



Mindcraft

Bridging and Mapping Knowledge
Gaps in Decentralised Cooperation

Decentralised Development Cooperation Report #1

WHAT IS IT ?

This report is based on the survey, aimed at collecting up-to-date information about decentralised development cooperation (DDC) projects and partnerships between European sub-national governments and their global counterparts. **It offers a pan-European overview of DDC practices.**

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT ?

To support CEMR and PLATFORMA advocacy work to:



Promote effective and impactful partnerships



Support knowledge-sharing



Strengthen evidence-based advocacy at both EU and national levels

To drive dialogue on:



The role of **local and regional governments** in EU development policy



Improving the **effectiveness and coordination** of DDC initiatives

HOW ?

Period: 3 March > 12 May 2025

Distributed to: CEMR members and PLATFORMA partners

54
contributions

37 selected
after review*

11
countries
covered

Belgium,
Germany,
Latvia,
Malta,
Montenegro,
Netherlands,
Portugal,
Romania,
Serbia,
Spain,
Switzerland

Including:



27 Local and
Regional Governments (LRGs)



9 LRG Associations

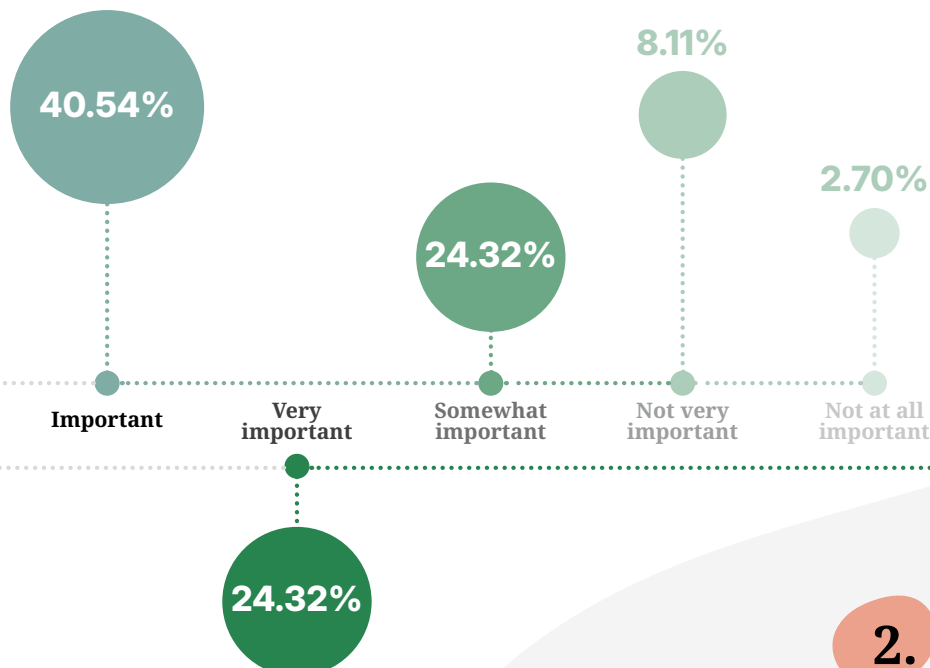


1 NGO

* Some contributions did not qualify as decentralised development cooperation partnerships and/or projects.

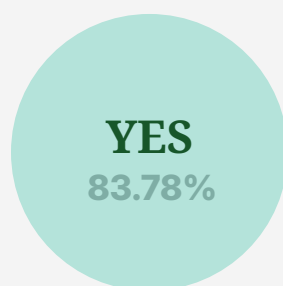
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Importance of DDC within respondents' overall priorities over the last five years



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Do respondents have any DDC partnerships?



NO

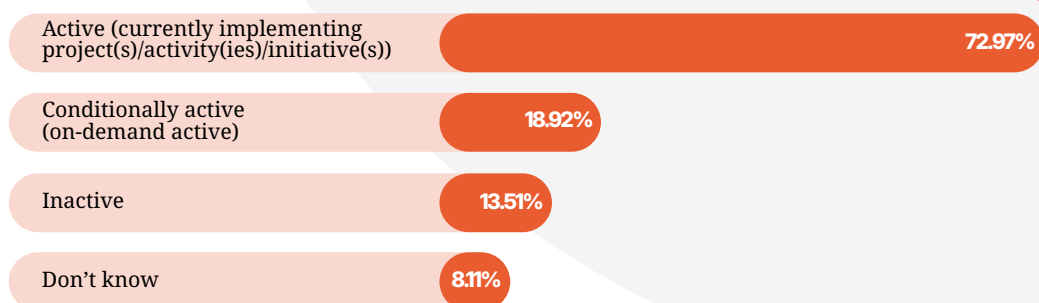
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WHY NOT ?

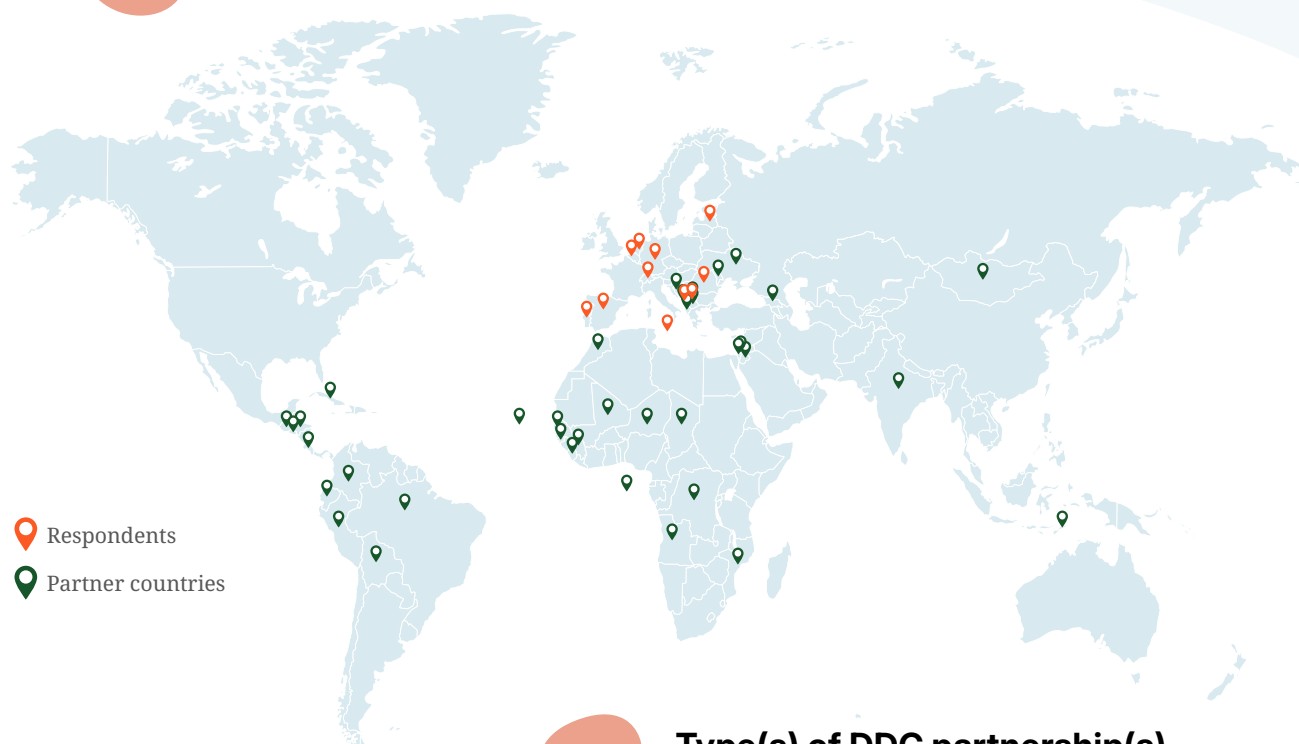
- Insufficient knowledge or expertise
- Lack of resources
- No partners
- Partnerships established for a limited time (project-based)
- Political and administrative challenges

3.

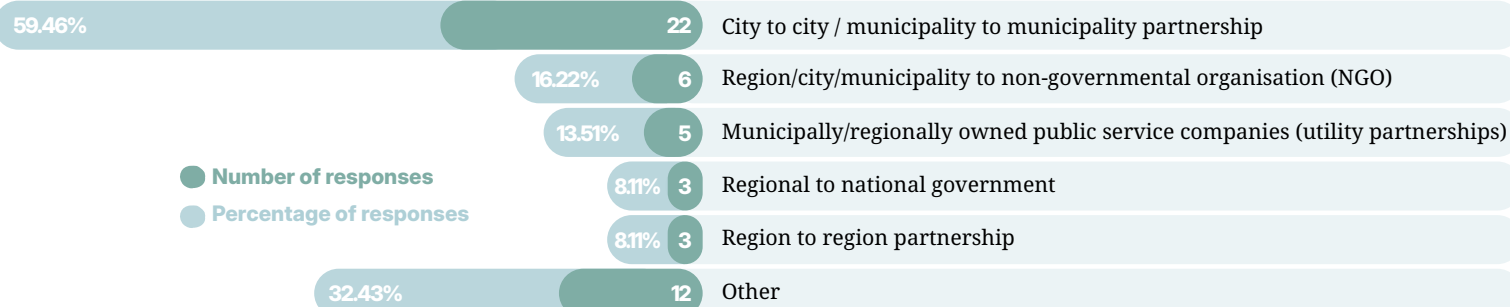
Status of respondents' DDC partnership(s) (multiple answers possible)



4. Respondents' established DDC partnership(s)

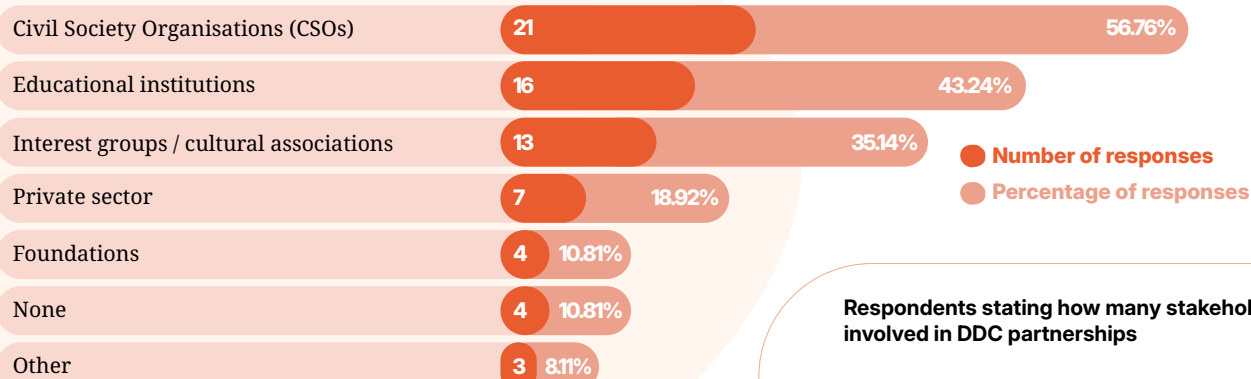


5. Type(s) of DDC partnership(s) (multiple answers possible)



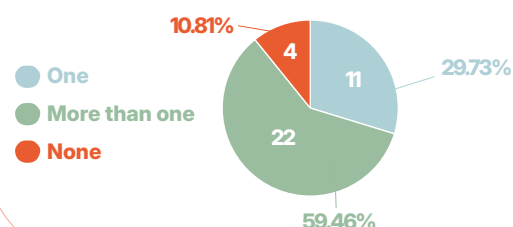
- Association to association
- NGO to NGO

6. Other stakeholders involved in DDC partnerships (multiple answers possible)



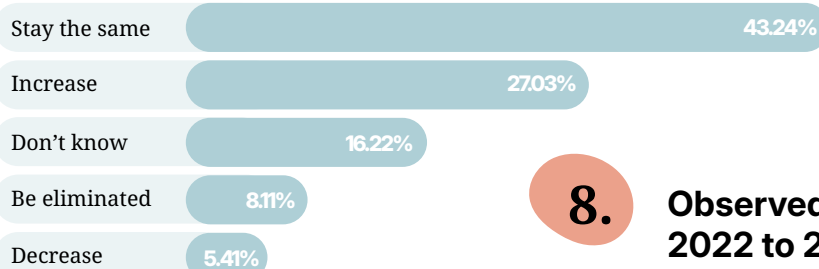
- Churches, schools
- Local and regional councils
- National development agencies

Respondents stating how many stakeholders involved in DDC partnerships



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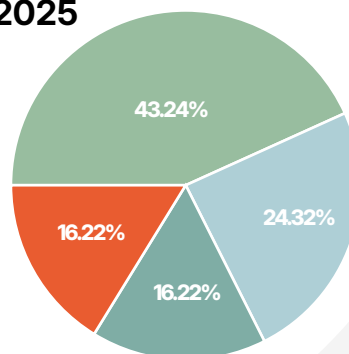
Expectations regarding the amount of own budget share allocated towards DDC in 2025



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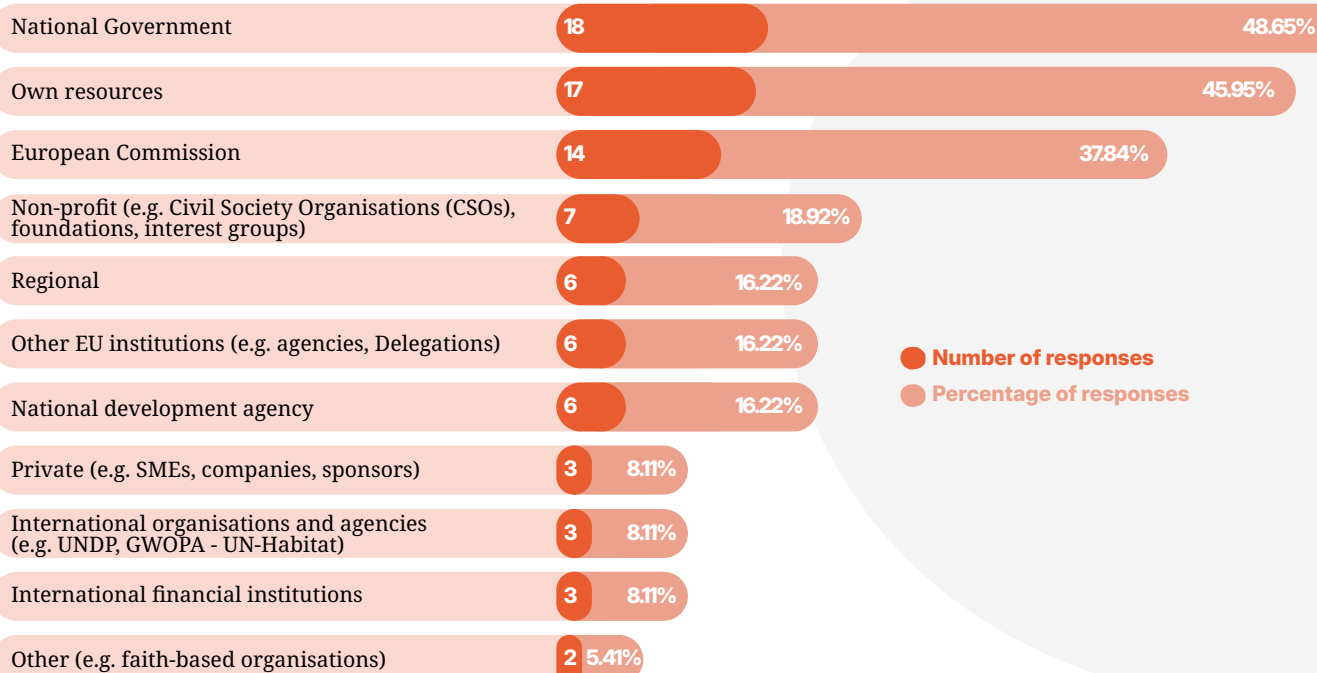
Observed trend in DDC budget share from 2022 to 2025

● Neutral
● Increasing
● Don't know
● Decreasing



9.

Usual source(s) of funding for DDC partnerships (multiple answers possible)



● Number of responses
● Percentage of responses

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