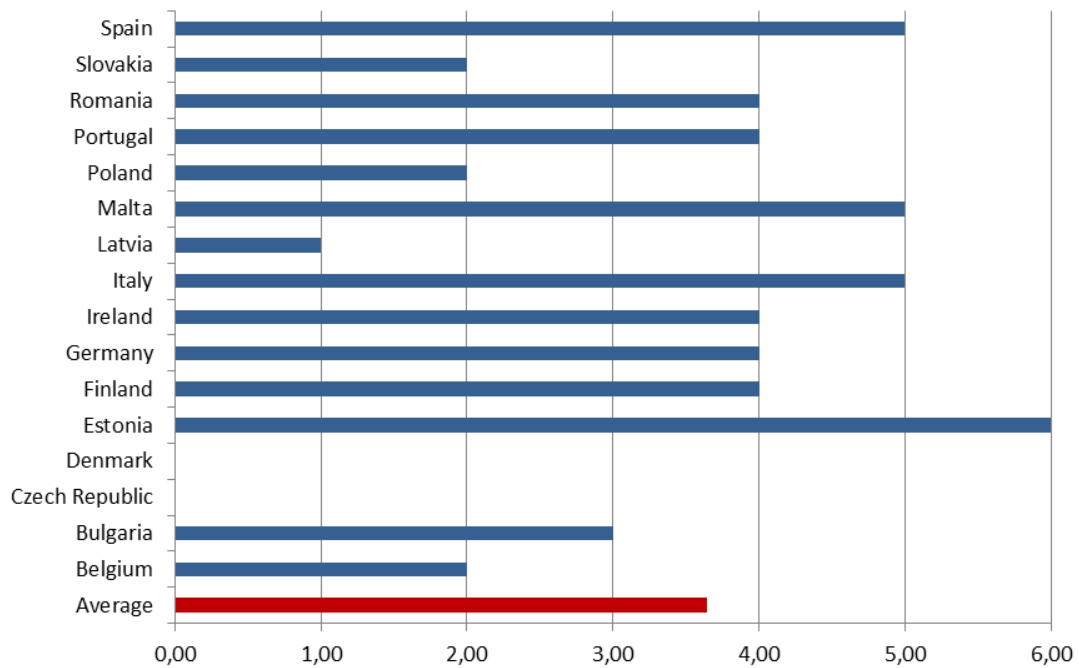




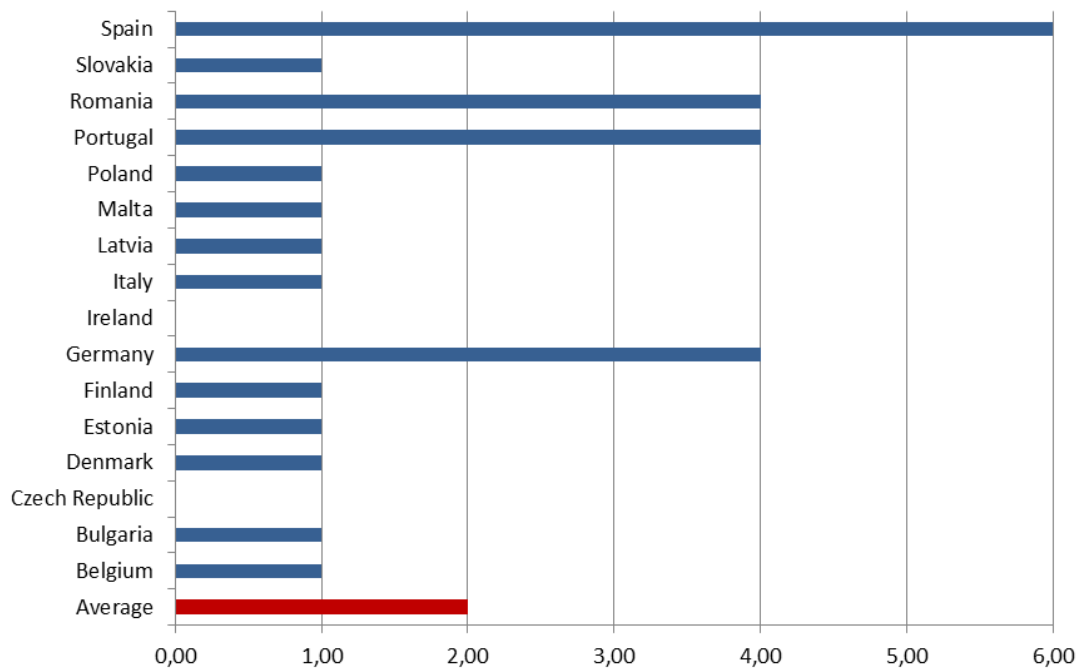
XI – GENDER EQUALITY



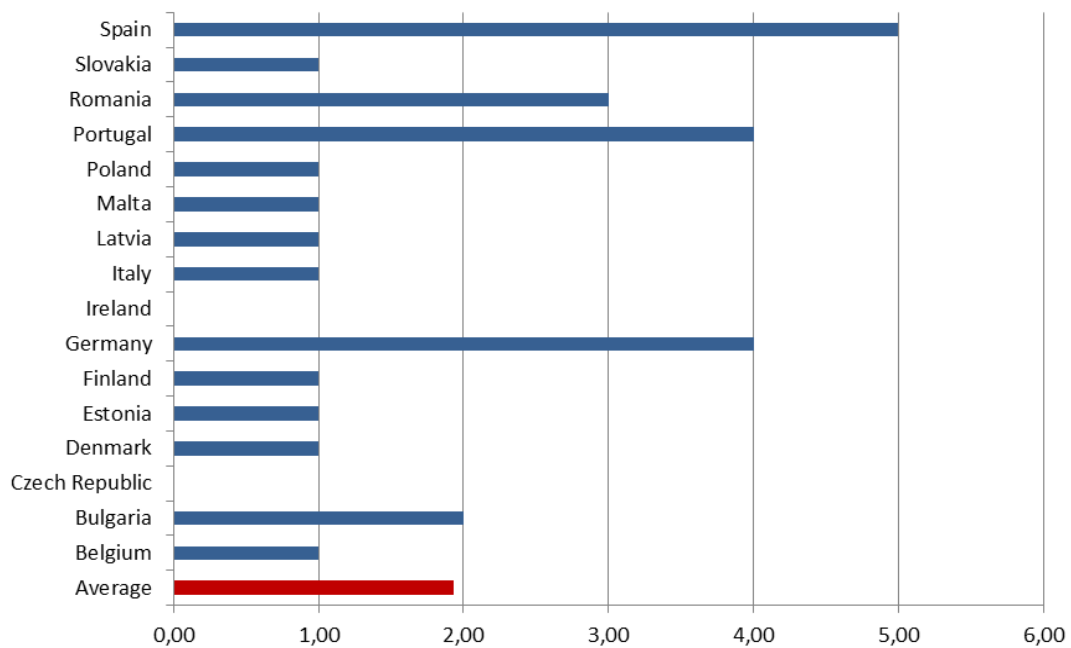
11.2. Does this Equality Plan tackle the specific issues of gender poverty and inclusion for all groups, with equal access to quality jobs, services and social protection? (None 1 - 6 Fully Considered)



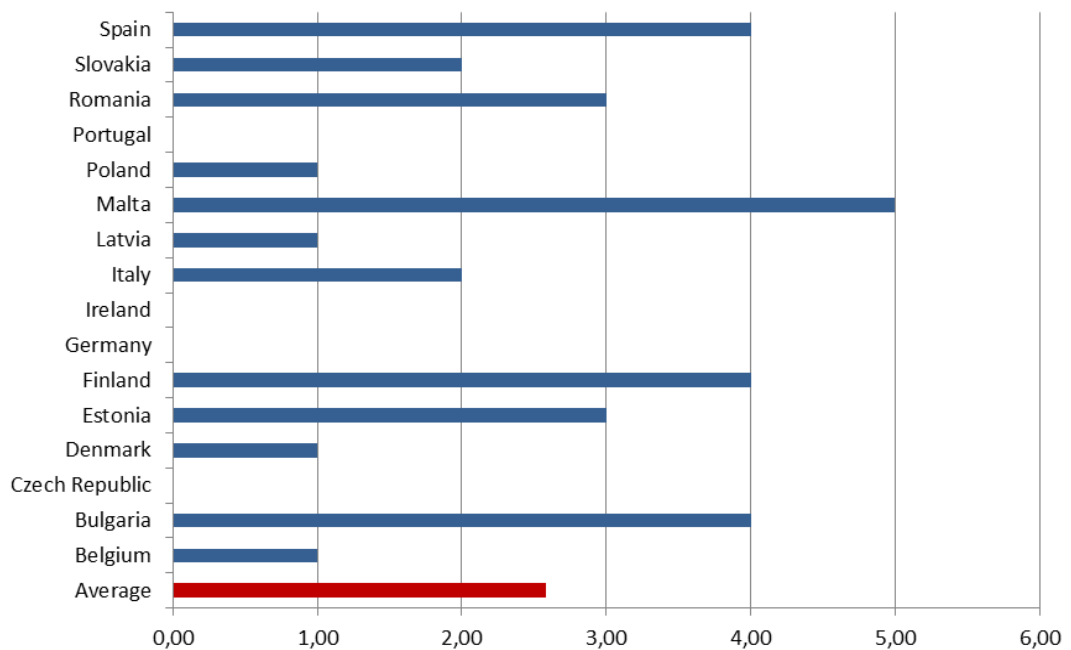
11.3. To what extent were/are you/your organization participating actively in the drafting of the Equality Plan? (None 1 - 6 Full Involved)



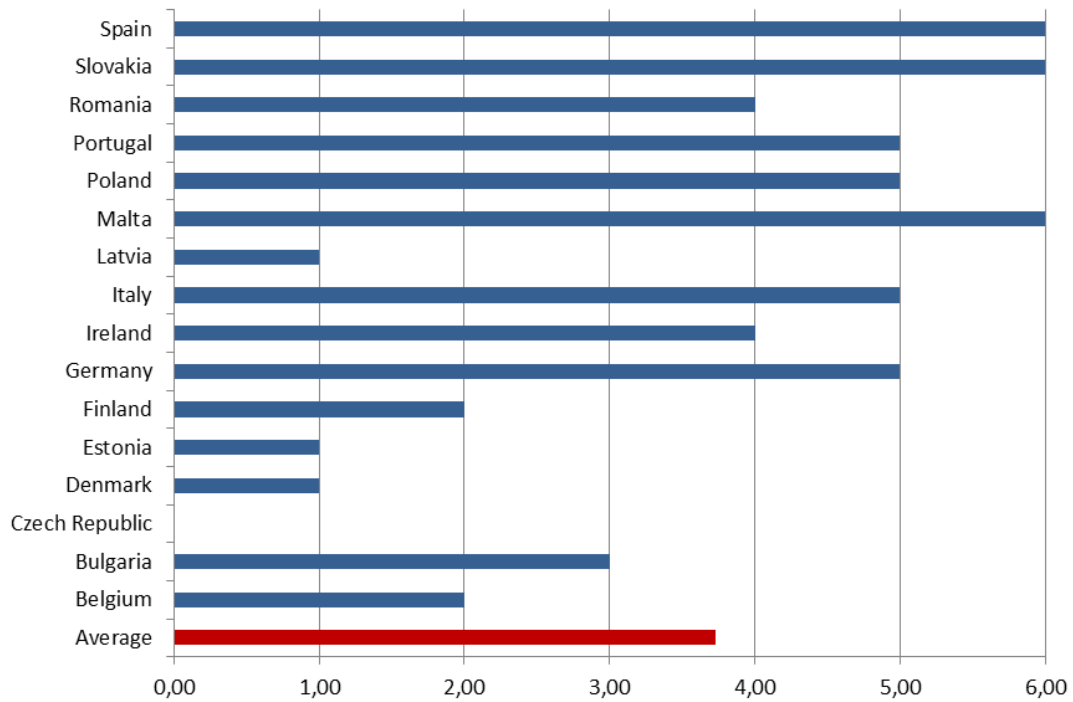
11.4.To what extent are you/your organization participating actively in the implementation of the Equality plan? (None 1 - 6 Full Participation)



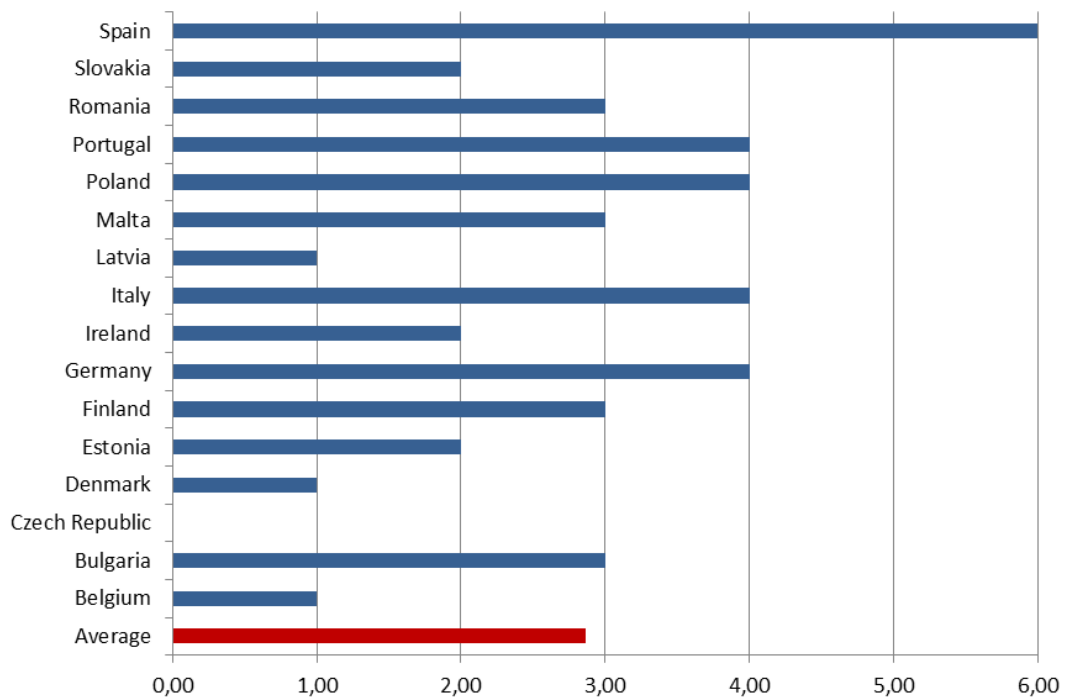
11.5. Does the plan indicate steps taken to facilitate active involvement of the national stakeholders? (None 1 - 6 Fully Involved)



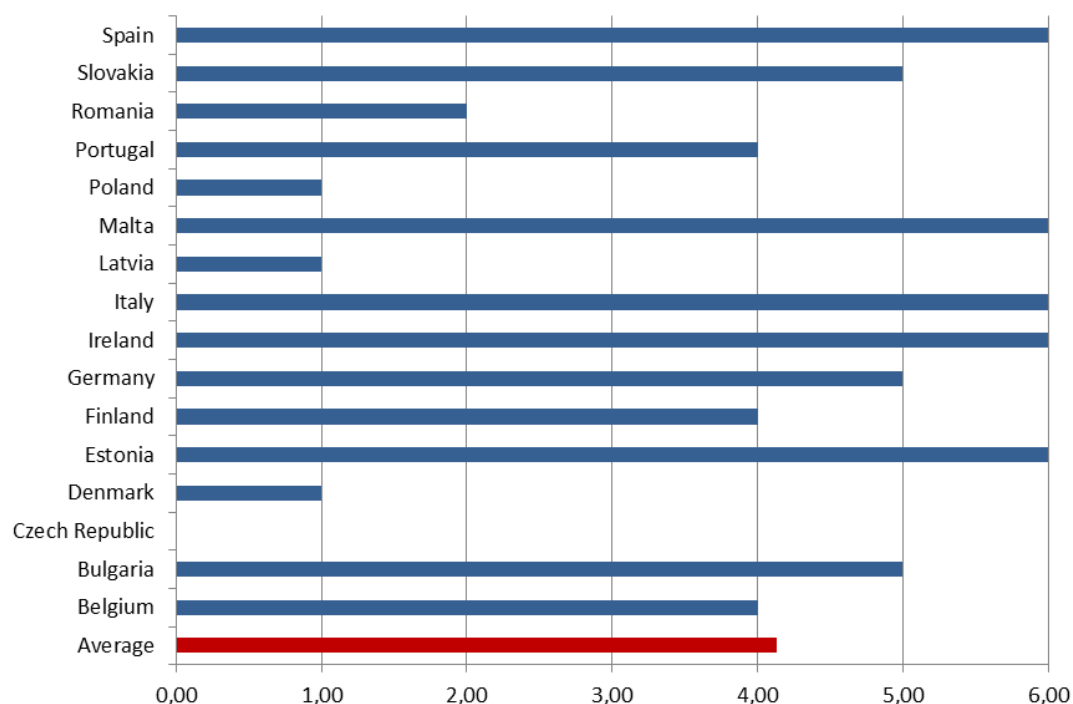
11.6. Is there a section in the PA and OPs that focus on improvement of gender equality? (None 1 - 6 Full Evidence)



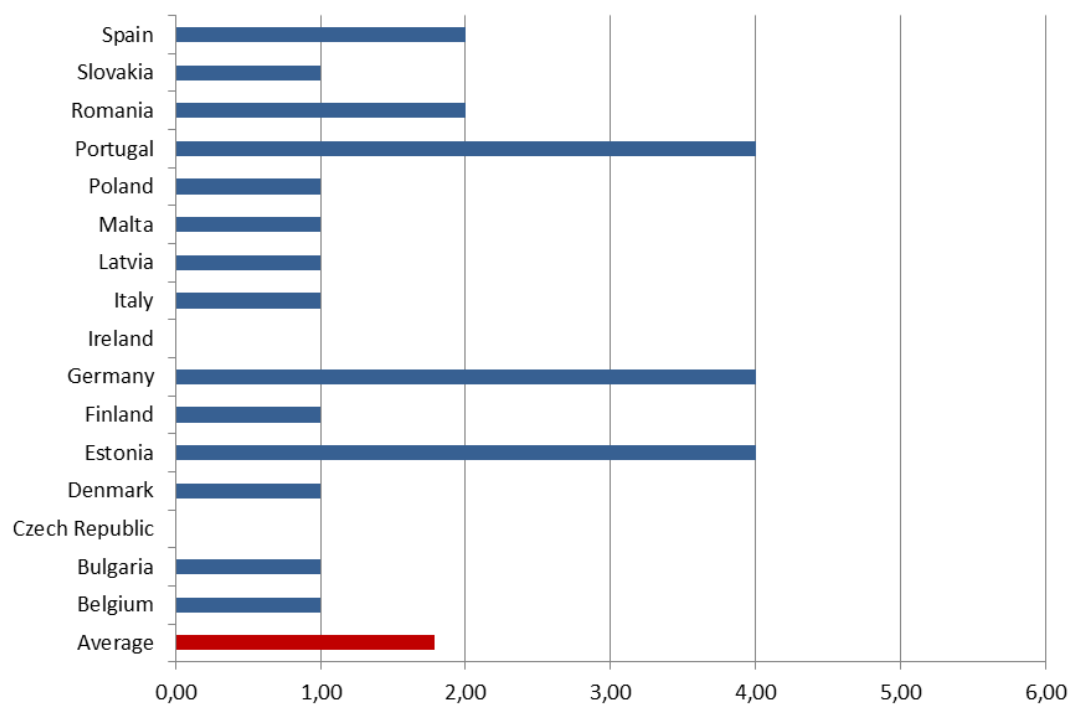
11.7. To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading? (None 1 - 6 Fully Satisfied)



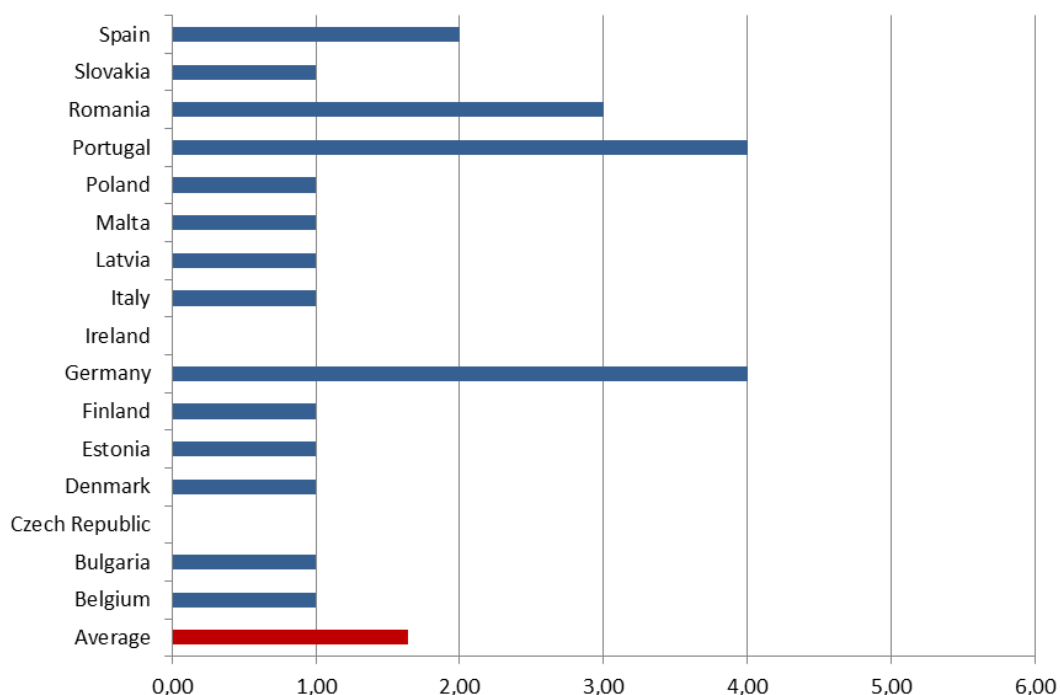
12.1. Has a disability plan or strategy been elaborated in your country? (None 1 - 6 Full Strategy)



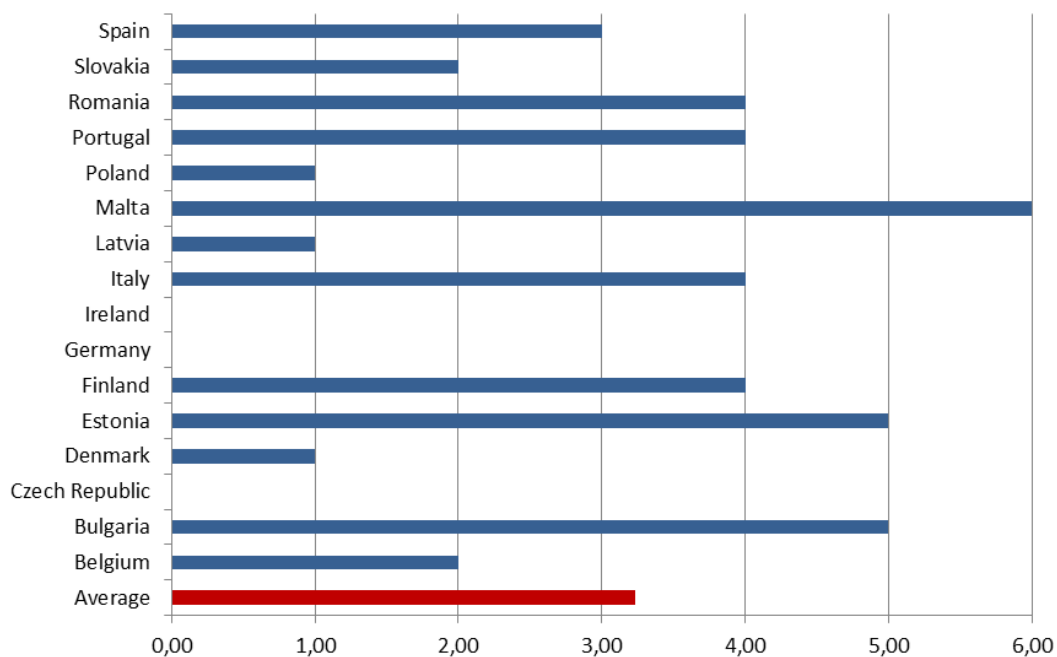
12.2. To what extent were you/your organization involved in the drafting of the Disability Act? (None 1 - 6 Full Involved)



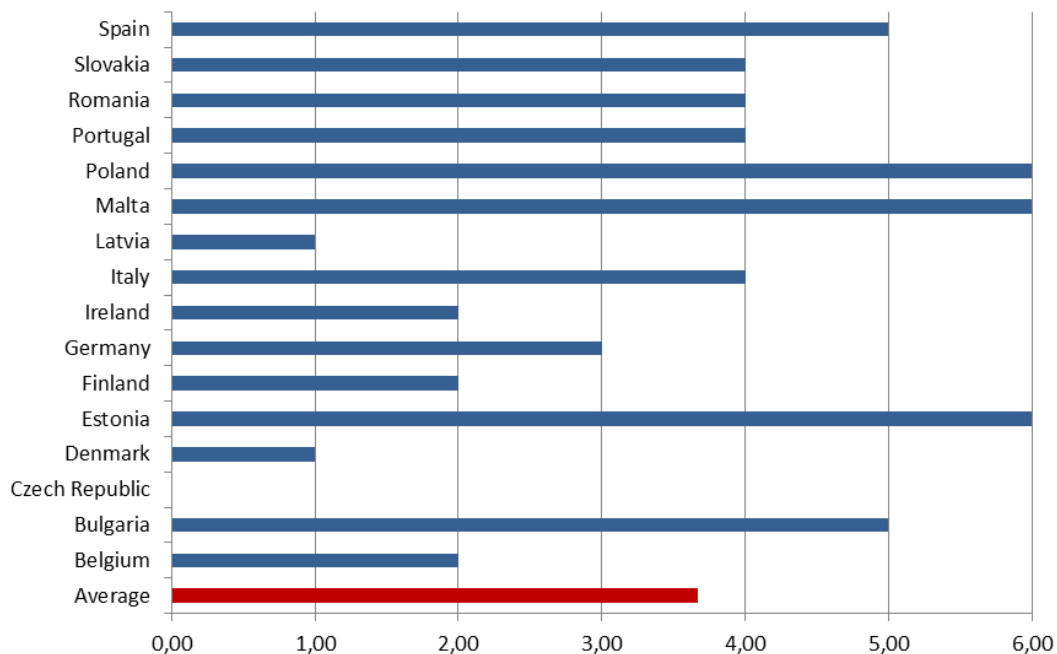
12.3. To what extent you or your organization participates in the implementation of the Disability Act? (None 1 - 6 Full Participation)



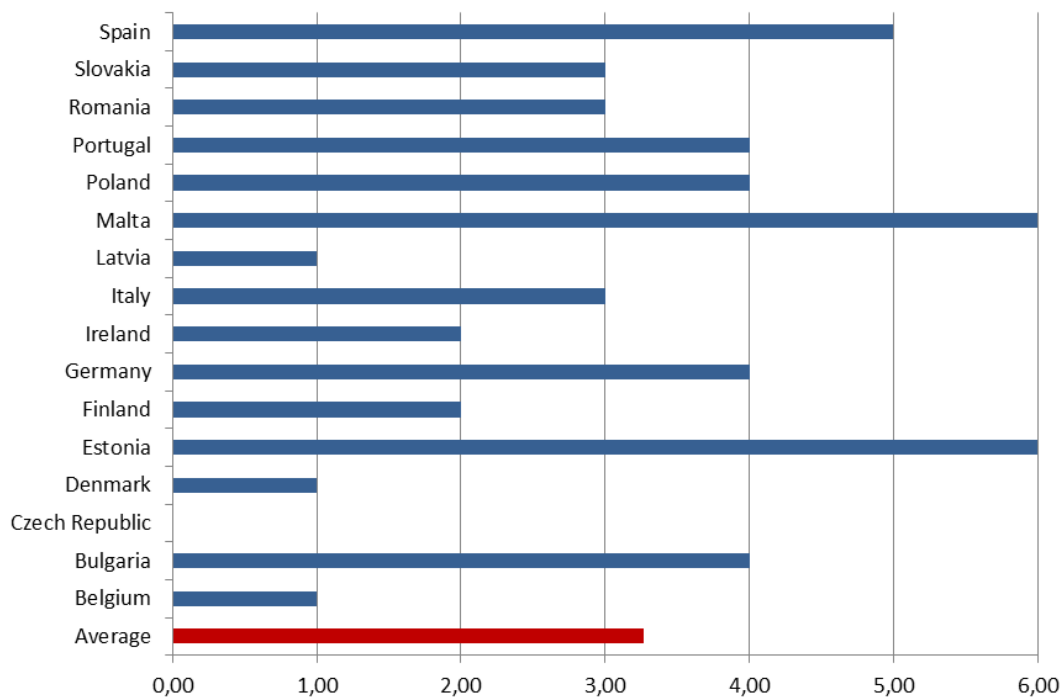
12.4. The plan/strategy indicates steps taken to facilitate active involvement of the national stakeholders? (None 1 - 6 Full Involved)



12.5. Is there a section in the PA and OPs that focus on improvement of accessibility to services and labour market of disable people? (None 1 - 6 Full Evidence)



12.6. To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading? (None 1 - 6 Fully Satisfied)



Monitoring the implementation of the (at least) 20% of the European Social Fund (ESF) that should be devoted to fight against Poverty during the period 2014-2020

BAROMETER

Country _____

Identification of the Organization/Person that completed the questionnaire:

Other Organizations/People consulted (in applicable):

A- Analysing the Partnership Agreements¹ and the Operational Programmes²- Participation of Antipoverty and Social NGOs

This section analyses the quality of the engagement of antipoverty/social NGO's in the design, delivery and evaluation of ESF programmes.

I - Code of Conduct on Partnership³

8 To what extent is your Managing Authority implementing the Code of Conduct on Partnership?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Implemented
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9 How far are civil society and antipoverty NGO's involved in the design, implementation and monitoring European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Involvement
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10 In general, how far are you satisfied with the implementation of the Code of Conduct on Partnership?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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4. Please provide any additional information on code of conduct of partnership (maximum length: 2000 characters).

¹Under the new rules, Member States are required to draw up and implement **strategic plans with investment priorities** covering these five ESI Funds. These "Partnership Agreements" (PAs) are **negotiated between the European Commission and national authorities**, following their consultation of various levels of governance, representatives from interest groups, civil society and local and regional representatives. Please see: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-14-331_en.htm.

² **Operational Programmes (OP)** break down the overarching strategic objectives agreed in the Partnership Agreement into investment priorities, specific objectives and further into concrete actions. Please see: <http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=576&langId=en>.

³ A common set of standards to improve consultation, participation and dialogue with partners during the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects financed by the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) has been adopted by the European Commission. Please see: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2019&furtherNews=yes>.

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II - Partnership agreement

15. To what extent were you/your organisation involved in the drafting of the Partnership Agreements (PA)?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully involved
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5.1- If Yes, please say how you were involved:

- We were consulted on the draft: +
- We were invited to a meeting to discuss the PA: +
- We provided input to the PA: +
- Our input on the PA was taken on board: +
- Other (please specify) _____

5.2 – If No, what were the obstacles?

- We were not consulted: +
- There was insufficient time to make an input: +
- We did not have the technical capacity or resources to make an input: +
- Our input wasn't taken on board: +
- Other (please specify) _____

16. On the whole, are you satisfied with the involvement of anti-poverty and/or social NGO's in the negotiation process, drafting and content published of the PA?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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17. Do you feel that the needs of antipoverty or social NGO's were taken into account when drafting the PA?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Considered
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18. Do you feel that the needs and specificities of regions and cities were taken into account when drafting the PA?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full considered
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19. Please provide any additional information describing your engagement and any other information you consider relevant concerning your participation in the development of the PA (maximum length: 2000 characters).

III - Operational programmes

20. To what extent were you involved in the drafting of the Operational Programmes (OP)?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully involved
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9.1- If Yes, please say how you were involved:

- We were consulted on the draft: +
- We were invited to a meeting to discuss the OPs.: +
- We provided input to the OPs: +
- Our input on the OPs was taken on board: +
- Other (please specify) _____

9.2 – If No, what were the obstacles?

- We were not consulted: +
- There was insufficient time to make an input: +
- We did not have the technical capacity or resources to make an input: +
- Our input wasn't taken on board: +
- Other (please specify) _____

21. On the whole, to what extend are you satisfied with the involvement of anti-poverty or social NGO's in the negotiation process, drafting and content published of the OPs?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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22. To what extent do you feel that the needs of antipoverty or social NGO's were taken into account when drafting the OPs?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Considered
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23. To what extent do you feel that the needs and specificities of regions and cities were taken into account when drafting the OPs?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully considered
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24. Please provide detail and any additional information you consider relevant concerning your participation in the development of the OPs. Please add information if you would like to comment on a particular OP (maximum length 2000 characters)

IV - Monitoring Committees

25. Does your organisation / NGO take part as a member in the Monitoring Committee (MC)?

Yes + No +

15.1. How long have you been involved? _____

15.2 - If Yes, to what extent are you involved in the design and preparation of calls for proposals?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully involved
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15.3 - If Yes, to what extent are you involved in the preparation of progress reports?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully involved
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15.4 - If Yes, to what extent are you involved in the monitoring of programmes?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully involved
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15.5 - If Yes, to what extent were you involved in the evaluation of programmes?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully involved
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26. If No, can you explain what are the barriers / obstacles for the non-participation of your organisation/NGO's in the MC:

- Lack of information: we did not receive information about the possibility of joining the MC: +
- Lack of financial resources: we have insufficient resources to engage actively: +
- Insufficient administrative capacity: not enough personnel/knowledge/infrastructure to participate actively in the MC: +
- Lack of access due political choices: Ministries carry out primarily sectorial policies without involving regional or local authorities or NGO's in the MC?: +
- Lack of transparency in selection: we tried to apply but were not accepted: +

27. Please provide additional information on the quality of engagement in the Monitoring Committees, and the implementation/monitoring of the Code of Conduct on Partnership (maximum length 2000 characters).

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B-Analysing the Partnership Agreements and the Operational Programmes – monitoring the 20% of ESF dedicated to social inclusion and reduction

Overall assessment

In the ESF Regulation (Art. 4) is foreseen that at least 20 % of the ESF resources shall be allocated to the objective 'promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination'.

This means that in each Partnership Agreement of the member states an 'Antipoverty strategy' and in the related Operational Programmes concrete actions are described.

According to this in this section should be reflected the ESF minimum quote, the identification of a national antipoverty strategy and its transfer in the PA and planned activities in the respective priority and sub priorities to 'Social inclusion' in the OP.

6. Overall assessment of spending of 20% do ESF on social inclusion and poverty reduction.

1.1. - Has 20% of ESF been allocated on social inclusion and poverty reduction?

Less +

20% +

More +

1.2 How has this 20% allocated? Has it been mainly allocated on:

Active inclusion +

Integration of marginalized communities such as the Roma +

Combating all forms of discrimination and promoting equal opportunities +

Enhancing access to affordable, sustainable and high-quality services, including health care and social services of general interest +

Promoting social economy and social enterprises +

Community-led local development strategies +

Other? Please specify _____

1.3 In general, how far are you satisfied that the funds allocated to this objective's programmes will actively contribute to social inclusion and the reduction of poverty?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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1.4 – Are there any other initiatives to support applicants in preparing and submitting applications for projects, namely by providing information and advice on the design of operations and on the procedure for the submission of applications?

Yes +

No +

1.5 – Are there any other initiatives to support beneficiaries to implement and manage the selected projects, namely by providing information and advice?

Yes +

No +

1.6 - Please comment your overall assessment (maximum length 2000 characters).

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7. Promoting Active inclusion⁴.

(Please answer these questions having in mind the Partnership Agreement).

2.1 – *To what extent* is a national strategic policy framework for poverty reduction, aiming at integrated active inclusion in place in your country

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Strategy
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2.2 - Does the national framework propose an integrated strategy of all 3 pillars?

Yes +

No +

2.3. – Which of the three strands of active inclusion does the national strategic framework cover?

Adequate income support +

Labour market activation +

Access to enabling services +

2.4 – To what extent are you generally satisfied with this strategy and believe it will contribute to poverty reduction?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totally satisfied
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⁴ Please see the **Guidance on Ex ante Conditionalities for the European Structural and Investment Funds PART II** . This guidance is addressed to geographical units for ESI Funds. Its purpose is to provide a framework for the assessment by the Commission of the consistency and adequacy of the information provided by Member States on the applicability and fulfillment of *ex ante* conditionalities. It is also made available to Member States.
http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/informat/2014/eac_guidance_esif_part2_en.pdf

2.5 – Does it contain measures to support the achievement of the national poverty target?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full evidence
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2.6 - Is there evidence that NGO's are involved in the design and implementation of the national strategic policy framework?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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2.7 – Is there a section in the Partnership Agreement that implements the strategy?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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(Please answer these questions having in mind the Operational programmes)

2.8 – Is the strategy adequately addressed in the activities of the OP's?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully addressed
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2.9 – To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Satisfied
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2.10 Please provide more information and your views about the national strategic policy framework for antipoverty strategy and implementation through the PA and OP here (maximum length 2000 characters)

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8. Integration of marginalized Roma communities (only for countries that have Roma communities)

(Please answer these questions having in mind the Partnership Agreement).

3.1 – To what extent there is a national Roma inclusion Strategic policy framework in place that sets achievable national goals for Roma integration to bridge the gap with the general population?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Strategy
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3.2 – Does the strategy address the four EU Roma integration goals relating to access to education, employment, healthcare and housing?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totally
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3.3 – Is there a national monitoring system in place to assess the impact of the national Roma integration strategy (or set of policy measures)?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full System
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3.4 - Is there a structured, continuous and transparent dialogue with civil society organizations active in the field of Roma inclusion and with Roma communities in the implementation and monitoring of the national strategy (or set of policy measures) as well as in their review:

Yes +

No +

If yes, please answer the following questions.

3.4.1 – To what extent is Roma Inclusion mainstreamed into the regional and local agenda and translated into local action plans.

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full mainstreamed
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3.4.2 – To what extent are the implementation of these plans supported by transparent and appropriate budgets and monitoring systems.

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Support
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3.4.3 – To what extent are there measures in place to support NGOs in preparing and submitting applications for projects, inter alia by providing information and advice on the design of operations and on the procedure for the submission of applications.

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Support
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3.4.4 – To what extent are there measures in place to support beneficiaries to implement and manage the selected projects, inter alia by providing information and advice.

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Support
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3.5 – Is there a section in the PA which implements the Roma inclusion strategy?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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(Please answer these questions having in mind the Operational programmes).

3.6 – Is there a section in the OP's which implements the Roma inclusion strategy?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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3.7 – To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Satisfied
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3.8 - Please provide more information about the Integration of marginalized Roma communities in the national strategic policy framework for antipoverty strategy and implementation through the PA and OP here (maximum length 2000 characters).

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9. Integration of other marginalized groups (migrants, including undocumented, other ethnic minorities, traffic human being victims, asylum seekers, homeless, others)?

(Please answer these questions having in mind the Partnership Agreement).

4.1 – Is there a specific strategy in place to support the integration of other marginalized groups?

Migrants, including undocumented +

Other ethnic minorities +

Traffic human being victims +

Asylum seekers +

Homeless +

Others + please specify _____

4.2 – Were you involved in the development of this Strategy?

Yes +

No +

4.3 – Is there a section in the PA which implements these strategies?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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(Please answer these questions having in mind the Operational programmes).

4.4 – Is there a section in the OP's which implements these strategies?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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4.4 – To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Satisfied
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4.5 - Please provide more information about the Integration of other marginalized groups (maximum length 2000 characters).

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5 – Access to health and social services of general interest

(Please answer these questions having in mind the PA)

5.1 – Is there a national or regional strategic policy framework for health in place in your country?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Strategy
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5.2 – In the strategy are there explicit measures to facilitate the access of care, with quality and with affordable prices to all people throughout the life cycle?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full measures
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5.3 – Are there specific measures to ensure the access of key target groups:

Elderly people and their families +

Children and their families +

People with disabilities /with the long term health problems/people with mental illness +

Ethnic minorities and migrants +

Substance abuse /drug users +

Others +

5.4 - Is there a section in the PA that focuses on improvement of access to health care?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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(Please answer these questions having in mind the Operational programmes).

5.5 - Is there a section in the OP's that focuses on improvement of access to health care?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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5.6 – To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Satisfied
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5.7 - Please provide more information about the Access to health and social services of general interest (maximum length 2000 characters).

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10. Promoting access to sustainable and quality employment

(Please answer these questions having in mind the PA).

6.1 – Does the PA promote access to quality⁵⁵ employment for people who are excluded from the labour market?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full access
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6.2 – Which groups?

Women +

Young people +

Disabled +

Long term sick +

Long term unemployed +

⁵⁵ Quality employment is employment that is sustainable and secure, providing living wages and good working conditions, that take people out of poverty. See EAPN [Quality work explainer](#).

Migrants +

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Satisfied
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None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full access
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Education +

Housing +

Employment +

Childcare +

Others +

7.3 – To what extent are you satisfied with the measures funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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12. Promoting social entrepreneurship/economy and vocational integration in social enterprises.

8.1 – To what extent do the PA/OP's support social economy?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Supported
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8.2 – To what extent do the PA/OP's support integration of disadvantaged groups in social enterprises or social economy initiatives?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Supported
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8.3 – Are these initiatives aimed at vocational integration?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Supported
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8.4 – Are these initiatives aimed at social integration and inclusion?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Aimed
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8.5 – To what extent are you satisfied with the measures funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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13. Community-led local development strategies⁶

9.1 – To what extent are community-led development strategies being put in place?

⁶ [Community-led development](#) is a newly developed funding line for the sub-regional level in the new ESIF which allows for interconnected and integrated use of ESIF funds for local development, involving local authorities and partners/stakeholders – Art 32-35 of CPR (EU). No 1303/2013

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Implemented
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9.2 – To what extent do the strategies contribute to promoting poverty and tackling social inclusion?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Contributed
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9.3 – Are antipoverty NGO's active partners in this strategy?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Partners
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9.4 – To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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9.5 - Please provide more information about the Community –led local development strategies (maximum length 2000 characters).

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*This section assesses the implementation of the **General ex-ante conditionalities** of the European Structural and Investment Funds based on the **Guidance on Ex ante Conditionalities for the European Structural and Investment Funds of European Commission and the General and specific ESF Regulation**.*

14. Antidiscrimination

10.1 - Has a plan/strategy anti-discrimination been elaborated in your country?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Strategy
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10.2 - To what extent were you/your organisation involved in the drafting of the Antidiscrimination Plan/Strategy?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totally involved
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10.3 – To what extent do you/your organization participate actively in the implementation of the Antidiscrimination Plan?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full participation
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10.4 – Is there a section in the PA and OP's that focuses on measures to improve antidiscrimination?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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10.5 – Are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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10.6 - Please provide more information if you consider necessary about the Promoting access to sustainable and quality employment (maximum length 2000 characters).

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15. Gender equality

11.1 - Is an equality plan /strategy elaborated in your country?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Strategy
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11.2 – Does this Equality Plan tackle the specific issues of gender poverty and inclusion for all groups, with equal access to quality jobs, services and social protection?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Considered
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11.3 - To what extent were/are you/your organisation involved in the drafting of the Equality Plan?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Involved
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11.4 - To what extent are you/your organization participating actively in the implementation of the Antidiscrimination Plan?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full participation
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11.5- Does the plan indicate steps taken to facilitate active involvement of the national stakeholders?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Involved
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11.6 – Is there a section in the PA and OP’s that focus on improvement of gender equality?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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11.7 – To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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11.8 - Please provide more information if you consider necessary about the Gender Equality (maximum length 2000 characters).

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16. Disability

12.1 – Has a disability plan or strategy been elaborated in your country?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Strategy
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12.2 - To what extent were you/your organisation involved in the drafting of the Disability Act?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Involved
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12.3 – To what extent you or your organization participates in the implementation of the Disability Act?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full participation
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12.4 - The plan/strategy indicates steps taken to facilitate active involvement of the national stakeholders?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Involved
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12.5 – Is there a section in the PA and OP's that focus on improvement of accessibility to services and labour market of disabled people?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Full Evidence
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12.6 – To what extent are you satisfied with the activities funded under this heading?

None	1	2	3	4	5	6	Fully Satisfied
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12.7 - Please provide more information if you consider necessary about the Disability (maximum length 2000 characters).

13 - Please feel free to make some additional comments and recommendations on the implementation of 20% of ESF to fight poverty and social exclusion including good practices in any of the areas.

Thanks for your cooperation!

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